

## **City of Knoxville Housing and Neighborhood Development**

### **Public Notice**

#### **Revised Amendments to the City of Knoxville's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan**

The City of Knoxville Housing and Neighborhood Development Department published a Public Notice on May 1, 2020, of its plans to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Substantial Amendments to its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. The Amendments are necessary for the City to receive \$1,036,418 in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and \$513,272 in supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funds, available to it under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus and its economic impact.

Since May 1, the City has changed how it intends to allocate the supplemental funds. The previous plan was to allocate: \$829,135 in CDBG-CV and \$67,760 in 2019-2020 CDBG funds for housing assistance for CDBG-eligible renters and homeowners; \$203,893 in ESG-CV funds for Homelessness Prevention activities; \$258,052 in ESG-CV funds for Emergency Shelter/Essential Services; and up to \$207,283 in CDBG-CV and \$51,327 in ESG-CV funds for administration. The revised plan (changes are in bold) is to allocate: \$829,135 in CDBG-CV and \$67,760 in 2019-2020 CDBG funds for housing assistance for CDBG-eligible renters and homeowners; **\$100,000 in CDBG-CV funds for Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee's Mobile Meals program; \$278,893 in ESG-CV funds for Homelessness Prevention activities; \$183,052 in ESG-CV funds for Emergency Shelter/Essential Services and/or Rapid Re-housing; and up to \$107,283 in CDBG-CV and \$51,327** in ESG-CV funds for administration. In addition, the CDBG national objective for the CDBG-CV funds changed from Urgent Need to **Activities Benefiting Low- and Moderate-Income Persons**. These priority projects and activities will benefit eligible individuals and households residing in the city of Knoxville who are at-risk of homelessness during and/or adversely impacted by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impact. Revised drafts of the City's Amendments can be found at [www.knoxvilletn.gov/development](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/development).

#### **Invitation to Comment**

All Knoxville residents are invited to comment on the revised draft of the Amendments. The City of Knoxville Housing and Neighborhood Development will accept public comments through May 18, 2020. Comments may be submitted in writing to Linda Rust, Community Development Administrator by email ([lrust@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:lrust@knoxvilletn.gov)) or by mail to P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901. Individuals with a disability who require an accommodation in order to participate may contact the City of Knoxville's ADA Coordinator, Stephanie Brewer Cook at 865-215-2034 or [scook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov) no less than 72 business hours (3 business days) prior to the end of the public comment period. If you have Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and want to request interpretation services, please contact the City of Knoxville's Title VI Coordinator, Tatia M. Harris at [tharris@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:tharris@knoxvilletn.gov) or 865-215-2831, at least 48 hours (2 days) prior to the end of the comment period.

