City of Evansville, Indiana Substantial Amendment to the 2023 Annual Action Plan

The following is a summary of language that amends the 2023 Annual Action Plan, authored by the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) for the City of Evansville, IN (the City).

Background:

The City of Evansville's federal Consolidated Plan details the funding strategy for federal funds granted by the Department of Housing and Urban Transportation (HUD) for the period from 2020 through 2024. These funding sources include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). Within the 5-year Consolidated Plan period, an Annual Action Plan outlines the implementation of annual funding. Each Action Plan is developed through significant public input, analyses, and planning.

The City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) describes the efforts that the City will take to encourage its residents to participate in developing these plans. It also provides requirements for public processes when a "substantial amendment" to the Annual Action Plan is proposed. The following modifications constitute a substantial amendment and require public notice as described in the CPP:

- addition or deletion of an activity
- a change in location, scope, or beneficiary of an activity
- an increase or decrease in program funds of at least 20% for any activity whose total allocation is \$100,000 or more

Proposed Substantial Amendment(s):

The City is proposing this amendment to the 2023 Annual Action Plans to re-allocate funding to projects/activities established by the Community Development Block Grant, as outlined further in the sections below.

Analysis:

This proposal qualifies as a substantial amendment because it meets two criteria:

- addition or deletion of an activity
- an increase or decrease in program funds of at least 20% for any activity whose total allocation is \$100,000 or more

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Changes to the 2023 Annual Action Plan are a result of:

Deleted Activities

The following projects will be deleted, due to fully relinquished allocations:

- CDBG funds from two Missing Pieces programs—Suited and Booted (GY 2020 and 2021) and SAFE (GY 2020 and 2021)— in the total amount of \$20,000 will be reallocated to the Carver Community Organization Senior Services program.
- CDBG funds from the Patchwork Central Arts and Smarts program (GY 2023) in the amount of \$5,000 will be re-allocated to DMD Admin: Bowen Market Study and Other Admin Expenses.
- CDBG funds from the Counseling for Change Substance Abuse Services program (GY 2020, 2021, and 2022) in the total amount of \$15,000 will be re-allocated to DMD Admin: Bowen Market Study and Other Admin Expenses.

Significant Decreases in Program Funds

The following project was completed, and the remainder of the allocation has been relinquished:

• CDBG funds from the New Hope Bridge Builders program (GY 2020 and 2021) in the total amount of \$90,657 will be reallocated to two existing projects: \$35,328.50 will be re-allocated to DMD Admin: Bowen Market Study and Other Admin Expenses and the remaining \$55,328.50 will be re-allocated to DMD NRSA.

Public Process:

The City is providing notice of a thirty-day public comment period as part of the HUD public participation process. The comment period will start on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, and end on Friday, March 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM. All comments received during the public comment period will be considered by the City of Evansville prior to submission of its Substantial Amendment.

Opportunities for public comment:

You may view the Substantial Amendment on the City of Evansville, IN website. Comments may be provided to Community Development Coordinator, Haley Hale in the following manner:

By email: <u>hhale@evansville.in.gov</u>

By phone: 812-436-7808

By mailing address: Department of Metropolitan Development Civic Center Complex Room 306 1 NW MLK Jr Blvd Evansville, IN 47708

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CDBG Budget:

| Allocations by Component/Planned Activities | Amount |
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| Missing Pieces Booted and Suited | (10,000) |
| Missing Pieces SAFE | (10,000) |
| New Hope Bridge Builders | (\$90,657) |
| Counseling for Change Substance Abuse Services | (\$15,000) |
| Patchwork Central Arts and Smarts | (\$5,000) |
| DMD NRSA Program | \$55,328.50 |
| DMD Admin: Bowen Market Study and Other Admin Expenses | \$55,328.50 |
| Carver Community Organization | \$20,000 |