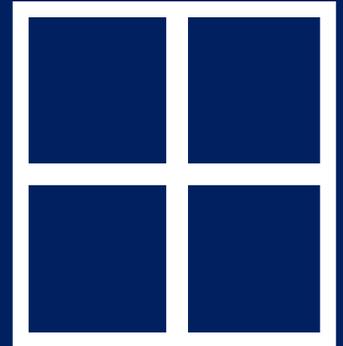


City of High Point

Community Development
& Housing Department

**Substantial Amendment #2
2019-2020 Annual Action Plan
Public review and comment
June 14-18, 2021**



CITY OF HIGH POINT
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #2 TO THE 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV)

Executive Summary

In response to the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified the City of High Point that it will receive an additional allocation of \$588,651 (CDBG-CV#3) to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020 to respond to the growing effects of this unprecedented public health crisis. The total allocation of CDBG-CV funds to the City of High Point is \$1,141,357.

The City of High Point Community Development & Housing (CD&H) Department is proposing to amend the Annual Action Plan for 2019-2020, which was submitted to the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) on or about May 15, 2019. With the City of High Point receiving CDBG-CV funds, a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan is required. This amendment outlines the City’s proposed use of the CDBG-CV funds in carrying out eligible activities to address the effects of COVID-19 in our community.

Receipt of CDBG-CV funds will substantially increase the expected resources available for programming. The City of High Point proposes that the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan be amended, in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan and the regulations governing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The amendments listed below are proposed for public review and comment.

2019-2020 Annual Action Plan Amendment

- AP-15 Expected Resources
 - New funding source – CDBG-CV \$588,651
- AP-35 Projects
 - The CDBG-CV funds allocated under the CARES Act may be used for a range of eligible activities, as allowed under 24 CFR Parts 570.201-570.206, that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the spread of COVID-19. The proposed activities must meet one of the three National Objectives as required by CDBG regulations at 24 CFR Part 570.208: 1) Benefit low-and-moderate income persons, 2) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or 3) Meet an urgent need. The City of High Point will use CDBG-CV dollars to fund projects that are to address, but not be limited to, the following: **(1) Emergency Assistance, (2) Homelessness, (3) Economic Disruption, (4) Rental Assistance, and (5) Other Issues that May Be Related to the Coronavirus.** The City is recommending allocating the funds as follows:

SOURCE	Amount	Eligibility
FY 2019-2020 CDBG-CV Allocation	\$588,651	
USE		
Public Facilities Grant	\$588,651	570.201(c)

Project Description – Homeless Day Center

People experiencing homelessness are at a greater risk for infection during community spread of COVID-19 due to underlying health conditions, and other factors. In addition, homeless individuals were not made a priority in the distribution of vaccines further exacerbating matters for an already vulnerable population. The proposed homeless day center will be used to distribute supplies to prevent COVID-19, educate individuals, and provide testing and vaccines.

The proposed site for the public facility project is 400 Brentwood Street, High Point NC 27260. A homeless day center would provide opportunities to individuals to access services, learn basic skills, and regain their ability to live independently. Services for homeless men and women can include, but not be limited to:

- Restrooms and showers,
- Laundry facilities,
- Telephones,
- Mailbox/ mailing address,
- Computer and Internet access,
- Educational opportunities/continuing education,
- Onsite support services and resources (i.e. healthcare agencies, social service agencies, workforce development, legal aid, benefits access, etc.),
- Hot meals, and more.

Citizen Participation

While this amendment usually requires a 30-day public review and comment period, HUD has waived this requirement provided that no less than five (5) days are given for public review and comment. The draft 2019 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment will be available to the public for review and comment for a period of five (5) days beginning Monday, June 14, 2021 through Friday, June 18, 2021 at the City of High Point's website: <https://www.highpointnc.gov/231/Community-Development-Housing>. Or a hard copy can be requested through the City's Public Records Request portal: <https://www.highpointnc.gov/1813/Public-Records-Request>.

Public Hearing

A virtual public hearing will be held before the City of High Point City Council on June 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. To maintain the health, safety, and well-being of our residents, staff, and the City Council, this meeting will be conducted electronically. As part of the City of High Point's COVID-19 mitigation efforts, in-person attendance will not be allowed at this meeting. Instead, the City will be live streaming the meeting and public hearing. Once the City Council is in session, please use the following link to listen to the meeting: www.HighPointNC.gov/VirtualPublicMeeting.

In accordance with adopted legislation regarding public hearings at remote meetings, after the public hearing is held, the required 24-hour waiting period will be open before a vote can be taken on the matter, and the public can submit any additional comments on the budget during that time.

Public comments on this matter can be submitted by:

1. Calling 336-883-3522 and leaving a message, or by
2. Emailing written comments to publiccomment@highpointnc.gov, or by
3. Dropping written comments off in the City of High Point's utility payment drop-boxes located in the Green Drive and the Commerce Avenue parking lots on both sides of the Municipal Building located at 211 S. Hamilton Street.

All comments for the Public Hearing must be received by 5:00 p.m., June 22, 2021. Persons with disabilities or who otherwise need assistance should contact Kyeisha Maitland Hicks in advance of the public hearing at 336-883-3349, via email at kyeisha.maitland@highpointnc.gov, or call NC Relay/711 (TTY) if you are hearing impaired.

Written Comments

The City of High Point will receive written comments until 5:00 p.m., June 22, 2021. Comments can be sent via email to Thanena Wilson at thanena.wilson@highpointnc.gov, by fax to (336) 883-3355, or mailed to City of High Point Community Development & Housing Department, Attn: Thanena Wilson (Public Comment), P. O. Box 230, High Point, NC 27261. All mailed comments must be received in our office no later than June 22, 2021.

Si necesita esta información en español, por favor póngase en contacto con Kyeisha Maitland Hicks (336) 883-3349.