

Notice to the Public of Five Day Comment Period
Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan & the FY 2019 Action Plan for
the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Grant Program CARES Act
Funding and Citizen Participation Plan

In accordance 24 CFR 91.05 (c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to the City of Monroe's 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 Monroe is preparing an amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan & FY 2019 Annual Action Plan for the City of Monroe available to the public through this notice.

Due to the social distancing guidelines, the City Council meeting will be utilized to acknowledge the public hearing on May 11, 2021. However, the meeting will be streamed live via Facebook, and there will be an opportunity for the public to submit written comments on the Action Plan. **The comment period will begin on May 12th and ends on May 19, 2021.**

Members of the public who wish to submit their written comments on a listed agenda item must submit their comments at jawaun.downs@ci.monroe.la.us or by calling (318) 329-2256 for staff assistance.

This is an amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan & FY 2019 Annual Action Plan will enable the City of Monroe to receive and administer **\$383,763.00** 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 at this time. Still, it will be used for the same purpose as 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 households with minor rehabilitation, public facilities improvements, and new programs to prevent or respond to coronavirus.

Furthermore, the City of Monroe will reprogram unutilized CARES Act funding to public service, public facilities and housing projects to address COVID-19 related issues.

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

Source of Funds	Project/Activity	Category:	Amount:
CDBG CARES ACT COVID19	Public Facilities – Transit Division CDBG CARES Act will fund eighteen (18) locations with trash receptacles, three (3) sites with bus shelters & solar lighting, & 8’ shelter benches.	Public Facilities	\$ 175,000
CDBG CARES ACT COVID19	Hosting Health Fairs with COVID-19 Vaccinations	Public Facilities	\$ 15,000
CDBG CARES ACT COVID19	Mobile Library & Mobile Activity Center	Public Facilities	\$76,000
CDBG CARES ACT COVID 19	Minor Rehabilitation for covid related projects by improving ventilation, air quality & overall quality of life.	Housing	\$60,763
CDBG -CARES ACT COVID19	Program Administration, supplies & Program Delivery Costs: CDBG CARE COVID19 Funds will be invested to utilize staff to address	CDBG Administration - 15% cap of CDBG Grant Housing Delivery Costs	\$57,000
CDBG Total:			\$383,763

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

City of Monroe
Community Development
Jawaun Downs, Director
P. O. Box 123
Monroe, LA 71201-0123

Comments can also be emailed to jawaun.downs@ci.monroe.la.us.

All comments will need to be submitted by 5:00 p.m. May 19, 2021.

This notice is being posted at www.monroela.us/government/departments/planning-urban-development on the 12th day of May, 2021.