Substantial Amendment
2019 -2020 Annual Action Plan

Introduction

As a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Santa Rosa has an adopted 2016 – 2020 Amended Consolidated Plan and an associated Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan (Action Plan), as required by HUD. The current COVID-19 Pandemic has caused a need to amend the approved Action Plan to shift certain funds from activities that were originally contemplated in the approved Action Plan and to add Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding provided by HUD under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Sonoma County Health Officer ordered a countywide Shelter-in-Place on March 17, 2020 that includes Santa Rosa; the State of California issued a statewide Shelter-in-Place order on March 19, 2020. The Shelter-in-Place orders direct all residents of California, including residents of Santa Rosa, to shelter at their place of residence except that they may leave to provide or receive certain essential services, engage in certain essential activities, or work for essential businesses and governmental services. The order further directed all businesses and governmental agencies to cease nonessential operations at their physical business locations.

The Shelter-in-Place and cessation of certain businesses has resulted in many residents being furloughed or laid off from their places of employment and therefore being unable to maintain payment for housing costs. Low- and moderate-income residents in need of financial assistance to make rent payments will benefit from the City’s proposed use of its 2019/2020 HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).

On March 27, 2020, the CARES Act was signed into law, providing additional funding to certain HUD programs Under the CARES Act, the City will receive a supplemental HOPWA allocation of $65,180 to maintain HOPWA operations and for rental assistance, supportive services, and other necessary actions to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus. In addition, under the CARES Act, the City will receive CDBG-CV funds in the amount of $859,608. The CDBG-CV funds will be used for eligible public services activities.

All strategies and activities proposed by this amendment promote one or more of the goals of the 2016 – 2020 Amended Consolidated Plan. Pursuant to HUD guidance, the City proposes amending the current Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan as outlined in this Amendment.
Consultation

The CARES Act provided a waiver of the regulatory 30-day public comment period, instead shortening the period to five (5) days. The City’s Citizen Participation Plan has been updated to include the waiver. The public comment period began on May 5, 2020 and ended on May 12, 2020. The City provided a public notice inviting comments on the draft Amendment in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat and electronically in La Voz Bilingual Newspaper on May 5, 2020. In addition, the City conducted a public hearing on May 19, 2020 to provide an additional opportunity for public comment on this draft Amendment.

Public Comment

The public comment period from May 5 through May 12 resulted in the public comments attached hereto as Appendix A. Public comments received at the May 19 City Council meeting are attached hereto as Appendix B.

Proposed Amendment

In the approved 2019/2020 Action Plan, the City planned to use its HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) allocation of $675,091, plus its program income and remaining prior year resources for a variety of eligible HOME activities, however, in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the resultant loss of income for residents throughout Santa Rosa, the City proposes shifting its HOME allocation to eligible activities as outlined in 24 CFR § 92.209 that include tenant based rental assistance, security or utility deposit payment assistance in association with rental assistance, and program administration.

As previously stated, the City received an additional $65,180 in HOPWA under the CARES Act. These funds will be provided to the City’s HOPWA grantee, Face to Face, to address requests from its clients for emergency rent, utilities, and mortgage due to the Pandemic, and to assist homeless clients in need of isolative shelters.

The City will use its remaining 2019/2020 CDBG allocation of $472,405 in combination with its CDBG-CV allocation of $859,608 for public services activities allowed under 24 CFR § 570.201(e). These activities include but are not limited to acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of commercial or industrial buildings, structures, other real property equipment and improvements, and program administration for COVID-19 response.

AP-15 Anticipated Resources
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<th>Program</th>
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Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table
### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

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Table 2 – Goals Summary
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<p>| 2 | Project Name       | CDBG Administration                                                        |
|   | <strong>Target Area</strong>    | No target areas have been defined for the Annual Action Plan.               |
|   | <strong>Goals Supported</strong>| Preservation of affordable housing                                          |
|   |                    | Housing and services to special needs populations                           |
|   | <strong>Needs Addressed</strong>| Affordable Housing                                                           |
|   |                    | Homelessness                                                                 |
|   | <strong>Funding</strong>        | CDBG: $461,441                                                              |
|   | <strong>Description</strong>    | Administration of CDBG and CDBG-CV Program.                                  |
|   | <strong>Target Date</strong>    | 06/30/2020                                                                   |
|   | <strong>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</strong> | N/A                                                                         |
|   | <strong>Location Description</strong> | Citywide                                                                                 |
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<td>Preservation of affordable housing through the rehabilitation of existing units, extension of affordability restrictions or conversion of market-rate units.</td>
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<td>As many affordable units will be produced as feasible given the available resources. The City estimates assisting approximately 50 affordable units per year through the production and preservation of affordable housing.</td>
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|   | Goals Supported | Production of affordable housing  
Preservation of affordable housing  
Housing and services to special needs populations |
|   | Needs Addressed | Affordable Housing  
Homelessness |
|   | Funding | HOME: $0 |
|   | Description | 15% of HOME funds are set aside for CHDOs for affordable housing purposes, specifically for persons with special needs |
|   | Target Date | 06/30/2020 |
|   | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | As many affordable units will be produced as feasible given the available resources. The City estimates assisting approximately 0 affordable units per year through the production and preservation of affordable housing. |
|   | Location Description | Citywide |
|   | Planned Activities | See Estimate |

