



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT FUNDS

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Place: City Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650 and Via Videoconference

Description: The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the proposed Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan (Plan) for the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funds (CDBG-CV). The Plan is a report that outlines CDBG and HOME funded projects and activities for the FY 2019-2020. A Substantial Amendment is required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) when funds are reallocated between activities.

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed and approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to combat the spread and impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Through the CARES Act, HUD initially granted the City of Norwalk \$747,572 in Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV1) funds. On September 11, 2020, HUD informed the City that an additional allocation had been granted in the amount of \$850,708 (CDBG-CV3) funds. Total of CARES Act funds granted to the City, \$1,598,280.

The City will be reallocating unused funds from the Business Assistance Program and Emergency Rental Assistance Program activities to the Homeless Assistance activity. The City anticipates the CDBG-CV Program to have \$206,447.88 in unused funds. The reallocated funds will provide for continuing homeless assistance to Norwalk's unhoused neighbors.

Under the Citizen Participation Plan, reallocating funding to an activity triggers a substantial amendment to the Plan. After the Annual Action Plan public review period ends, new activities cannot be added to the Plan without triggering another 5-day public review period and a separate public hearing.

The public is encouraged to review the Substantial Amendment and submit written comments in advance of the public hearing so that the comments may be considered in preparation for the public hearing. Early submission of comments are due by September 22, 2023 and should be addressed to City of Norwalk, Attention: Rosio Medina, 12700 Norwalk Blvd, Room 12, Norwalk, CA 90650 or emailed to: rmedina@norwalkca.gov. The Substantial Amendment is available for review on the City's website at <http://www.norwalkca.gov/city-hall/departments/community-development/housing-neighborhood-development> or during normal business hours at the following locations:

- City of Norwalk, Community Development, Room #12, 12700 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA
- City of Norwalk, Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA
- Norwalk Regional Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk, CA

Public Comment: Interested persons may review the agenda report for the above-described matter at the City's webpage at: <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/meeting-agendas-393>. Until further notice, City Council meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 361, which allows City Council and/or staff to participate from a remote location without listing a physical location. You may watch the meeting from home on Charter Channel 3, Verizon Fios Channel 32, or livestream through the City's website. If you wish to make a comment on the item during the meeting, you may provide input by attending the meeting, in writing, by phone, or electronically through the following procedures: 1) by emailing publiccomments@norwalkca.gov - emails will be read during the meeting up to three minutes; 2) by dialing into the Zoom Meeting at (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 709 573 2685 to speak on the matter; or 3) mailing written comments: Attention City Clerk at the address noted above prior to the time set for the hearing. Please limit your comments to three minutes maximum, which is the same time allotted in person. If you challenge the proposed matter, you may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice.

More Information: Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Rosio Medina, Senior Management Analyst, at (562) 929-5951, rmedina@norwalkca.gov.

Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk Department at (562) 929-5720. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist the City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide participation in the meeting or service. Assisted hearing devices will be available at this hearing without prior notification.

Dated this 14th day of September 2023.

Theresa Devoy, CMC
City Clerk



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Background:

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A substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan is required when the City:

- Changes allocation priorities
- Expects to carry out a new or existing activity while using funds that has not been covered by the Consolidated Plan or included in the approved Action Plan;
- Allocates a substantial change (by \$35,000, except for planning and administration) in funds; or
- Modifies the location, scope, purpose, or recipients of an activity.

A substantial amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan is required when the City expects to alter procedures for publications, public notification, public commenting, and public hearings.

With the citizen participation public comment period and reasonable notice waivers, the City of Norwalk will implement a reasonable public notice and reduce the 30-day commenting period to 5-days for substantial amendments. The waiver for 15 percent public services activities cap will allow the City to fund additional public services activities that serve those affected by COVID-19.

Proposed Amendment to 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan:

This Amendment will reallocate \$206,447.88 from the Business Assistance Program and Emergency Assistance Program activities to the Homeless Assistance activity to cover costs associated with the extension of the program.



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- *Homeless Assistance*
Creation and management of temporary emergency shelters for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, including operations, security, food, maintenance, furnishings, utilities etc.

Allocated Amount: \$436,447.88

These activities are eligible under the CARES Act and would greatly assist the City of Norwalk combat against the spread of an infectious disease.

Public Comments:

The City of Norwalk will address, and incorporate comments received during the 5-day public commenting timeframe between September 15, 2023 through September 22, 2023.