

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 and CDBG-CV), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). In accordance with the City of Aurora's Citizen Participation Plan and the requirements of HUD, a public hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on January 27, 2023, City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60507 to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the 2023 City of Aurora Annual Action Plan and proposed funding recommendations as well as proposed Substantial Amendment 2023-#1.

Please be advised that effective January 13, 2023, a summary of the proposed *2023 Annual Action Plan* and *Substantial Amendment 2023-#1* will be available for review and public comment on the City of Aurora's website:

www.aurora.il.org/1175/Community-Development. The proposed Amendments to the City's 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 Annual Action Plans will de-obligate prior and current year CDBG and CDBG – Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) funds from projects that were cancelled and/or had unexpended funds and to re-allocate the funds to existing or new projects. Approximately \$781,000 in CDBG funds and approximately \$104,000 in CDBG-CV funds will be reprogrammed to existing and/or new projects.

As per 24 CFR 570.200(h), 24 CFR Part 92.212, and 2 CFR 200.458, the public is hereby notified that under certain conditions, the City and/or its subrecipients may incur costs associated with the CDBG and HOME activities identified in the City's 2023 Annual Action Plan prior to the effective date of its grant agreement with HUD. The total amount of any pre-award costs incurred will not exceed \$300,000 or 25% of the amount of the City's anticipated 2023 CDBG allocation. Costs related to the HOME program may not exceed 25% of the City's current program amount. Citizens are advised that such pre-award costs will have no effect on future grants, and will be in compliance with the regulations that govern the CDBG and HOME Programs as stated at 24 CFR Part 570, 24 CFR 92, and 24 CFR Part 576, respectively, as well as the Environmental Review Procedures stated in 24 CFR Part 58. To provide the required public disclosure of the City's intent to use unobligated carry forward funds as necessary for such 2023 pre-award costs, the regulatory provisions for incurring pre-award costs will be discussed at the public hearing. This may include using unobligated front funding for CDBG public service, program administration, neighborhood revitalization/ infrastructure, and housing activity costs as well as HOME administration and project costs. Questions should be directed to the Community Development Division at (630) 256-3320 or CDD@aurora.il.us.

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 the Community Development Division (CDD), 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60507, (630) 256-3320 or CDD@aurora.il.us.

Written and verbal comments will be accepted no later than 4:00 p.m., February 13, 2023. All responses will be addressed by the CDD and submitted to HUD. The City of Aurora 2023 Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 are scheduled for review and adoption at the City Council's February 14, 2023 meeting at 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers 2nd Floor, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60507. Please be advised that the public hearing and meeting dates are subject to change.

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Housing & Community Development Block Grant

Consolidated Plan Program Years 2020 - 2024

Substantial Amendment 2023-#1

Proposed Substantial Amendments to 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 Annual Action Plans

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Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 Executive Summary

Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 proposes amendments to the following documents:

- Substantial Amendments to *2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 Annual Action Plans (AAP)*

As an entitlement community, the City of Aurora, Illinois (“City”) receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME (HOME) Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. In accordance with the *City of Aurora’s Citizen Participation Plan* and the requirements of HUD, a public hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on January 27, 2022, City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60507 to provide an opportunity for comment on proposed *Substantial Amendments to the City of Aurora’s 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 Annual Action Plans*. The Substantial Amendments will result in the re/allocation of unexpended funds and adjustments needed to ensure the integrity of the City’s spending obligations and also further address the City’s effort to comply with HUD’s regulatory requirements in administering the City’s HOME Program.

The Substantial Amendments to the City’s AAPs will result in the re/allocation of *2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022* CDBG (approximately \$780,000) and CDBG-CV funds (approximately \$104,000) and the adjustments needed to ensure the integrity of the City’s spending obligations and also further address the City’s effort to comply with HUD’s regulatory requirements in administering the City’s CDBG Program. Upon closure of the public comment period and receipt of City Council approval, all proposed amended and new activities together with their proposed funding will be entered into the applicable sections within HUD’s e-Con Planning Suite Reporting System.

New and/or canceled projects proposed under Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 are shown on the following table (proposed amendments to the City’s 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 AAPs) :¹

¹ Unexpended CDBG/CV funds which have been deobligated from canceled or completed projects are shown on the City of Aurora’s funding adjustment table on Pages 4-5.