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<td>Operation of a homeless day facility that provides showers, laundry, outreach, medical referrals, and intake for emergency shelters. Clients can also use the facility to receive mail and phone messages.</td>
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<td>Approximately 1,800 homeless individuals and families will benefit from this activity.</td>
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<td>Eligible beneficiaries are low-income (80% AMI or less) that are medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families. An estimated 350 people will benefit from this service.</td>
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<td>Public Services -Family Support Center</td>
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| **Goals Supported** | Housing and services to special needs populations  
Prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic |
| **Needs Addressed** | Homelessness, Prevention of COVID-19 Spread |
| **Funding** | CDBG-CV $859,608  
CDBG $472,405 |
| **Description** | Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of commercial or industrial buildings, structures, and other real property equipment and improvements |
| **Target Date** | 6/30/2020 |
| **Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities** | 500 |
| **Location Description** | Citywide |
| **Planned Activities** | See estimate |

Upon approval by the Santa Rosa City Council, this Substantial Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan is hereby incorporated into the current previously approved Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan for the City of Santa Rosa.
Manchester, Nancy

From: Amanda Miranda <amandamiranda7906@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Manchester, Nancy
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Si me podrían dar más información por favor mi número celular es 4152995128
Greetings,

One of my pet peeves in getting housing built and low income housing built is the government mandates that drive up the cost of getting the housing built in the first place. We read stories of the state of California and Santa Rosa having mandates on energy and solar panels for new housing. Making policy and rules on whether to install all electric or gas appliances. Outrageous CEQA costs that seem to do nothing other than enrich those that are the recipients of the services. The list seems to go on and on.

Santa Rosa is in transition trying to catch on the rebuilding of the homes lost in the Tubbs Fire. Some areas just about rebuilt. Others a good percentage built.

The more finished the more construction workers are available to shift to other housing projects. So the labor issue does not hold up more non-single family housing built.

One big issue of course is where to put low income housing. Always a touchy issue if put in areas near upper middle to well to do areas. And the projects have to make sense for the area. Can’t have too much housing in an area where traffic is a big concern. And once our economy opens up again, traffic will be a returning issue.

Ideally putting low income housing near public transportation as many would use the bus and train systems. But parking still needed as the bus and train systems don’t always work for low income people. Plus can’t go too high in height for housing because this is not an urban city but a suburban and rural city.

I do like the idea of buying existing low income housing to preserve it. As good as building new low income housing so it does not get changed.

Santa Rosa is fortunate to have lots of open, big lots in the western area. Perhaps look at these lots and see if any make sense for low income housing. Maybe the owner will sell and money to build available.

Andrew Smith
Santa Rosa
Hello,
I saw that south bay, San Jose, had used unoccupied mall parking lots. They bought used camping trailers to house the homeless. Why not give them a area to call home. If they choose. They could have common facilities and occupy a small unit as their own. I know some would still sleep on the street and do drugs but maybe the majority would want a little structure in their lives. Personal ownership, safety and shelter comes with a price.
Art.
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Regards,

Brenda Gilchrist
3574 Alkirst Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
707-526-0877
Hi, this is in response to the public input opportunity posted today. The City needs to get very proactive on setting up a camp for tents, cars & RV’s with all the attendant services. (Safe Camp Program) It needs to have rules including for pets & be run by residents. This needs to be on public property ideally somewhat distant from neighborhoods yet have good access- such as county center parking lots. This needs to be established this spring as a pilot so perhaps more camps can be successfully created.

This can allow better enforcement around city parks & nearby streets that are causing such divisive disgust in the community & on Next Door. Opening Parks for non-drive-in recreation to the public is rather inane when they cannot be enjoyed as designed currently. Council has never to my knowledge created public discussion on this shelter less tool that has pilots & models in place in other cities.

