

DRAFT SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF DOTHAN'S 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

On March 27, 2020, the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law to assist communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and related health, social, and economic impacts. The CARES Act included supplemental allocations for communities receiving funding through HUD's Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs, including the CDBG program.

Through this Substantial Amendment, the City of Dothan is amending its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan as follows:

- To reflect the \$348,942 in 2020 CDBG-CV3 funds the City will receive through the CARES Act.

This document includes the sections of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan that the City will amend, with changes shown in underline and bold.

This draft Substantial Amendment will be available for public review and comment over a 7-day period from Monday, June 21 through Monday, June 28, 2021, and presented to the City Commission for approval on Tuesday, July 6 at 10 AM in the City Commission Chambers of the Dothan Municipal Complex. Public comments regarding the activities funded are encouraged and should be submitted in writing to Todd McDonald, Planning and Development Director, City of Dothan, PO Box 2128, Dothan AL 36302.

While a 30-day public comment period is typically required for any Substantial Amendments, HUD is allowing communities to waive this requirement to provide for an expedited review process during the pandemic. The CARES Act also eliminates the cap on the amount of funds a grantee can spend on public services to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19 and removes the requirement to hold in-person public hearings in order to comply with social distancing recommendations.

SP-35 ANTICIPATED RESOURCES - 91.215(A)(4), 91.220(C) (1,2)

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Anticipated Resources

TABLE 1 - EXPECTED RESOURCES

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AP-15 EXPECTED RESOURCES – 91.220(C) (1,2)

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PROJECTS

AP-35 PROJECTS – 91.220(D)

Introduction

Projects planned for the 2020 program year are identified in the table below, with additional detail provided in AP-38. Over the next year, the City of Dothan anticipates assisting low- and moderate-income households through emergency home repair and weatherization; public services related to employment, education, childcare, fair housing, and others; sidewalk and public facility improvements; and economic development.

Projects

TABLE 3 – PROJECT LIST

#	Project Name
1	2020 Alfred Saliba Family Services
2	2020 Hawk-Houston Youth Enrichment Center
3	2020 Dothan Fire Department Fire Safety Program
4	2020 Exchange Center Parent Aid Program
5	2020 Central Alabama Fair Housing Center
6	2020 Girls, Inc. Childcare Program
7	2020 Dothan Housing Authority After School Program
8	2020 Salvation Army Building Improvements
9	2020 Cultural Arts Center Building Improvements
10	2020 City of Dothan Haven Street Sidewalk Project
11	2020 Girls, Inc. Building Improvements
12	2020 Young Junior High School Building Improvements
13	2020 Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Equipment Purchase
14	2020 Habitat for Humanity Emergency Home Repair Program
15	2020 Habitat for Humanity Weatherization Program
16	2020 Program Administration
17	2020-CV SARCOA Elderly Nutrition Program
18	2020-CV Dothan Housing Authority Montana School Facility
19	<u>2020-CV Legal Services of Alabama Dothan Homeless Prevention</u>
20	<u>2020-CV Salvation Army HVAC/Building Improvements</u>
21	<u>2020-CV Habitat for Humanity ReStore Improvements</u>
22	<u>2020-CV Alfred Saliba Family Services Center Facility Improvements</u>
23	<u>2020-CV Habitat for Humanity Critical Home Repair</u>

AP-38 PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Summary Information

TABLE 4 – PROJECT INFORMATION

18	Project Name	2020-CV Dothan Housing Authority Montana School Facility
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public and Neighborhood Facilities
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$250,000 <u>\$350,000</u>
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to retrofit the Montana School building to address COVID-19 concerns by installing an advance air filtration system; sensory operation for doors, lights, and bathrooms; and other touchless features. Provide for social distancing modifications for classrooms and other space used for administering housing assessments and Housing Authority programs.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low- and moderate-income individuals and families served by the Housing Authority
	Location Description	Montana School Facility, 1001 Montana Street, Dothan, 36303
	Planned Activities	Administration of CDBG activities in public service, public facilities and infrastructure, housing, and economic development.

