

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## YORK COUNTY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAMS PROGRAM YEAR 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FOR CARES ACT FUNDING

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, has authorized additional housing and community development funds to communities to respond to the growing effects of the current public health crisis. Through the CARES Act, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development has allocated \$1,312,833.00 in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds and \$640,548 in Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds to York County. These special allocations will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic in the community. The purpose of this Public Notice is to inform citizens and citizen groups of CARES Act funding and the activities that will be undertaken with CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding. An amendment to the York County Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2019 adds and sets forth the aforementioned activities, which are summarized below:

### I. CDBG-CV PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

CDBG-CV funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), and will support housing, public service, and public infrastructure activities that address needs of low-moderate income persons affected by COVID-19.

<b>A. CDBG – CV Program Administration (20%)</b>		<b>\$262,566</b>
1. York County Planning Commission - Program Administration (Personnel & Operating)	\$262,566	
<b>B. Housing (10%)</b>		<b>\$125,267</b>
1. Affordable Housing Development Rehabilitation/Preservation (AHDP) – Adaptions Due to COVID-19	\$125,267	
<b>C. Public Services (28%)</b>		<b>\$375,000</b>
1. New Hope Ministries – Emergency Rental Assistance (RA)	\$150,000	
2. Bell Socialization Services – Next Door Emergency RA	\$100,000	
3. Mason-Dixon Community – Delta Center Emergency RA	\$15,000	
4. York County Literacy Council – Adult Learner eServices	\$10,000	
5. York County Planning Commission – Quarantine Client Services	\$100,000	

<b>D. Public Facilities &amp; Infrastructure (42%)</b>		<b>\$550,000</b>
1. New Hope Ministries – Dover Center Acquisition	\$100,000	
2. Bell Socialization Services – Family Shelter HVAC & Roof	\$450,000	
	<b>CDBG-CV TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,312,833</b>

## II. ESG-CV PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

ESG-CV funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance; and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

<b>A. Emergency Shelter (ES) (28%)</b>		<b>\$177,597</b>
1. Bell Socialization Services – Family Shelter Operations	\$150,000	
2. YMCA of York – Men’s Shelter 6 ES Rooms	\$7,597	
3. York County Planning Commission – Motel Rooms for Quarantine Clients	\$20,000	
<b>B. Homeless Prevention (17%)</b>		<b>\$107,951</b>
1. Bell Socialization Services – Next Door Program Rental Assistance (RA) & Relocation/Housing Stability Svs	\$10,000	
2. The Program – RA & Relocation/Housing Stability Services	\$97,951	
<b>C. Rapid Re-housing (54%)</b>		<b>\$345,000</b>
1. Bell Socialization Services – Next Door Program RA & Relocation/Housing Stability Services	\$90,000	
2. The Program – RA & Relocation/Housing Stability Services	\$30,000	
3. Valley Youth House – RA & Relocation/Housing Stability Services	\$225,000	
<b>D. ESG – CV Program Administration (1%)</b>		<b>\$10,000</b>
1. York County Planning Commission – Program Administration (Personnel & Operating)	\$10,000	
	<b>ESG-CV Total</b>	<b>\$640,548</b>

### **III. HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM AMENDMENT 2019 ACTION PLAN**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the availability of waivers and suspensions of certain HOME Program requirements in response to COVID-19. The County of York has requested several of these waivers, one of which allows a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) to use HOME funds for temporary operating reserves in an effort to preserve the financial viability of HOME-assisted rental projects during the public health crisis. Another waiver that has been approved for the County to increase the HOME administration cap of 10% to 25% for program years 2019 and 2020.

Currently, the County has available HOME Program entitlement funding to be used to support a new Operating Reserves activity and increase the budget for the 2019 HOME administration activity to the new 25% threshold. The proposed amendment to the 2019 York County Annual Action Plan will include these new activities and budget increases earmarked with 2019 HOME entitlement funding.

Assistance from the new Operating Reserves HOME activity will be provided to current HOME projects that are experiencing operating deficits related to the economic effects of COVID-19. This assistance will take place from April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

**Operating Reserves HOME Program - \$300,000**  
**2019 HOME Administration - \$200,425.75**

Under the Consolidated Plan submission waivers and suspensions approved by HUD, the County will authorize a 5 day public comment period beginning with the publication date of this public notice. All citizens of York County are urged to submit their comments on the Proposed 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment no later than June 30, 2020, to George Barnock, Chief, Programs Management and Compliance, York County Planning Commission, 28 East Market Street, York, PA 17401-1580; (1-717)-771-9870 Ext 1734; [gbarnock@ycpc.org](mailto:gbarnock@ycpc.org). All comments submitted will be evaluated in preparing the final Action Plan amendment to be considered for approval by the York County Commissioners on July 1, 2020.

#### **NOTICE OF EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW OF PROPOSED FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT**

In accordance with Sections 4 and 7 of Federal Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, the County of York is requesting public input on its proposal to spend Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the activities which are located within a 100-year floodplain (denoted above with a triple asterisk (\*\*\*)). This Notice is issued prior to final action granting project approval so as to provide opportunity for early public review.

The projects described are located in areas predicted to be inundated by a flood event having a 1% probability of recurring each year (this is the 100 base flood). The County is reviewing the actions for their effects on passage of floodwaters, for alternatives to floodplain development, and for consistency with Federal, State, and local policies and regulations on floodplain management.

All interested persons are invited to participate in the decision whether to assist the proposed activities with Federal funds. Any questions about the activities or programs should be directed to: Joiann Galiano, Chief, Community Development, York County Planning Commission, 28 East Market Street, York, PA, 17401-1580. Issues raised during the course of the review will be integrated into the decision-making process. York County anticipates completing its review on or before August 1, 2020. A Final Notice describing its findings will be published following completion of the review. The public will be given a second comment period lasting two weeks upon publication of the Final Notice.

### **HISTORIC RESOURCE REVIEW**

The activities and programs listed above may have a potential impact on historic and archeological resources. By this Notice, York County invites persons with an interest in historic and archeological resources, to make themselves known so that we can involve them in the notification and review process of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, as set forth in 36 CFR Part 800, by contacting Joiann Galiano, Chief of Community Development, York County Planning Commission, 28 East Market Street, York, PA, 17401-1580.

It is the policy of the County of York to ensure services are meaningfully accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Upon request, auxiliary aids and accommodation are available to individuals with disabilities. Persons seeking accommodation shall call the County of York at (717) 771-4773. Individuals with a hearing impairment shall contact the Deaf Center at (717) 848-2585, or (717) 848-6765 (TTY & VP).