What is the status of the Housing Policy Subcommittee? The page seems to be unreachable on the city site; furthermore the FAQS & other documents mostly seem to be from 2+ years ago. The more this drags on, including costly potential sheltered housing projects, the more consternation & ridicule grows in the n’hoods that the city is useless-creating even more problems.

Chris Carrieri
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First please stop referring to addicts and vagrants as “those who are experiencing homelessness” like they were just down on their luck. These are people who are choosing NOT to help themselves and are ruining our community. Refer to them as vagrants, addicts and criminals.

How dare you limit public comment to three days?

Below are my sentiments exactly, written by another member of the CAN group.

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Regards,
Chris Vetrano
I am absolutely AGAINST the use of any more funds being diverted to fund homeless services. At this time there are multiple encampments all over the City in public spaces. Next to my place of business off of Corporate Center Parkway there are many homeless people illegally camped out and they have already been provided trash service, toilets, and hand washing stations. Railroad square is inundated. Freeway overpasses, street corners on Santa Rosa Avenue, and numerous other public spaces are being taken over by the homeless population. Millions of dollars have already been thrown at this problem and OBVIOUSLY this is not helping the current situation, and is actually making it worse. I believe that the original intent of this funding is not being upheld. Funneling $1.3 Million to "acquisition, construction, etc...of property" is NOT a good use of these funds, and will further enable, and even ATTRACT, addicts and mentally ill. This will only make this public health and safety crisis worse, and harder to solve.

I do believe that using the funds for rent, utilities, and mortgage assistance to those who need it, in order to PREVENT homelessness, is a good use of the funds.

~*~*~*~*~*~*
Crystal Prairie
CoastCrystal@Gmail.com
~*~*~*~*~*~*
Please find attached a letter of support regarding the Housing Amendment.

Dan Schurman, MNA
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May 12, 2020

Santa Rosa City Council
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100 Santa Rosa Ave,
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to the Annual Action Plan for FY 2019/20 Housing Program

Dear Mayor Schwedhelm and Members of the Santa Rosa City Council:

On behalf of St. Joseph Health and Santa Rosa Memorial, I am writing to express our strong support for the draft amendments to Santa Rosa’s FY 2019/20 Annual Action Plan for housing and housing programs needs. These amendments will benefit low- and moderate-income residents impacted by COVID-19 by providing much needed financial assistance to make their rental payments.

At St. Joseph Health, we believe health is a human right. Everyone deserves the chance to live the healthiest life possible, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. But it’s not easy to take care of your health when you don’t have a safe place to call home. Our founding sisters understood better than anyone that housing and health care are inextricably linked. Keeping people in their homes during this public health crisis will not only keep families secure, but will also reduce the spread of this disease.

The record number of unemployment claims and small businesses in crisis requires a community response that prevents residents from becoming newly homeless or without the ability to pay utilities. St. Joseph Health believes that in these trying times, short term solutions such as these will provide immediate relief and support to our vulnerable residents, and we commend your actions to address this issue during this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Dan Schurman
Manager, Community Health Investment
St. Joseph Health – Sonoma County
Manchester, Nancy

From: Jacqueline <marcuszmarcus@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Manchester, Nancy
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Relief for Landlords

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would just like to ask that when creating policies, you also consider the landlords as equally valuable parts of the public housing puzzle when trying to seek solutions.

We are owners of some commercial residential property near downtown Santa Rosa which includes 7 very affordable housing units. We have kept the rents almost the same since the day we purchased the property 15 years ago. Rents for our two bedroom homes with backyards range from $1000-$1130 per month. I know we could get about two to three times that rent, but we have tenants who have been with us since we purchased the property, and we have always felt that as long as we are covering our mortgage and taxes, and making a little to live on, it was okay because we were providing nice and affordable places for people to live.

However, we retired a year ago, and now we are more dependent upon rents for our income, and now some of our renters are unable to pay their rent, and it is a large burden for us because we will eventually run out of savings to cover property expenses not to mention our own living expenses.

Often there seems to be talk from the City almost demonizing landlords and encouraging landlords to waive or lower rents due to the pandemic. I just wanted people who are setting policy to be aware that this is not really possible for all of us. We don't have a pension, and social security only goes so far.

Also, when the City is considering rent control, please be aware that some of us owners have been "controlling" the rents ourselves and should not be punished if we ever find ourselves in the position that we will need to raise the rents to come more into line with the markets, especially since our commercial property taxes keep escalating.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, David & Jacqueline Marcus
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Eva Quiroz
Greetings!

