

City of Bridgeton

Community Development Block Grant Program

CDBG CARES Act Funding

Substantial Amendment of 2019 Annual Action Plan

Introduction

This document serves as the First Substantial Amendment to the 2019 City of Bridgeton Annual Action Plan previously approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 2019 Annual Action Plan was approved for \$318,251 in CDBG funds.

This Substantial Amendment will include the addition of \$197,626 in Community Development Block Grant CV (CDBG-CV CARES) funds awarded through the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. It is the addition of these funds and creation of new activities that constitutes a substantial amendment.

New Projects

This substantial amendment will assist the following approved Sub-recipients to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus:

1. City of Bridgeton Library
2. Revive South Jersey
3. CATA (Community Food Garden)
4. Cumberland Family Shelter
5. LAEDA (Latin American Economic Development Association)

This substantial amendment will also allow the City of Bridgeton to award a business grant to assist one of our local businesses (Griffin Medical) to expand and purchase additional medical supplies.

Citizen Participation

Citizens will be provided with reasonable notice and opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment. This will be accomplished through notification of a public hearing in the non-legal section of our local newspaper with general circulation within the City and notification on the City's website. This notice will be published 10 days prior to the hearing. However, in accordance with the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), in emergency circumstances, expedited procedures must include at least (5) five days' notice prior to the hearing and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than (5) five days. The 5-day period can run concurrently for comments on the Action Plan amendment. This authority is in effect through the end of the 2020 program year.

Citizens will have no less than 5 days, in accordance with the CARES Act, to make comments about the proposed amendment prior to any amendment implementation.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, the City of Bridgeton will place the Substantial Amendment on public display beginning Friday, August 14, 2020 on the City's website at the following address: www.cityofbridgeton.com . This document will be available to the public until August 21, 2020.

Given the current public health concerns, a virtual public hearing on the Grant Amendment will be held on **Monday, August 24, 2020 at 4:00pm**. Members of the public who wish to participate may do so by calling 1-877-309-2073 and entering the access code number 683-357-373, and then follow the prompts/directions.

Written comments on the amendments must be received by August 21, 2020. All interested persons, groups and organizations are encouraged to attend this public hearing and will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed amendment for the FY2019 Annual Action Plan. Written comments or general questions should be directed to Roberta Copeland at copelandr@cityofbridgeton.com

**CITY OF BRIDGETON
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
STATEMENT OF PROJECTED USE OF CDBG-CV FUNDS**

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) dated March 27, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the City of Bridgeton \$197,626 in CDBG-CV Funds (Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Funds) specifically to address the coronavirus pandemic known as COVID-19.

HUD has approved a not-less-than 5-day public comment period in order to afford citizens and organizations the opportunity to comment. The comment period for use of these funds will begin on August 17, 2020 and end on August 21, 2020 which will allow the public to make comments and suggestions regarding COVID-19 related needs and use of funds. In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, Bridgeton will place the Substantial Amendment on public display beginning August 14, 2020 on the City's website at the following address: www.cityofbridgeton.com . All comments should be directed to Roberta Copeland, Program Manager, Bridgeton Office of Development & Planning, 181 E. Commerce St, Bridgeton NJ 08302 or via email at copelandr@cityofbridgeton.com.

A Public Hearing will be held to obtain additional comments regarding COVID-19 related needs and use of funds on August 24, 2020 at 4:00pm. In consideration of Executive Order No. 103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020 declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey; the City of Bridgeton does hereby notify the public that the Public Hearing will be held via telecommunication only. Members of the public who wish to participate may do so by calling 1-877-309-2073 and entering the access code number 683-357-373 – then follow the prompts/directions.

On June 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Bridgeton adopted the amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan for the City of Bridgeton that anticipates utilizing CDBG-CV funds to assist eligible organizations or individuals to prevent, prepare for, and/or respond to the coronavirus pandemic as required by HUD, including not limited to; Cumberland Family Shelter, CATA Farmworkers Support Committee, Latin American Economic Development Association (LAEDA), Revive South Jersey, and Bridgeton Free Public Library.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON

ALBERT B. KELLY, MAYOR