

**Notice of Public Hearing & Public Comment Period**  
**Amendments to 2019 Action Plan**  
**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

The City of Fargo is considering COVID-related amendments to its 2019 Action Plan, previously approved by City Commission on August 24, 2020. An additional allocation of funding has been released for COVID-related response as part of the CARES Act and must be included in the plan. These proposed amendments are considered substantial amendments and must go through a citizen participation process. The details and timeline for this process are outlined below. Upon City Commission action on November 16, 2020, a recommendation regarding these amendments will be forwarded to HUD for their consideration and approval.

**5-Day Public Comment Period:** November 12 - 16, 2020

**Send written comments or phone:** City of Fargo  
Planning and Development Department  
Attn: Community Development Planning Coordinator  
225 4th Street North, Fargo ND 58102  
701.476.4144

**Electronic Comments:** [Planning@FargoND.gov](mailto:Planning@FargoND.gov)

**Public Hearing and Final  
City Commission Consideration:** Monday, November 16, 2020 - 5:15 p.m.  
Fargo City Commission Chambers  
225 4th Street North, Fargo ND 58102

**Summary of Proposed Amendments to 2019 Annual Action Plan:**

**1. Allocation Increase – Amend into 2019 Annual Action Plan – CDBG CV 3rd Round**

Adding \$580,116 to 2019 Annual Action Plan Resources to support COVID-related response and prevention efforts as part of the CARES Act.

**2. Add Activity – Operational Support for Homeless Prevention, Diversion, & Emergency Housing Assistance** *National Objective: Low-Mod Clientele Benefit [24 CFR Part 570.208(a)(2)]. CDBG Matrix Code: 03T Operating Costs of Homeless/Aids Patient Programs. Eligibility 24 CFR Part 570.201(e).*

Homeless Prevention and Diversion Efforts

- SouthEastern North Dakota Community Action Agency (SENDCAA) - \$140,000
- Presentation Partners in Housing - \$140,000

Housing Navigators for Gladys Ray Shelter

- Presentation Partners in Housing - \$150,000

Several people have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly those who have low income. Many jobs were lost and in some cases, housing was lost. Keeping people housed, rapidly re-housing, or housing people who are currently homeless instantly provides a safe place for quarantine isolation and social distancing. Ultimately, this response reduces the spread of COVID-19 and keeps the community's hospitals from being inundated.

**3. Add Activity – Family HealthCare** *National Objective: Low-Mod Clientele Benefit [24 CFR Part 570.208(a)(2)]. CDBG Matrix Code: 03T Operating Costs of Homeless/Aids Patient Programs. Eligibility 24 CFR Part 570.201(e).*

Utilize \$31,580 for the Mobile Homeless Health Services Outreach Program. This mobile unit provides COVID-19 testing for the homeless population around the community.

**4. Add Activity – High Plains Fair Housing Center:** *National Objective: Low-Mod Clientele Benefit [24 CFR Part 570.208(a)(2)]. CDBG Matrix Code: 05K Tenant/Landlord Counseling. Eligibility 24 CFR Part 570.201(e), 24 CFR Part 570.482(c)(2)..*

Utilize \$20,000 for eviction prevention efforts. This response reduces the spread of COVID-19 and keeps the community's hospitals from being inundated by keeping individuals housed.

**5. Add Activity – Planning and Administration** *CDBG Matrix Code: 21A General Program Administration. Eligibility 24 CFR Part 570.206.*

Utilize \$98,536 as staff support for planning, implementation, reporting, and monitoring of CDBG-CV resources.

### **Comments & Suggestions**

Comments and suggestions from the public are encouraged through a public comment period and/or at the public hearing. The existing plans are available online at [www.fargond.gov/planninganddevelopment/plansandstudies](http://www.fargond.gov/planninganddevelopment/plansandstudies) or by request through the Planning and Development Department. See contact information below.

The City of Fargo, in an effort to exercise the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines pertaining to social distancing and gatherings, is encouraging all stakeholders in the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs to participate in the public comment period remotely. Comments submitted by email or telephone are preferred. Email: [Planning@FargoND.gov](mailto:Planning@FargoND.gov), Telephone: 701-476-4144.

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