Thanks, Nancy and Megan. I read the proposed changes, and don’t have any additional comments. It didn’t appear to me to substantially impact local homeless or low income in general - enough to circulate to those I normally keep in my emails. The work of responding to the County’s Consolidated Plan and One Year Action Plan for Housing seems like a higher priority. This week, I’m trying to absorb those recommendations and write up a report for circulation.

But I very much appreciate your staff work, and your efforts to keep us informed and participatory. Looking forward to the next time you seek our comment.

Gregory Fearon

On May 5, 2020, at 9:16 AM, Manchester, Nancy <nmanchester@srcity.org> wrote:

If you no longer wish to receive notices from the City of Santa Rosa regarding opportunities to comment on the City’s plans for use of its HUD grant funds, please respond to this email and I will remove your name from the outreach list.

.<nmanchester@srcity.org>
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Heather Anderson
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Dear Manchester,

Having devoted a larger than average share of my attention by focus as well as default, to what seems to me something short of a pandemic, at least, in certain areas, including Sonoma County (2 deaths in 7 weeks), I would urge that any additional funding received for "Coronavirus recovery efforts" simply be used for reseeding, on some impartial scale, those businesses that actually stand a chance of surviving. As with any shortage, I think businesses must be judged by some template that indicates a track record of prudent operation, so that the funds will end up in the hands of those who have shown historically, their prowess at expanding the local economy. This will help ensure that these additional resources do not suffer the fate of a mere handout, functioning instead as an investment more so than a relief effort.

Thanks for your attention,

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Hi,

I live in the neighborhood that backs to Sullivan Ridge Trail behind Howarth Park, where there now appears to be a homeless camp. A few evenings ago I was gardening and saw a man with a backpack veer off the trail towards my house, until he saw me. He veered in another direction, seemingly looking for a place to camp. This definitely frightens me. Just a couple years ago firefighters dragged hoses through my yard to put out a mysterious fire:


Please do not turn parks into homeless camps or allow people to stay there. Thank you.

Jocelyn Chapman
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California and more specifically Santa Rosa has become a destination for homeless because they know it is an easy gig with plenty of perks. I live adjacent to Taylor Mountain Park and have donated countless hours of my personal time cleaning up the messes that the homeless sleeping in their cars dump overnight because the city has failed to provide the services necessary to keep the area clean and clear of illegitimate overnight activities. Instead it is your citizens donating their own time in an attempt to keep the areas clean and useable by the good people it is intended for. I moved back to California 2 years ago from Colorado where I lived adjacent to open space that was kept pristine by the community and state, I expected Taylor Mountain open space to be a similar oasis. I could not be
more disappointed with what I have experienced here in Santa Rosa and California these past 2 years.

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Kelly Lombardi
1555 Sonoma Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
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Kevan Brown
Housing priorities must start demanding contractors include housing for our workers as they get permits to build more expensive houses. We must work to a balanced community instead of the NIMBY city we have become! Watching Fountaingrove rebuild bigger, with even more to burn, no services, more car trips, not built for walking, or bikes. No schools. Pathetic planning!

Lynn McGarvey, 4683 Quigg Drive, Santa Rosa. 537-6632.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad
Dear Sir
We have a garage in our house and it is livable and has nice floor and walls and electricity set up for one person to live in and is comfortable!
We already have someone live in this room! Is this alright due to the current situation?

Mrs Beall
Sent from my iPhone
Below is my proposed stimulus package:

**STIMULUS PACKAGE**

The purpose of the government is to protect the life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness of its current and future citizens. While capitalism and democracy are idealistically just and free, both systems need to be implemented in a way that provides its citizens access to food, water, shelter, and basic medical care with minimum effort, ability, and at an affordable price. Due to economic factors outside most citizen’s control, the cost of living has gone up exorbitantly making it difficult for many honest Americans around the country to thrive in the supposed democratic, free, and capitalistic society they find themselves in. Many citizens have turned to supporting communism or “democratic socialism” thinking this will solve everything not knowing that this will only increase their vulnerability to be exploited even further. There is a place in any society for competitive pure capitalism but not when it involves food, water, shelter, or other basic necessities required to function normally in society.

**EACH US CITIZEN - FEDERAL FUNDS**

Each US citizen 25 years or older can choose between one $50,000 lump sum amount to pay directly towards existing personal debt OR $1,500 per month for 3 years or until the citizen’s net income exceeds $250,000. If a citizen has less than $50,000 of debt, the remaining balance of the lump sum amount will be provided to the citizen directly tax free. All US citizens between the ages of 16 and 21 will receive $26,000 of funds for further education and $1,000 per month once 21 for 2 years.

**RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE**

Only US Citizens 18 and older may buy single-family homes. No more than a total of three (3) homes may be owned by any US Citizen and permanent county resident at one time in the county. Citizens whose permanent residence is outside the county are allowed to own only one (1) single family residence inside the county. Multiple homes or dwellings on one parcel of land are counted as one home. All existing home ownerships are grandfathered in at the time this law is passed but citizens or non-citizens whose ownership exceed the maximum allowable number of homes will be fined $35,000 annually for each property owned exceeding the allowed number of single family homes beginning three (3) years after this law is passed. Additionally, homes owned by US citizens or non-US citizens whose primary residents is outside the county will be fined an additional $5,000 in property taxes for owning a home inside the county. Any property inherited by a new owner is allowed a two-year grace period to sell properties exceeding the allowed number specified above. Companies are not allowed to buy residential property and will be expected to rent from the communities they are doing business in. The following are included when referring to a single-family home: condo, town-home, single-family home. The following are excluded and considered exempt: apartment complexes, mobile homes, new residential construction until sold to first buyer, fire rebuild construction until house has completed construction and sold to new owner, hotels, commercial buildings, and mixed-use buildings. Hostels in residential communities are not exempt.

**BANKS**

Banks should require 10% to 20% down on all home loans in the county. Banks are required to foreclose on homes that have missed 6 or more mortgage payments. Banks can renegotiate final sales price of the home to avoid foreclosing on
the home. Banks are fined $5,000 per month for owning foreclosed single-family homes longer than three (3) months. Banks are fined $35,000 per month after 9 months for owning single family homes.

EXPLANATION/REASONING

This community was built by men and woman devoted to establishing a place where young and old alike could live vibrant happy fulfilling lives. Allowing multiple residential homes to be owned by the rich limits the ability for younger generations and younger families to establish themselves in this community leading to homelessness and people leaving California in the hopes they can find a better life in another state. Something needs to be changed for the future of this community and for the future of California. Flipping homes has lead to a disproportionate increase of inflation in housing in the area. Flippers and income rentals do not take pride in the homes they are flipping or own and it does not better the long term future of the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Marie Nagtalon

619-886-0085
Nancy,

Can you please clarify something for me. There’s language in the Substantial Amendment document on the website about using CDBG and CDBG-CV for public services yet the regulatory citation (24CFR § 570.203(a-c)) is for economic development activities. The sentence after the citation is also regarding economic development (“These activities include but are not limited to: acquisition, construction…”).

I think of “public services” in CDBG terms as separate and apart from “economic development” activities. So, I’m confused about the intent to repurpose some CDBG and for the use of CDBG-CV.

Mark

[CAUTION---FROM EXTERNAL EMAIL]

If you no longer wish to receive notices from the City of Santa Rosa regarding opportunities to comment on the City’s plans for use of its HUD grant funds, please respond to this email and I will remove your name from the outreach list.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The City of Santa Rosa would like your input on its proposed substantial amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Annual Action Plan (Plan) that was approved on May 7, 2019 and its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The Plan is being amended to shift HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from one eligible activity to another and to account for additional Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) and Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) signed into law on March 27, 2020.

The Action Plan amendment will allow rapid deployment of the City’s existing CDBG and new CDBG-CV funds for public services to provide new and expanded support services for persons experiencing homelessness; the City’s additional HOPWA allocation will provide enhanced HOPWA services; and the existing HOME funds will be used for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).

Beginning on May 5, 2020 the Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2019/2020 Annual Action Plan and the Draft CPP will be available for public comment. The Plans will be available electronically on the City’s website at https://srcity.org/787/State-Federal-Reports. Due to the Shelter-in-Place order, hard copies will not be available for review at physical locations but electronic review copies may be requested by emailing nmanchester@srcity.org.

The CARES Act waived the typically required 30-day public comment period to expedite adoption and implementation of the proposed activities under the substantial amendment and provided authority to shorten the public comment period to five (5) days.

The public comment period runs from May 5, 2020 until May 12, 2020.

Comments may be sent to:

Nancy Manchester, Program Specialist II
Department of Housing and Community Services
City of Santa Rosa
nmanchester@srcity.org

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This information can also be accessed via the internet at: http://www.srcity.org.
We need more assistance for single mothers for paying rent/bills and food. I’m currently a salon owner and my 7 year old 90% of the time.
My rent is high for a 2 bedroom apartment. They have given my an opportunity to pay in increments each month but that just does not cut it...
With no income coming in I cannot deal with this situation for another couple months.. Can rent be 1/2 and or extra assistance for us who Normally work so hard and cannot make any extra income! PUA/EDD is not enough.....

