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## Summary of Substantial Amendment to the Program Year 2017 / City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan

*Summary:* The Annual Action Plan is part of the Consolidated Planning process, in which the City of Columbus assesses its affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions. And makes data-driven, place-based investment decisions. The Consolidated Plan for the City of Columbus covers a span of 5-years, from 2017-2021, in which community development priorities and multiyear goals were set based on an assessment of housing and community development needs, an analysis of housing and economic market conditions and available resources.

The community development priorities and goals are carried out annually through the Annual Action Plan. Through the Annual Action Plan, the City of Columbus provides a concise summary on its intended actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

The City of Columbus is proposing to amend its Program Year 2017 / City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan. There are two types of amendment that may occur to the Annual Action Plan: minor amendments and substantial amendments. An amendment is considered substantial under the following circumstances:

- When an eligible activity is added or deleted
- When a change occurs in the purpose location or beneficiaries of an activity previously approved
- When a 50 percent change in federal funding occurs where the project is \$25,000 or less
- When a 25 percent change in federal funding occurs where the project is more than \$25,000

All other changes to the method of distribution or investment strategy identified in an approved Annual Action Plan that do not meet the criteria defined above is considered minor amendments. As such, the following are the proposed substantial amendments:

*Substantial Amendment #1:* The City of Columbus proposes to repurpose \$120,000 of CDBG funding that was originally set aside for an economic development revolving loan fund. The City proposes the \$120,000 be reallocated towards recreational facilities, parks, and playgrounds. The CDBG funding would be used in tandem with the City's Department of Parks and Recreation for the development of open space areas or facilities intended primarily for recreational use.

*Substantial Amendment #2:* The City of Columbus proposes to convert \$532,000 of its Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Program Income into Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program income to be used for property acquisition, demolition, rehabilitation, and disposition.

*Substantial Amendment #3:* The City of Columbus proposes to utilize \$175,000 of CDBG prior year resources toward NeighborWork's Columbus Homeownership Earned and Reached Together (HEART) Program. This program will promote and provide access to fit and affordable housing and build assets for financial independence for citizens of low- and moderate-incomes in Columbus.