

Public Information Summary
Substantial Amendment #3 to the FY 2021 (PY 2020)
Action Plan & Budget (CDBG and HOME Reprogramming)



Background

On August 13, 2020, City Council approved the \$22.4 million FY 2021 HUD Action Plan and Budget (Action Plan) for the four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) federal grants which included \$2.5 million in HOME funding for affordable rental and homeownership housing development. On January 21, 2021, City Council approved Substantial Amendment #2 to the FY 2021 Action Plan which added \$3 million in CDBG funding for affordable rental and homeownership housing development. The City issued Requests for Applications for both Rental and Homeownership Housing Development in October 2020. Five rental housing development applications totaling \$5,150,000 in funding and three homeownership housing applications totaling \$3,626,669 in funding were evaluated. City Council will consider funding awards for all eight proposals on February 18, 2021.

The City has identified available Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds from program income received from loan payments and savings from cancelled and completed projects and is proposing to reprogram these funds to eligible activities.

Proposed Action

Substantial Amendment #3 to the FY 2021 Action Plan and Budget proposes reprogramming \$3,401,669 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding and \$1,144,002 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to eligible activities consistent with the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

Staff has identified \$3,401,669 in HOME funds from program income and savings from completed projects and recommends reprogramming funds to affordable rental and homeownership housing development activities to fund all eight proposals received.

Community Development Block Grant

As a result of program savings and cancelled activities, staff has identified \$1,144,002 in CDBG funds and recommends reprogramming funding to the following eligible activities:

Zarzamora Service Center Environmental Remediation (District 5)

Staff recommends up to \$630,506 in funding for environmental remediation at the former Zarzamora Service Center located at 4503, 4531, and 4719 South Zarzamora Rd. The total estimated cost to remediate this site is \$3.2 million. In April 2020, the City redirected FY 2020 CDBG funding from this project to the COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Program as part of the pandemic response. This recommendation restores necessary funding to complete the project.

FY 2021 Parks and Recreation Summer Youth Program (City-Wide)

Staff recommends up to \$208,282 in funding to the Parks and Recreation Department for the Summer Youth Program. In April 2020, the City redirected FY 2020 CDBG funding from this activity to the COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP) as part of the pandemic response and did not fund the activity in the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan as funds were redirected to EHAP. Parks and Recreation Department anticipates operating this program this summer.

Avenida Guadalupe Master Plan (District 5)

Staff recommends an award of \$75,000 in CDBG admin funding for the Avenida Guadalupe Master Plan. The Avenida Guadalupe area is located in the historic Westside of San Antonio. This plan will provide an overall development concept that reflects community needs through urban design and place-making principles. This activity was approved by City Council in FY 2020 utilizing CDBG admin and planning funds and is still ongoing. A reprogramming action is required to fund the activity with FY 2021 CDBG admin funds.

Minor Repair Program (City-Wide)

Staff recommends an award of \$100,000 in CDBG funding for the Minor Repair Program to assist low to moderate income households with non-emergency health and safety items and other necessary repairs up to \$25,000 per household.

HUD Consolidated Plan (City-Wide)

Staff recommends an award of \$99,250 in CDBG admin funding for consultant services for completion of the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for submission to HUD on August 16, 2021. City Council approved a consultant contract in FY20 utilizing CDBG admin and planning funds and this activity is still ongoing. A reprogramming action is required to fund the activity with FY 2021 CDBG admin funds.

St. James Street Reconstruction (District 2)

Staff recommends up to \$12,540.97 in supplemental funding for St. James Street Reconstruction project. This project has already been awarded \$146,103.20 in FY 2018 reprogrammed CDBG funds for infrastructure activities and is substantially complete. This supplemental funding comes from savings from a completed Public Works infrastructure project and is necessary to fully fund and complete the activity.

Canadian Street Reclamation (District 2)

Staff recommends up to \$18,423.03 in supplemental funding for Canadian Street Reclamation project. This project has already been awarded \$186,813.23 in FY 2018 reprogrammed CDBG funds for infrastructure activities and is substantially complete. This supplemental funding comes from savings from a completed Public Works infrastructure project and is necessary to fully fund and complete the activity.

City Council will consider the adoption of Substantial Amendment #3 to the City's FY 2021 Action Plan and Budget on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference.

Citizen Participation Process

On February 12, 2021 the City issued a public notice in the San Antonio Express-News initiating a 5-day public comment period on this proposed action which ends on February 17, 2021 and announces a virtual public hearing which will be held on February 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via videoconference. Comments may be submitted at www.sanantonio.gov/gmainaction. Public comment may also be provided in writing to the Neighborhood & Housing Services Department, Division of Grants Monitoring and Administration, 1400 S. Flores, Unit 3, San Antonio, Texas 78204, Monday – Friday, 7:45 am – 4:30 pm, or by e-mail at communitydevelopment@sanantonio.gov. All comments will be accepted until February 17, 2021.

To protect the health of the public and limit the potential spread of COVID 19, the City Council will hold the public hearing and council meeting via videoconference. These meeting standards are based upon the various suspended provisions of the Open Meetings Act issued by the Texas Governor in response to the COVID 19 crisis. These modified standards shall remain in place until further notice or until the state disaster declaration expires or is otherwise terminated by the Texas Governor. The meeting will be available to the public at AT&T channel 99, Grande channel 20, Spectrum channel 21, digital antenna 16, www.sanantonio.gov/TVSA and [www.Facebook.com/COSAGOV](https://www.facebook.com/COSAGOV). The meeting will also be available by calling (210) 207-5555 (English and Spanish available).

A public hearing is your opportunity to address your City of San Antonio elected officials directly about issues that are important to you and your community. To sign-up to speak, please go to www.sanantonio.gov/agenda and click on the eComment link for instructions. Members of the public can sign up online to speak before the San Antonio City Council. Members of the public are given up to three (3) minutes to speak, and groups are given up to nine (9) minutes. Auxiliary Aids and Services, including Deaf interpreters, must be requested forty-eight [48] hours prior to the meeting. For assistance, call (210) 207-7268 or 711 Texas Relay Service for the Deaf.

For more information about Substantial Amendment #3 to the FY 2021 Action Plan and Budget, please contact the Neighborhood and Housing Services Department at (210) 207-6600 or visit www.sanantonio.gov/GMAinAction.