2020 Annual Action Plan (Eighth Substantial Amendment to 2020 AAP)	
Project Name	CDBG-2020-CV-20 Mutual Ground
Target Area	City of Aurora
Goals Supported	CV-Coronavirus Response and Recovery Projects
Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$50,000
Description	MGI's 24-hour Emergency Domestic Violence shelter program exists to be a beacon of hope for those seeking a path away from violence, and continually works to meet the needs of adults and children at risk.
Target Date	12/31/2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	350 LMI clients
Location Description	City of Aurora
Planned Activities	Funds will be used for domestic violence case manager salaries.
Project Name	CDBG-2020-CV-21 Hesed House
Target Area	Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area City of Aurora
Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance Enhance and Improve Access to Amenities CV-Coronavirus Response and Recovery Projects
Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention Capacity-Building Sustainability/Community Resiliency
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$50,000
Description	SEEDS Case Management
Target Date	6/30/2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD
Location Description	Citywide

2022 Annual Action Plan (First Substantial Amendment to 2022 AAP)	
Project Name	2023-1 Public Service: Contingency Funds - CANCEL
Target Area	City of Aurora
Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Prevention Neighborhood Investments that affirm fair housing Capacity-Building Sustainability/Community Resiliency
Funding	CDBG: \$0 \$20,000
Description	Set-aside Public Service activity funds

Target Date	12/31/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low- and moderate-income individual numbers - to be determined. Activities will be approved via the City's minor or substantial amendment process. As a result, the Public Services Contingency Goal Outcome Indicators are TBD and currently marked as "0" under "Other." The number will be adjusted when the City allocates funding toward specific public service activities.
Location Description	TBD
Planned Activities	Funds are reserved for future public service activities (existing or new projects).
Project Name	2023-1 Community Facilities/Infrastructure/Amenities: Contingency Funds
Target Area	City of Aurora
Goals Supported	Enhance and Improve Access to Amenities
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Prevention Neighborhood Investments that affirm fair housing Capacity-Building Sustainability/Community Resiliency
Funding	CDBG: \$5,059.41 233,661.00
Description	Set-Aside Public Facility Improvement/Infrastructure/Neighborhood Investment Funds
Target Date	12/31/ 2022 2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low- and moderate-income populations - to be determined. The Community Amenities Contingency Goal Outcome Indicators are TBD and currently marked as "0". under "Other." Activities will be approved via the City's minor or substantial amendment process. The number will be adjusted when the City allocates funding toward specific public service activities.
Location Description	TBD
Planned Activities	Funds are reserved for future community amenities' activities (existing or new projects).
Project Name	2023-1 Community Facilities/Infrastructure/Amenities: COA Engineering
Target Area	TBD
Goals Supported	Enhance and Improve Access to Amenities
Needs Addressed	Sustainability/Community Resiliency
Funding	CDBG: \$500,000
Description	Set-Aside Public Facility Improvement/Infrastructure/Neighborhood Investment Funds
Target Date	12/31/ 2022 2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Street Resurfacing

The following CDBG and CDBG-CV funding adjustments will be made to accommodate the above-referenced Amendment activities under the City’s 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 Annual Action Plans and to also allow the City to expend its funds in a timely manner. The below CDBG/CV numbers are estimates. Any unexpended funds from 2022 and prior year program administration, public service, housing, and capital improvement activities will be added to the 2022 Community Amenities Set-Aside Activity and/or existing or future activities pending subrecipient’s demonstrated financial need.

Proposed Amended CDBG Activity	Original/ Amended Funding Allocation	Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 Recommended Re/Allocation Amount	CDBG Program Year Funding Source(s)	Project Reallocation Comments
IDIS #2209: AURORA ARTS CENTRE DEVELOPMENT - SECTION 108 FINANCING AND ADMIN FEE	\$136,000.00	-\$42,780.00	2016	Unexpended Funds
IDIS #2229: AURORA ARTS CENTRE SECTION 108 INTEREST PAYMENTS	\$200,000.00	-\$18,914.06	2016	Unexpended Funds/CDBG Debt Service Fund Proposed under the 2023 Annual Action Plan
SECTION 108-2019-01: SECTION 108 PAYMENT CONTINGENCY	\$239,484.00	-\$196,512.39	2019	
CDBG-2018-16: THE NEIGHBOR PROJECT – LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION	\$158.68	-\$158.68	2018	Project Complete / Unexpended Funds
CDBG-2020-13: THE NEIGHBOR PROJECT – SAFETY FIRST	\$211,464.91	-\$3,993.00	2020	Project Complete / Unexpended Funds
PUBLIC SERVICE CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR CORONAVIRUS ACTIVITIES	\$32,000.00	-\$32,000.00	2020	Project Cancelled/Unexpended Funds
2021 UNALLOCATED FUNDS	\$7,028.34	- \$7,028.34	2021	Unexpended Funds
CDBG-2021-01: AURORA HOUSING AUTHORITY	\$233,876.00	-\$116,843.44	2021	Project(s) Complete/Unexpended Funds
2022 CDBG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	\$264,953.00	-\$113,761.94	2022	Program Income Used/Project Complete/ Unexpended Funds
2022 PUBLIC SERVICE CONTINGENCY FUNDS	\$20,000.00	-\$20,000.00	2022	Project Cancelled/ Unexpended Funds
2022 COMMUNITY AMENITIES SET-ASIDE	\$233,661.00	-\$219,689.59	2022	Unexpended Funds
CDBG-2022-05: AURORA FIRE MUSEUM – FIRE SCIENCE	\$15,000.00	-\$5,000.00	2022	Project(s) Complete/Unexpended Funds
CDBG-2022-07: QUAD COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE	\$3,912.00	-\$ 3,912.00	2022	Project(s) Complete/Unexpended Funds
CDBG Deobligated Funds		-\$780,593.44		

