

City of Victorville
Notice of Public Hearing and Public Review
Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Action Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Victorville has prepared a Substantial Amendment to its 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the City Council at its teleconference meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. Pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom relating to the conducting of public meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Victorville will be conducting all public meetings of the City Council via teleconference until further notice, as provided in the publicly posted agenda.

Through the March 27, 2020 passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, the bill will provide \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). As an entitlement community, the City of Victorville ("City") is receiving \$810,528 in the first \$2 billion installment of Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A substantial amendment to the City's 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan is required to add and use the CDBG-CV funds. The City of Victorville has identified the following activities that would assist the community in addressing the needs that have arisen from COVID-19:

- CDBG-CV Community Outreach Programs - \$121,579
- CDBG-CV Business Outreach Programs - \$445,791
- CDBG-CV Homeless Disaster Response (City Use Only) - \$162,106

To expedite the disbursement of the City's CDBG-CV funds, the CARES Act authorizes HUD to grant waivers to the public notice, public comment, and citizen participation plan requirements found in 24 CFR 91.105(2) and (k) and 24 CFR 91.401 (Consortium). In accordance with regulatory waivers provided by HUD (24 CFR 5.110), the public comment and citizen participation opportunities have been reduced from a minimum 30-day public comment period to a 5-day period. Beginning Thursday, May 14, 2020 through Monday, May 18, 2020, the proposed Substantial Amendment will be available for public review and comment on the City's website at:

<https://www.victorvilleca.gov/government/city-departments/development/planning/housing-programs-425>

Any individual, group, or agency wishing to comment on the proposed Substantial Amendment may submit written comments to the City of Victorville Planning Department by email to lcollins@victorvilleca.gov. The Substantial Amendment was drafted with the knowledge and guidance available on May 11, 2020 and prior to publication of the Federal Register for these funds and pre-formal guidance from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Any person may hear and address the City Council at the public hearing on the proposed item. **Please contact the City Clerk's office at 760-955-5188 for contact information prior to the City Council meeting.** Persons may also submit written testimony on the proposed items,

which must be received prior to the close of the public hearing by the City Clerk. Comments may be emailed to cityclerk@victorvilleca.gov to be read into the record, and you may send correspondence, written testimony or inquiries to:

Charlene Robinson, City Clerk
14343 Civic Drive
Victorville, CA 92392

FY 2021 CDBG Applications: The Development Department staff reviewed grant applications received in January 2020 and posted the proposed 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan in April, 2020 for public review and comment. Due to COVID-19, the proposed action plan submittal has been postponed. Additionally, applications will be reviewed once again to respond to the effects of COVID-19.