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

Date: February 12, 2020

Purpose: Public Notice of Proposed Substantial Amendment to the Program Year 2017 / City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan and Request for Comments.

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: In the Program Year 2017 / City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan, the City allocated \$150,000 for the economic development - business incubator project. However, costoverruns have exceeded to an expected total \$352,697. This is due to the characteristics of the subject property being rehabilitated, which is on the National Register of Historic Places and mandates additional work. The City is proposing to provide an additional \$139,248 in CDBG funding so that StartUP Columbus can

complete the project as stated in the agreement's scope of work. The remainder of the funding for the project will come from the subrecipient themselves.

Table 1: Proposed Change to Program Year 2017 / City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan

Activity Name	Current Budget	Change	New Funding Amount
Economic Development – Business Incubator Project (StartUP Columbus)	\$150,000	+\$139,248.78	\$289,248

Comment Period: In order to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties, the City has placed its proposed substantial amendments of the HUD Program Year 2017 / City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan on public display in the following locations during normal business hours beginning on February 12, 2020 and running through March 14, 2020:

- 420 10th Street - Columbus Consolidated Government Annex Building, 2nd Floor, Community Reinvestment Department
- 3111 Citizens Way - Columbus Consolidated Government, City Services Center
- 3000 Macon Road - Columbus Public Library
- 640 Veterans Parkway - Mildred L. Terry Public Library
- 5689 Armour Road - North Columbus Public Library
- 2034 South Lumpkin Road - South Columbus Public Library

In addition, the documents will also be available for review on the City's website accessible at:

<http://www.columbusga.org/CommunityReinvestment/>

The information will be available for public review for 30 days. Public comment on the documents should be directed to the Community Reinvestment Department, 420 Tenth Street, Columbus, GA 31901 or kgarza@columbusga.org.

The Columbus City Council is expected to act on the proposed substantial amendments on March 23, 2020 at the regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers. The Substantial Amendments of the City's prior Annual Action Plans are expected to be submitted to HUD for review and approval on or before March 24, 2020.
