

Notice to the Public
Proposed Substantial Amendment to the City of Dothan's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan to include CARES Act Funding

The City of Dothan, Alabama is proposing to amend its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the City of Dothan CDBG-CV3 funds in the amount of \$348,942 through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to address impacts of COVID-19.

The City is proposing to make a Substantial amendment to its 2020 Annual Action Plan and 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan to include the following proposed uses of CARES Act funding:

- (1) **Dothan Housing Authority (DHA) – Montana School Neighborhood Facility** – CDBG funding of \$100,000 will be used to assist the retrofit the 50,000 sq. ft. Montana School building to address COVID-19 concerns. The DHA will install an advanced air filtration system, sensory activated doors, lights, bathroom fixtures, security and wireless infrastructure and associated remodeling to provide social distancing modifications to the facility for classrooms, waiting rooms and housing operations offices for administering housing assessments and other programs of the Housing Authority.
- (2) **Legal Services of Alabama – Dothan Homeless Prevention** – CDBG funds in the amount of \$50,000 will be used to provide free civil legal services to citizens of the City of Dothan to combat homeless prevention. Staff will offer representation to residents facing emergency housing issues using the legal means necessary to keep the client from being homeless, including domestic violence victims, the elderly, mentally disabled, disabled veterans, physically disabled and others facing economic crisis caused by job loss and health issues and other catastrophic situations. This will involve representation in evictions, ejections, foreclosures or looking for additional income and benefits to remain in housing.
- (3) **The Salvation Army – HVAC/Building Renovations** – CDBG funds in the amount of \$65,522.75 will be used to renovate the Emergency Disaster Command Center. Once renovated this facility will accommodate staff, training space, supplies, vehicles, volunteers and first responders while enhancing the ability to coordinate and facilitate disaster responses across the southern territories. The new facility will offer a space dedicated specifically to training these individuals for emergency events, including advanced training in rescue, first aid and trauma care.
- (4) **Habitat for Humanity – ReStore Improvements** – CDBG funds in the amount of \$13,419.25 will be used for COVID-19 mitigation projects in the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store and the front office. Four and a half bathrooms will be upgraded to include hard-wired, touchless toilets, sinks, and paper towels holders. The air conditioning system will also be upgraded to improve circulation and indoor air quality.

(5) Alfred Saliba Family Services Center – Facility Improvements – CDBG funds in the amount of \$100,000 will be used for COVID mitigation projects at the Mixon Business Center, W. Lafayette, and at the HIPPIY program space.

(6) Habitat for Humanity – Critical Home Repair – CDBG funds in the amount of \$20,000 will be used to provide emergency housing repair and weatherization for low- and moderate-income homeowners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dothan residents can access the draft amended 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan at the Houston-Love Memorial Library and the City Clerk’s Office in the Dothan Municipal Complex during normal business hours Monday through Friday. The documents are also available on the City’s website at <https://www.dothan.org/271/Community-Development>.

Document locations:

- Roy Driggers Municipal Building, City Clerk’s Office, Room 213, 126 North Saint Andrews Street, Dothan, Alabama 36303
- Houston-Love Memorial Library, 445 North Oates Street, Dothan, Alabama 36303

The proposed 2020 Annual Action Plan and 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan amendments will be available for a seven-day review and public comment period from Monday June 21 to Monday June 28. A public hearing to receive comments on the draft amendments will be held on Tuesday July 6 at 10:00AM at in the City Commission Chambers of the Dothan Municipal Complex, 126 N. St. Andrews Street. All interested citizens are urged to attend and comment. The City Commission will consider approval of the draft amended plans following the hearing.

Residents and groups who wish to comment on the draft amended 2020 Annual Action Plan and 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan amendments may make their comments in writing to:

City of Dothan
Planning and Development Department
Todd McDonald, Planning Director
P. O. Box 2128
Dothan, AL 36302

Comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Monday June 28.

Any citizen who requires special accommodations in order to view or understand these documents, must notify Todd McDonald, Planning Director for the City of Dothan at least 48 hours in advance of the special need by telephoning 334-615-4410 or sending the request to the above address.