Thanks
Mary ochoa
(707) 480-9157
Sent from my iPhone
Manchester, Nancy

From: Nicole Cutler <nikkitbbfitness@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Manchester, Nancy
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Affordable housing

Good evening,
I am a single mother of two daughters and I am finding it very hard to find affordable rent and housing not only during the Corona virus but in general. I am on the verge of losing my apartment and I don't know what to do so I believe that there needs to be something done to help us. Sonoma county is wonderful and beautiful and a great county to raise children in but it is simply not affordable for me. Unfortunately, I cannot move because due to my divorce agreement if I move out of Sonoma county I lose custody of my daughters. I would really appreciate any help that could be offered

Thank you for your time,
Nicole Cutler
Manchester, Nancy

From: Basinger, Megan
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Manchester, Nancy
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Public comment on City Amendment to HUD funding

Will you compile the correspondence into a pdf and I will upload? I will need to be tomorrow mid-day

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Manis, Dina
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Goldfine, Kate; Trupiano, Nicole
Cc: Williams, Stephanie; Basinger, Megan; Lane, Rebecca
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Public comment on City Amendment to HUD funding

Kate/Nicole – If you want this or any other correspondence received related to this item attached to the Legistar file, please upload it as Attachment 1 as a PDF. Also, if you do this, please update the Attachments portion of the Staff Report to include Attachment 1 – Correspondence.

Thanks,

Dina

From: Goldfine, Kate <KGoldfine@srcity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Trupiano, Nicole <NLopez@srcity.org>
Cc: Williams, Stephanie <SWilliams@srcity.org>; Manis, Dina <dmanis@srcity.org>; Basinger, Megan <MBasinger@srcity.org>; Lane, Rebecca <RLane@srcity.org>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Public comment on City Amendment to HUD funding

Yes it is going to Council on 5/19. I suspect you got it as the Housing Authority Recording Secretary, but don’t know for sure.
I’m copying Stephanie, Dina, Megan, and Rebecca on this reply.
Thanks,
Kate

From: Trupiano, Nicole <NLopez@srcity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Goldfine, Kate <KGoldfine@srcity.org>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Public comment on City Amendment to HUD funding

Hi Kate,

Not sure why I received this public comment, is this an item going to Council? If so I can fwd to the Clerk’s.

Thanks!
Dear Ms. Trupiano,

I am a Santa Rosa City resident and want to submit public input on the city's proposal to shift HUD funding into a rental assistance program.

As a tenant and as a person who cares deeply about the financial impact of shelter in place on our community, I support this plan to allocate HUD funding to rental assistance. Applying this funding towards rental assistance will assist more families in being able to stay in their homes than would applying the same amount of funding for constructing new units.

I believe those drafting the proposal should consider the following recommendations to make sure that the money has the largest impact for renters who are struggling:

1. Provide assistance for rent payments beginning in June. For those who receive rental assistance and had been unable to pay rent in March, April or May, forgive these rent payments with a condition that the tenants cannot be evicted for lack of payment once the pandemic is over. Paying back rent will make the money run out much sooner, and it is unreasonable to expect that tenants who are out of a job or have reduced hours could expect to cover the full amount of rental payments that they were not able to pay during the first few months of shelter in place.

2. Create pathways for undocumented families to apply for rental assistance

3. Supplement the funding with other city money as this fund will run out quickly.

Thank you!
Rachel Marcus
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Dear Ms. Manchester,

I oppose this proposed Amendment to Fiscal Year 2019/2020. It should be apparent to anyone who has studied the homeless problem in Santa Rosa that nearly all the efforts to help the homeless have been a failure. Just take a drive through downtown, through our underpasses and over to Doyle Park Drive and see what is happening despite the millions spent so far. $136 million was spent on the homeless here just last year. The problem is worse than ever. “Housing First” is an abject failure.

My understanding is that 73% of the homeless here are inactive addiction. So called “low barrier housing” does not address the problem.

Ramona Crinella
I was on the sec 8 list for 5 years before they decided to change whole program it’s bullshit I woulda been almost come up to get my voucher and now I’m in danger of coming. Homeless with my kids Sent from my iPhone
I wanted to address your request for input regarding public funding for various things. I believe I speak for many people based on what we discuss on social groups regarding these issues.

