

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendments (2018-#2)

As an entitlement community, the City of Aurora, Illinois ("City") receives funding from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). In accordance with the City of Aurora's Citizen Participation Plan and the requirements of HUD, a public hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m. on July 2, 2018, City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room B, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60507 to provide an opportunity for comment on proposed *Substantial Amendments to the City of Aurora's 2015 - 2019 Consolidated Plan and its 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 Annual Action Plans* which will amend the funding allocations for the City's CDBG Program and address the City's receipt of Emergency Solutions Grant Program funding. The substantial amendments will result in the reallocation of unexpended funds and adjustments needed to ensure the integrity of the City's spending obligations.

The City proposes to amend its 2015 - 2019 Consolidated Plan and 2018 Annual Action Plan (AAP) to fulfill HUD's 2018 AAP application submission requirements by providing the public with an opportunity for comment on the City's May 1, 2018 receipt of its ESG funds in the amount of \$136,287. The ESG funds are to be allocated for the following activities: (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (3) help operate these shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents, (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless. Additionally, up to 7.5% of the funds may be used for the ESG Program's administrative activities. Under Substantial Amendment 2018-#2, the City proposes to allocate its ESG funds as follows:

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)		
I. PROJECTS	Comments	2018 Recommendation
1. Street Outreach	As a new ESG Program recipient, the City is in the process of developing this program to meet HUD's requirements. Project allocations will be recommended via the City's citizen participation process at a future date.	To Be Determined
2. Emergency Shelter		
3. Homelessness Prevention		
4. Rapid Re-Housing		
5. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Collection		
<b>PROJECTS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 128,065.48</b>
<b>II. ADMINISTRATION (Cannot exceed 7.5% of ESG allocation)</b>		<b>\$ 10,221.52</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 136,287.00</b>

This Notice does not alter the original public comment period for the City's 2018 AAP CDBG and HOME activities. The minimum 30-day required public comment period for the City's 2018 AAP CDBG and HOME projects began on December 11, 2017 and ended on January 9, 2018.

Additionally, the following re/allocation of CDBG funds have been proposed for the following Activities:

Proposed CDBG Amended or New Activity	Program Year/Funding Source	Original Funding Allocation	Comments	Reallocation Recommendation (Decrease)
<b>2017 Section 108 Credit Subsidy and Administrative Fees for Aurora Arts Centre Project (Increase funds to cover 2018 and 2019 subsidy fees)</b>	2016 Joseph Corporation Safety First	\$ 227,225.00	Project closed; unexpended funds	\$ 597.66
	2017 Family Focus Early Childhood Services	\$ 30,000.00	Project closed; unexpended funds	\$ 4,851.39
	2017 PADS' SEEDS Case Management Program	\$ 25,000.00	Project closed; unexpended funds	\$ 0.21
	2017 Entitlement Funds	\$ 153,101.00	Unallocated funds	\$ 30,550.74
<b>Reallocation Total</b>				<b>\$ 36,000.00</b>
<b>Cancel City of Aurora Small Business Revolving Loan Program</b>	2015 Entitlement Funds	\$ 100,000.00	De-obligated funds will be reprogrammed at a future date	(\$100,000.00)

This proposed Substantial Amendment will also clarify funding sources identified in the City's Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment 2016 - #3. On October 23, 2016, the City posted a Public Notice in *The Beacon News* proposing to award "2014 Unallocated Funds", "2015 Unexpended Funds", and "2016 Entitlement Funds" to *The Community Builders - Aurora Downtown Revitalization aka Aurora Arts Centre Development Project*. The City is issuing a correction to the notice to further clarify the origination of the reprogrammed funding amounts. The referenced unallocated/unexpended project funds should have also shown their correlation to the following closed projects: *2014 Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity - Working Families Rebuilding Neighborhoods* (\$0.04), *2014 Breaking Free - Homeless Substance Abuse Treatment* (\$52.20), *2014 Quad County Urban League - Employment and Assistance Referral Program* (\$194.05), *2015 Kane County Lead Abatement - Lead Testing and Abatement Partnership* (\$560.00). Additionally, this Notice clarifies the noted "2016 Entitlement Funds" unexpended/unallocated funds as follows: *2016 Entitlement Funds* (\$122,922.80) and *2016 Program Administration* (\$17,422.36). This Notice does not alter the original public comment period for reprogramming the 2014, 2015 and 2016 unallocated/unexpended funds. The minimum 30-day required public comment period began on October 23, 2016 and ended on December 13, 2016.

Effective June 17, 2018, the proposed *Substantial Amendments to the City of Aurora's 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 Annual Action Plans* will be available for review and public comment at the following locations: City of Aurora-Neighborhood Redevelopment, 51 E. Galena Blvd, Aurora, IL; Library-Main, 101 S. River St., Aurora, IL; Library-Eola, 555 S. Eola Rd, Aurora, IL; Library-West, 233 S. Constitution Dr., Aurora, IL; and on the City of Aurora website: [www.aurora-il.org](http://www.aurora-il.org).

Upon advance request, the City will provide for translation services to meet the needs of non-English speaking residents. The City will also take whatever actions are appropriate to serve the needs of persons with disabilities. For more information, to make special arrangements, or to provide comments, contact Neighborhood Redevelopment Division, 51 E. Galena Blvd, (630) 256-3320 or [dnr@aurora-il.org](mailto:dnr@aurora-il.org). Comments are being accepted no later than July 24, 2018. The Substantial Amendment is scheduled for review and adoption at the City Council's July 24, 2018 meeting at 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60507.