CDBG Substantial Amendment to the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan & 2020 and 2022 Annual Action Plans

Reprograming of funds

Summary:

According to St. Tammany Parish's Citizen Participation Plan and Federal Regulations, changes made in allocating St. Tammany Parish's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds constitute a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan when an activity is added. The proposed changes include the re-distribution of funds in the amount of \$189,694.00 within Public Services for 2022-2023 to add an activity for the Proposed CDBG program changes include:

Public Service – Senior Home Repair Program \$44,694.00

Public Service - Graduate stabilization-families facing homelessness program \$40,000.00

Public Service - Specialty Court Transportation \$105,000.00

The re-distribution of funds in the amount of \$1,199,015.00 within Public Service for the program year of 2020 CDBG-CV Cares Act to add an activity for the Proposed CDBG-CV changes include:

Public Service - Project Learn \$40,000.00

Public Service-HomeFit on Demand Program \$19,200.00

Public Service – Shelter Hotel/Motel Fees-families facing homelessness \$15,000.00

Public Service-Homeownership Counseling \$150,000.00

Public Service - Community Garden \$115,365.00

Public Service – Case Management & Temporary Shelter \$110,226.00

Public Service – General Food Program \$130,000.00

Public Service – SOAR Program \$80,500.00

Public Service – Reno & Home Repair \$200,000.00

Public Service – Families in Need of Services at risk students \$25,000.00

Public Service – East Park -West Park fitness equipment \$313,724.00

The State of LA Office of Community Development may a transfer of Program Income funds before closeout of the grant that generated the program income to its own annual CDBG program or to any annual CDBG funded activities administered by a unit of general local government or Indian tribe within the state.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determines the Community Development Block Grant Amount that the Parish receives. The proposed changes to the program will not affect the total amount of funding and will involve only the re-allocation of resources.

Background:

According to St. Tammany Parish's Citizen Participation Plan and Federal Regulations, changes made in allocating St. Tammany Parish's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds constitute a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan when budget changes exceed 2.5 percent of the annual allocation or a project is added or deleted from the plan. The proposed changes will add named projects to the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Citizen Participation:

As outlined in St. Tammany Parish's Citizen Participation Plan, substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan will be required when changes in the use of CDBG funds are proposed from one eligible activity to another or when projects are added or deleted from the plan. When a substantial amendment is proposed, the Parish will provide citizens with at least 30 days notice prior to implementation of the amendment.

Notice of the proposed amendment will be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation.

The Parish will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing, or orally at public hearings. A summary of these comments and views will be attached to the substantial amendment.

The full Citizen Participation Plan is available on the Parish website at: http://www.stpgov.org/departments/hhs

The Substantial Amendment will be available for viewing on the Parish website at:

http://www.stpgov.org/departments/hhs and at St. Tammany Parish Government Offices. Citizens who are unable to access the amendment should call 985-867-5095 to obtain an accessible copy of the amendment. St. Tammany Parish is soliciting input from citizens on the proposed Substantial Amendment. Citizens are invited to submit comments in writing:

Via mail:

St. Tammany Parish Government
Department of Grants
P.O. Box 628
Covington, LA 70434
Via fax:
985-898-5205
Via email:

vsflynn@stpgov.org or grants@stpgov.org

Citizen Comments will be accepted for inclusion in the substantial amendment from February 8, 2023 – March 8, 2023. Citizens who are unable to submit comments in writing are encouraged to call 985-867-5095 for accommodations.

St. Tammany Parish Government, Grants Department will hold one (1) Public Hearing regarding the CDBG Substantial Amendment to the 2018-2022, Consolidated Plan & 2022 Annual Action Plan, Amendment: Reprogramming of funds.

This meeting will be held on Wednesday March 1, 2023, at 3:00pm in the Parish Council Chambers, at 21454 Koop Drive, Building A, Mandeville, LA.

The purpose of the meeting is to notify the public of intended activities to be undertaken using HUD's Community Development Block Grant.

All residents of the Parish of St. Tammany are encouraged to attend this meeting. Accommodation will

be made for persons with disabilities and non-speaking individuals provided that three-day notice is given to the Parish.

Citizens may submit comments to: St. Tammany Parish Department of Grants P.O. Box 628 Covington, LA 70433 Phone: 985-867-5095

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