1) Would like to see our tax payers money to help homeless people who do not choose to be homeless due to choosing to take drugs. Make a policy such as drug tests to be taken to prove haven't been on drugs for a period of time to earn money from the hard working tax payers. 'm tired of acting as a co dependent and enabling them along with taking care of them.

2) Would like to see funds go to make sure homeless are not living in public paid places like parks and libraries. These places have become living rooms for the homeless so now families and children cannot even enter the public places they pay for.

3) Our funds should go to education to teach non English speaking people to speak English instead of the cost and labor of translators and writing all in English/Spanish. America teaches the children in English, we've always spoken English, others have always learned English, newer immigrants need to too.

4) Stop paying foster youths to do nothing until they are 25. I personally know several foster kids whittling away their young 20’s years not working for they get paid to do practically nothing. They have told me they will start looking for a job when their gov't funds dry up. We are enabling bad work ethics.

5) More tax payers money should go to more services that the middle to middle/upper use so tax payers can benefit from all their hard work. How long must the hard working tax payers continue to pay for all those who choose not to work? Look around you, we all know a hand full of people who live off the systems. And there are many many systems to allow those who take advantage live comfortably and with things that I can't afford like new Iphones and vacations.

Please.

Susan Vomerding
Santa Rosa resident
Manchester, Nancy

From: Basinger, Megan
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Manchester, Nancy
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] HOME funding and Rental Assistance

To include in the Amendment

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Mahre, Kali <KMahre@srcity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:06:30 AM
To: Basinger, Megan <MBasinger@srcity.org>; Brown, Steve <SVBrown@srcity.org>
Cc: Gouin, David <DGouin@srcity.org>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] HOME funding and Rental Assistance

Good morning,

FYI only. If you choose to respond, please cc me for logging purposes.

Kali Mahre | Senior Administrative Assistant
City Manager’s Office | 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 10 | Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Tel. (707) 543-3011 | Fax (707) 540-3030 | kmahre@srcity.org
Please note, if you do not receive a reply on a Tuesday afternoon, I am assisting with the City Council meeting.

From: Marty Bennett <mbennett@vom.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 11:20 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic <citycouncil@srcity.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] HOME funding and Rental Assistance

May 18, 2020

Santa Rosa City Council:

My name is Marty Bennett commenting on item 14.1. I support the amendment of the fiscal year 2019/2020 Action Plan that would redirect the city’s existing HOME funding for Rental Assistance. However, this funding will not even cover the tip of the iceberg for those who need it. In California, 40% of renters have at least 1 person in the household experiencing significant income loss as a result of the economic impacts of COVID-19. In Santa Rosa, that’s at least 12,000 Households. $600,000 in funding will only cover about 52* households for 6 months (*with average rents of $2000/month, and with prioritizing families who would need the maximum assistance)

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Marty Bennett
UNITE HERE 2850
North Bay Labor Council
707-939-8933
Nichole Perry submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 14.1 REPORT - SUBMITTAL OF A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 ACTION PLAN, ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT), AND ESTABLISH COVID-19 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BACKGROUND: The proposed action will authorize submittal of the Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan (Plan) to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to reprogram existing federal funds to the City's COVID-19 response; accept and appropriate additional Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds in the amount of $65,180 and Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds in the amount of $859,608, as allocated to Santa Rosa under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act); and approve an amendment to the City's Grant Agreement with its HOPWA service provider for use of the allocated HOPWA funds. Approval of this action will allow rapid deployment of the City's existing CDBG and new CDBG-CV funds for public services providing new and expanded support services associated with the COVID-19 response for low-income households, the City's additional HOPWA allocation for enhanced HOPWA services, and the use of the City's existing HOME funding for Rental Assistance to eligible households that are impacted by COVID-19. RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing & Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution: (1) approve and authorize submittal of the Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan to reprogram Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership funds; (2) authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements and amendments to the City's federal HOPWA and CDBG funds along with any additional documents required by HUD to implement the CARES Act funding; (3) authorize the Director of Housing & Community Services to execute an amendment to the 2019/2020 Grant Agreement for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Funds with Face to Face to incorporate the additional CARES Act funding; (4) authorize the Director of Housing & Community Services to execute professional services and grant agreements required to carry out the public services needed to expend the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds allocated for these services; and (5) appropriate additional Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds in the amount of $65,180 and Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-
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eComment: Hello, I am [Name]. I support the transfer of funds towards a rental assistance program so long as it is tied with rent and mortgage cancellation. And any rent debt for the months of March, April, and May be considered consumer debt like what other Bay Area jurisdictions have done. The funds for the assistance program should be used to assist landlords who need help with their bills. This way we can assist the greater number of tenants with the least amount of dollars since the current concept would only help less than 100 tenants and the city has 16,000 rental units. Thank you.

