

Notice to the Public of Five Day Comment Period
Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan for the Community
Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant
Program and Citizen Participation Plan

In accordance 24 CFR 91.05 (c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to the City of Waco's (COW) Citizen Participation Plan and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the City of Waco is making an amendment to the 2019-2023 Housing and Code Consolidated Plan for the City of Waco (Consolidated Plan) available to the public through this notice.

Due to the social distancing guidelines, the Waco City Council meeting will not be open to the public for a public hearing on April 6, 2021. Council members will attend virtually. The meeting will be streamed live at www.wccc.tv and there will be an opportunity for the public to submit written comments on Consolidated Plan Amendment and Citizen Participation Plan. **The comment period will begin March 29th and end April 2nd.**

Members of the public who wish to submit their written comments on a listed agenda item must submit their comments, at www.waco-texas.com/council-speaker.asp, by emailing rayneshah@wacotx.gov or by calling 254-750-5656 for staff assistance.

This is an amendment to the 2019-2023 Housing and Code Consolidated Plan will enable the City of Waco to receive and administer \$929,437 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Additional CDBG funding made available to the City by HUD through the CARES Act is unknown as this time but will be used for the same purpose of the initial allocations indicated above which is to prevent the spread of coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) and facilitate assistance to eligible communities, households, and persons economically impacted by COVID-19.

Eligible CDBG activities include, but are not limited to, assisting low- and moderate-income communities with Wi-Fi connection, employment training to become certified as an essential worker, childcare centers for operating cost, summer learning program for youth, and shelter operations.

The following activities will be supported by the CARES ACT funding:

Applicant	Project/Activity	Category:	Amount:
CDBG – Community Services	Broadband Infrastructure- Funding to provide installation and improve access services to low-to-moderate communities.	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	\$ 400,000.00
CDBG – Prosper Waco	Employment Training: Upskill Program- Funding to equip persons with skills to become a certified essential worker.	Public Services	\$ 75,000.00
CDBG – Community Services	Childcare Centers – Funding to provide operating cost and/or scholarships for childcare centers.	Public Services	\$ 100,000.00
CDBG – Transformation Waco	Youth Services: Summer Learning Program – Funding to provide summer educational programming for students whose education was impacted during COVID-19.	Public Services	\$50,000.00
CDBG – Mission Waco	Shelter Operations - Funding to provide operating expenses for 24/7 shelter care.	Public Services	\$152,218.50
CDBG – Salvation Army	Shelter Operations - Funding to provide operating expenses for 24/7 shelter care.	Public Services	\$152,218.50
		Public Services	\$ 929,437.00

Lastly, as part of this amendment, the City has revised the Consolidated Plan's Citizen Participation Plan to include the 5-day comment period as indicated above as well as to make other changes. The revised Citizen Participation Plan is available for review on the City of Waco's website at <https://www.waco-texas.com/housing.asp>.

Written comments regarding the Substantial Amendment or the proposed usage of funds should be addressed to:

Community Services

City of Waco

P. O. Box 2570

Waco, Texas 76702-2570

All comments will need to be submitted by 5:00 p.m. April 2, 2021.

NOTE: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who need auxiliary aids or services should contact Esmeralda Hudson, City Secretary, at (254) 750-5750 at least twenty-four (24) hours before this meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

This notice is being posted at waco City Hall and on the City of waco official website on the 26th day of March 2021 at 2:15 PM.

Mandy Spikes for

Signature by City Secretary