19	Project Name	<u>2020-CV Legal Services of Alabama Dothan Homeless Prevention</u>
	Target Area	<u>Citywide</u>
	Goals Supported	<u>Public Services</u>
	Needs Addressed	<u>Public Services</u>
	Funding	<u>CDBG-CV: \$50,000</u>
	Description	<u>CDBG funds 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.</u>
	Target Date	<u>9/30/2022</u>
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<u>Approximately XX low- and moderate-income families</u>
	Location Description	<u>Legal Services of Alabama, 224 W. Main Street, Dothan 36303</u>
	Planned Activities	<u>Legal services to assist individuals and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic remain in their homes and prevent eviction, ejections, or foreclosures or look for additional income and benefits to remain in housing.</u>

20	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>2020-CV Salvation Army HVAC/Building Improvements</u>
	<u>Target Area</u>	<u>Citywide</u>
	<u>Goals Supported</u>	<u>Public Facilities</u>
	<u>Needs Addressed</u>	<u>Public and Neighborhood Facilities</u>
	<u>Funding</u>	<u>CDBG-CV: \$65,522.75</u>
	<u>Description</u>	<u>CDBG funds 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.</u>
	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>9/30/2022</u>
	<u>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</u>	<u>Approximately XX low- and moderate-income individuals</u>
	<u>Location Description</u>	<u>Salvation Army, 105 S. Edgewood Drive, Dothan 36301</u>
	<u>Planned Activities</u>	<u>Emergency Disaster Command Center renovation.</u>

21	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>2020-CV Habitat for Humanity ReStore Improvements</u>
	<u>Target Area</u>	<u>Citywide</u>
	<u>Goals Supported</u>	<u>Public Facilities</u>
	<u>Needs Addressed</u>	<u>Public and Neighborhood Facilities</u>
	<u>Funding</u>	<u>CDBG-CV: \$13,419.25</u>
	<u>Description</u>	<u>CDBG funds 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.</u>
	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>9/30/2022</u>
	<u>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</u>	<u>Approximately XX low- and moderate-income individuals</u>
	<u>Location Description</u>	<u>2086 Montgomery Hwy, Dothan 36303</u>
	<u>Planned Activities</u>	<u>Habitat for Humanity ReStore COVID-19 mitigation projects, including bathroom and air conditioning upgrades.</u>

22	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>2020-CV Alfred Saliba Family Services Center Facility Improvements</u>
	<u>Target Area</u>	<u>Citywide</u>
	<u>Goals Supported</u>	<u>Public Facilities</u>
	<u>Needs Addressed</u>	<u>Public and Neighborhood Facilities</u>
	<u>Funding</u>	<u>CDBG-CV: \$100,000</u>
	<u>Description</u>	<u>CDBG funds will be used for COVID mitigation projects at the Mixon Business Center, W. Lafayette, and at the HIPPY program space.</u>
	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>9/30/2022</u>
	<u>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</u>	<u>Approximately XX low- and moderate-income individuals</u>
	<u>Location Description</u>	<u>Alfred Saliba Mixon Business Center, 545 W Main St Suite#100, Dothan, AL 36301</u> <u>Alfred Saliba Family Service Center, 301 W. Lafayette Street, Dothan, AL 36301</u>
	<u>Planned Activities</u>	<u>COVID-19 mitigation projects at the Mixon Business Center, W. Lafayette, and at the HIPPY program space.</u>

23	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>2020-CV Habitat for Humanity Critical Home Repair</u>
	<u>Target Area</u>	<u>Citywide</u>
	<u>Goals Supported</u>	<u>Emergency Housing Repair</u>
	<u>Needs Addressed</u>	<u>Housing Needs</u>
	<u>Funding</u>	<u>CDBG-CV: \$20,000</u>
	<u>Description</u>	<u>CDBG funds will be used to provide emergency housing repair and weatherization for low- and moderate-income homeowners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</u>
	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>9/30/2022</u>
	<u>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</u>	<u>Housing rehabilitation for approximately 5 low- and moderate-income homeowners</u>
	<u>Location Description</u>	<u>Locations throughout Dothan to be identified during the program year</u>
	<u>Planned Activities</u>	<u>Emergency housing repairs and weatherization to be completed by Habitat for Humanity.</u>