

City of DeKalb, Illinois Substantial Amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plan - The following is a summary of language that amends the 2020 Annual Action Plan.

### **Background:**

The City of DeKalb, Illinois' federal Consolidated Plan details the funding strategy for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Annual Action Plan details each year within the 5-year Consolidated Plan and outlines the implementation of annual funding, which is developed through significant public input, analyses, and planning. The City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) describes the efforts that the City will take to encourage its residents to participate in developing these plans. It also provides requirements for public process when a "substantial amendment" to the Annual Action Plan is proposed. The following changes constitute a substantial amendment and require public notice as described in the CPP:

- addition or deletion of an activity
- a change in location, scope, or beneficiary of an activity
- an increase or decrease in program funds of at least 20% for any activity whose total allocation is \$100,000 or more.

### **Proposed Substantial Amendments:**

The City is proposing the following amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plans in order to re-allocate and program funding established by the Community Development Block Grant: (See CDBG Budget.) The City is proposing the following amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plan in order to allocate and program supplemental funding.

### **Analysis:**

This proposal qualifies as a substantial amendment because it meets the criteria:

- addition or deletion of an activity

Changes to the 2020 Annual Action Plan are a result of:

- ❖ A re-allocation of CDBG-CV funds from the CV Public Facilities/Infrastructure Street Improvements (Program Years/Action Plans 2020-2024) in the amount of \$125,000 to Economic Development for Opportunity DeKalb's Project Launchpad and its mission to create a network of spaces where urban and rural meet to lift lives and communities through entrepreneurship and employment. The project being proposed will provide residents of northwest DeKalb's Annie Glidden North neighborhood, the City of DeKalb, DeKalb County, and beyond with training in the principles and practice of entrepreneurship. Specifically, this training will prepare individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with a disability, dislocated workers, veterans, and youth entrepreneurs to pursue self-employment and/or a business enterprise opportunity.
- ❖ A re-allocation of CDBG-CV funds from the CV Public Facilities/Infrastructure Street Improvements (Program Years/Action Plans 2020-2024) the balance of funds to Public Facilities for the street improvements needed in the southeastern quadrant of the City of DeKalb. Many households in this area are families with children.

❖ **Public Process:**

The City is providing notice of a thirty-day public comment period as part of the HUD public participation process. The comment period will start on February 10, 2024, and end on Wednesday, March 11, at 5:00 PM. All comments received by March 11, at 5:00 PM will be considered by the City of DeKalb prior to submission of its Substantial Amendment.

The Substantial Amendment will be in front of the DeKalb City Council on March 11 at 6:00PM for a Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will be held during the scheduled City Council meeting held at the DeKalb Public Library in the Yusunas Room.

Opportunities for public comment:

- You may view the documents on our website [www.cityofdekalb.com](http://www.cityofdekalb.com). Comments may be provided to Jennifer Yochem by email at [Jennifer.yochem@cityofdekalb.com](mailto:Jennifer.yochem@cityofdekalb.com), by phone at 815-748-2366, or in writing addressed to: Community Development Department, 164 E Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL 60115.