



Legislation Text

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FY2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget Amendment

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This section should provide a summary of the issue before the Council to include any past history that is pertinent to the subject.

Discussion:

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") annually awards CDBG and HOME funds to the City to develop viable urban communities by providing improved housing, suitable living environments and economic opportunities for those in the low-to-moderate household income bracket. The City uses these funds to complement other resources for implementing the Hampton Neighborhood Initiative and Hampton Housing Venture. The Plan includes utilization of funds received from HUD that will impact homes, home buyers, and workforce development efforts.

The City of Hampton has been awarded a special allocation of \$587,909 of CDBG funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Accordingly the FY2020 Action Plan must be amended to include the addition of this special allocation. A public hearing will be held on May 13, 2020. The public hearing is to receive public comments on the Plan and to seek Council's approval to adopt the Plan. The Plan amendment is available for public examination online at www.hampton.gov/neighborhoods. Appropriated funds would support emergency housing grants, local business grants, health and human services support, and long-term poverty services planning.

Impact:

The budget amendment would support the Economic Vitality, Economic & Family Resiliency, and Safe & Clean strategic issues through the utilization of HUD funds to support the preparation, relief, and recovery efforts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendation:

Adoption of Amendment Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia that the attached amended budget is adopted and appropriations are hereby made for the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") of the City of Hampton for Fiscal Year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 ("2020 Fiscal Year"), and any additional funding that may be awarded and/or otherwise received for the 2020 Fiscal Year.