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Michael Stanford submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Home owner and support this very important issue. Thank you.

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My name is Sharon Beckman. Regarding 14.1 I support the amendment of the fiscal year 2019/2020 Action Plan that would redirect the city’s existing HOME funding for Rental Assistance.

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I urge that you do what is necessary for renters.

Thank you.
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Renters must be forgiven for any missed payments in March, April or May, and not be evicted for missed payments after this crisis is over.

Please do what is right by renters!

Sincerely,
Jacala Kinney
My name is Bruce Berkowitz, commenting on item 14.1. I support the amendment of the fiscal year 2019/2020 Action Plan that would redirect the city's existing HOME funding for Rental Assistance. However, this funding will not even cover the tip of the iceberg for those who need it. In California, 40% of renters have at least 1 person in the household experiencing significant income loss as a result of the economic impacts of COVID-19. In Santa Rosa, that's at least 12,000 Households. $600,000 in funding will only cover about 52* households for 6 months (*with average rents of $2000/month, and with prioritizing families who would need the maximum assistance)

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This is from Patrick and Maryanne Michaels of Rincon Valley, We support the need for renters rights at this time. Please continued giving renters the break they deserve until we can all get back on our feet again once a vaccine is made available for ALL. RE: item 14.1. We support the amendment of the fiscal year 2019/2020 Action Plan that would redirect the city’s existing HOME funding for Rental Assistance. However, this funding will not even cover the tip of the iceberg for those who need it. In California, 40% of renters have at least 1 person in the household experiencing significant income loss as a result of the economic impacts of COVID-19. In Santa Rosa, that’s at least 12,000 Households. $600,000 in funding will only cover about 52* households for 6 months (*with average rents of $2000/month, and with prioritizing families who would need the maximum assistance)

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New eComment for City Council

Roseann Day submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 14.1 REPORT - SUBMITTAL OF A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 ACTION PLAN, ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT), AND ESTABLISH COVID-19 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BACKGROUND: The proposed action will authorize submittal of the Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan (Plan) to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to reprogram existing federal funds to the City’s COVID-19 response; accept and appropriate additional Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds in the amount of $65,180 and Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds in the amount of $859,608, as allocated to Santa Rosa under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act); and approve an amendment to the City’s Grant Agreement with its HOPWA service provider for use of the allocated HOPWA funds. Approval of this action will allow rapid deployment of the City’s existing CDBG and new CDBG-CV funds for public services providing new and expanded support services associated with the COVID-19 response for low-income households, the City’s additional HOPWA allocation for enhanced HOPWA services, and the use of the City’s existing HOME funding for Rental Assistance to eligible households that are impacted by COVID-19. RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Housing & Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution: (1) approve and authorize submittal of the Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan to reprogram Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership funds; (2) authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements and amendments to the City’s federal HOPWA and CDBG funds along with any additional documents required by HUD to implement the CARES Act funding; (3) authorize the Director of Housing & Community Services to execute an amendment to the 2019/2020 Grant Agreement for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Funds with Face to Face to incorporate the additional CARES Act funding; (4) authorize the Director of Housing & Community Services to execute professional services and grant agreements required to carry out the public services needed to expend the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds allocated for these services; and (5) appropriate additional Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds in the amount of $65,180 and Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-
CV) funds in the amount of $859,608, both as allocated to Santa Rosa under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

eComment: My name is Roseann Day commenting on item 14.1. I support the amendment of the fiscal year 2019/2020 Action Plan that would redirect the city’s existing HOME funding for Rental Assistance. However, this funding will not even cover the tip of the iceberg for those who need it. In California, 40% of renters have at least 1 person in the household experiencing significant income loss as a result of the economic impacts of COVID-19. In Santa Rosa, that’s at least 12,000 Households. $600,000 in funding will only cover about 52* households for 6 months (*with average rents of $2000/month, and with prioritizing families who would need the maximum assistance) In order for Rental Assistance to have the most impact: Additional funding needs to be secured and allocated. In particular for our undocumented and mixed status families Renters must be forgiven for any missed payments in the months of March, April, May and must not be evicted for missed payments after the crisis is over. We urge you to do what is right by renters. Thank you! Ultimately, we know that Rent and Mortgage cancellation is the best way to ensure that all people can shelter in place and survive past the crisis without being severely debt burdened.

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