

# City of Vineland

Community Development Block Grant Program  
CDBG CARES Act Funding  
Substantial Amendment of 2019 Annual Action Plan

## Introduction

This document serves as the First Substantial Amendment to the 2019 City of Vineland Annual Action Plan previously approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 2019 Annual Action Plan was approved for \$485,787 in CDBG funds, along with program income of \$70,000.

This Substantial Amendment will include the addition of \$272,725 in Community Development Block Grant CV (CDBG-CV CARES) funds awarded through the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 **to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus**. It is the addition of these funds and creation of new activities that constitutes a substantial amendment as outlined in the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

## New Projects

This substantial amendment creates the following new projects and appends them to the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED FUNDING
Microenterprise COVID-19 Assistance Program	Provide working capital funds to the community's small businesses that have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic	\$292,725
<b>CDBG-CV TOTAL ALLOCATION</b>		<b>\$292,725</b>

## Stakeholder Consultation & Citizen Participation

The stakeholder and general public consultation and citizen participation process for this Substantial Amendment will conform to the City's Citizen Participation Plan, last revised in 2002, which is currently under public review to be amended to incorporate allowances under the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Citizens will be provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment on proposed amendments. This will be accomplished through notification of a public hearing in the nonlegal section of a newspaper with general circulation within the City and notification on the City website. These notices have been published *at least ten days* prior to the hearing. *However*, in accordance with the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), in emergency circumstances, expedited procedures must include at least (5) five days' notice prior to the hearing and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than (5) five days. The 5-day period can run concurrently for comments on the action plan amendment and amended citizen participation plans. This authority is in effect through the end of the 2020 program year.

Citizens will have not less than 30 days (**or 5 days in accordance with the CARES Act**) to make comments about the proposed amendment(s) prior to any amendment implementation.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, the Township placed the Substantial Amendment on public display beginning Monday, June 22, 2020 on the Township's website at the following address: <http://www.vinelandcity.org/municipal-notice/>. This document, along with the revised Citizen Participation Plan, will be available to the public for a period of at least five (5) days until June 26, 2020.

Given the current public health concerns, a virtual Public Hearing on the Grant Amendment will be held on **Monday, June 22, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** Instructions on how to access the meeting will be posted on the Township website at <http://www.vinelandcity.org/municipal-notices/>

Written comments on the amendments must be received by June 26, 2020. All interested persons, groups, and organizations are encouraged to attend this public hearing and will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed amendment for the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan. Written comments should be directed to Sandy Forosisky at [sforosisky@vinelandcity.org](mailto:sforosisky@vinelandcity.org).

General questions regarding this Substantial Amendment or proposed programming as well as requests for special assistance related to limited English proficiency or disabilities should be directed to Sandy Forosisky at [sforosisky@vinelandcity.org](mailto:sforosisky@vinelandcity.org).