Proposed Amended/New CDBG Activity	Original Funding Allocation	Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 Recommended Re/Allocation Amount	CDBG/CV Program Year Funding Source	Project Reallocation Comments
CDBG-2022-08 AHA MISC. REHAB VARIOUS HOUSING SITES	\$301,153.00	\$116,843.44	2016-2022	Funds to be used for capital improvements at multiple AHA sites.
CDBG-2023-XX COA ENGINEERING	NA	\$500,000.00	2016-2022	Funds to be used for street resurfacing activities
CDBG-2023-XX -SPLASH PAD EQUIPMENT/ PARK IMPROVEMENTS	NA	\$163,750.00	2016-2022	Funds to be used for equipment and construction costs
CDBG (Re)Allocation Total		\$780,593.44		
Proposed Amended CDBG - CV Activity	Original/Amended Funding Allocation	Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 Recommended Re/Allocation Amount	CDBG/CV Program Year Funding Source(s)	Project Reallocation Comments
CV-PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	\$298,752.00	-\$3,368.30	2020	Unexpended Funds
CV NON-PROFIT PROJECT TBD	\$45,001.30	-\$45,001.30	2020	Project Cancelled/ Unexpended Funds
CDBG-CV-2020-02e: AURORA AREA INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY – PANTRY IMPROVEMENTS	\$35,000.00	-\$1,630.40	2020	Project(s) Complete/Unexpended Funds
CDBG-CV-2020-19: 360 YOUTH SERVICES – HOMELESS ASSISTANCE FOR YOUTH	\$50,000.00	-\$50,000.00	2020	Project Cancelled/ Unexpended Funds
CDBG-CV Deobligated Funds		-\$100,000.00		
Proposed New CDBG - CV Activity	Original/Amended Funding Allocation	Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 Recommended Re/Allocation Amount	CDBG/CV Program Year Funding Source(s)	Project Reallocation Comments
CDBG-CV-2020-20: MUTUAL GROUND	NA	\$50,000.00	2020 CV	Funds to be used for Domestic Violence Case Management salaries
CDBG-CV-2020-21: PADS DBA HESSED HOUSE	NA	\$50,000.00	2020 CV	Funds to be used for SEEDS Case Management salaries
CDBG-CV (Re)Allocation Total		\$100,000.00		

Citizen Participation Timeline

All public hearing and meeting dates are subject to change.

- **January 12, 2023:** Public hearing notice for Substantial Amendment 2023-# 1 posted on the City's website, www.aurora-il.org/1175/Community-Development and distributed to libraries.
- **January 13, 2023:** Public hearing notice for Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 published in *The Beacon News*
- **January 13, 2023:** Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 Public Comment Period Opens
- **January 24, 2023:** Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee at 4:00 p.m.
- **January 27, 2023:** Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m.
- **February 7, 2023:** Substantial Amendment 2023-#1- Committee of the Whole Review at 5:00 p.m.
- **February 7, 2023:** Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 Public Comment Period closes at 4:00 p.m.
- **February 14, 2023:** Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 City Council Review and Approval at 6:00 p.m.
- **March 15, 2023 (tentative):** Substantial Amendment 2023-#1 submitted to HUD

Public Notice, Comments, and City of Aurora Responses

Following the close of the public comment period and receipt of City Council approval, all of the above-referenced Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan activities and re/allocations will be formally submitted to HUD for approval (via the applicable narrative and tables within their respective reports such as but not limited to the Executive Summary, PR-15, PR-10, AP-12, AP-15, AP-20, AP-38, AP-55).

Public Comments and City of Aurora Responses

Any comments and the City's response(s) will be included in the City's report submittals to HUD upon the conclusion of the public comment period. To date, the City has not received any comments.

This document will serve as the City's Substantial Amendment submittal to HUD for the following federal resources:

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is Aurora's most flexible funding resource and can be used for housing and non-housing activities, including those that revitalize neighborhoods, promote economic development, improve community facilities/infrastructure, and provide public services, all of which must benefit the City's low- and moderate-income residents. The CDD anticipates receiving approximately \$1.5 million each year.

The Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program is a special 2020 Program Year allocation that was authorized by the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136 to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic crisis. The City will use these funds to provide gap funding assistance to its residents, businesses, and non-profit agencies to further prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. Should additional funds be made available, the City will allocate these funds via its Substantial Amendment process.