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**AGENDA
City of Gulfport CDBG Public Hearing
Substantial Amendments
2019 Action Plan, 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan, Citizen Participation Plan
5:30 pm Wednesday July 15, 2020**

I. Introductions and Welcome

II. Federal Program Overview & Purpose of Hearing

- a. National Objectives & Fact Sheet
- b. Compliance with 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan
- c. 2019 Action Plan/2017-2021 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendments Schedule:

Public Hearing	July 15
Public Review Available	July 10
7-Day Public Comment Period Ends	July 20 at 4 pm

- d. Public Review of the 2019 Action Plan, 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan, Citizen Participation Plan as Substantially Amended will be available at:

City of Gulfport Website: www.gulfport-ms.gov
Gulfport City Hall, 2309 15th Street
Gulfport Community Development, 1410 24th Avenue

III. PY2019 CDBG Resources and Proposed Expenditures as Substantially Amended

IV. Citizen Participation

Oral and/or written comments you have concerning the City of Gulfport’s housing and/or non-housing community development needs are valued and will be considered and included

- Written or oral comments must be received by 5 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2020 to be considered. Written comments may be delivered to Karen McCarty, Federal Programs Administrator, at 1410 24th Avenue or emailed to kmccarty@gulfport-ms.gov. **Note:** to protect the public health and safety, the regular 30-day comment period has been reduced to 7 days. In compliance with HUD guidance, the City will expend the allocated CARES Act funds as quickly as possible to respond to prevention of increased homelessness in Gulfport caused by COVID-19. Please do not mail written comments as they may not be received by the deadline.

FACT SHEET
2019 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN
FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

Summary

The 2019 One-Year Action Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that is designed to develop a coordinated and cooperative effort to identify housing, community development and supportive housing needs of the City of Gulfport. The Action Plan is based on prioritized needs and strategies for meeting those needs identified in the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan.

Both the Action Plan and Consolidated Plan are designed by HUD to consolidate the planning and application requirements for four HUD Community Planning and Development formula grant programs, as follows:

1. The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
2. Home Investment Partnerships (HOME)
3. Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA)
4. Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

The three broad goals of the four HUD Community Planning and Development programs are as follows:

1. To provide decent housing;
2. To provide a suitable living environment; and
3. To expand economic opportunities.

Community Development Block Grant Program

Gulfport is an entitlement city under the rules of HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and as such, receives an annual allocation of funding, which in Program Year 2019 is \$700,035. Gulfport also receives an annual allocation of HOME program funds to the Harrison County HOME Consortium, which in PY 2019 is \$440,141. Gulfport does not receive an annual allocation of funds under the HOPWA or ESG programs but must work with other agencies to compete for funding from the programs.

The City also was allocated \$424,924 from the CARES Act in March 2020 to support local efforts to prevent, address and respond to COVID-19, bringing total CDBG resources anticipated to be available for Program Year 2019 activities to \$1,124,959.00.

Availability of Information

Information concerning the Action Plan, the Consolidated Plan and the Community Development Block Grant Program can be obtained at the offices of Community Development, located at 1410 24th Avenue in downtown Gulfport, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

National Objectives of Community Development Block Grant Program

1. Projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A project or activity will be considered to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons if it is designed to meet identified needs of low- and moderate-income persons.
2. Projects that prevent or eliminate slums or blight.
3. Projects designed to meet needs having a particular urgency.

PROJECTS MUST MEET AT LEAST ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES.

Examples of Basic Eligible Activities for the CDBG Program

1. Acquisition of property for a public purpose.
2. Public facilities infrastructure improvements including water improvements, wastewater improvements, solid waste improvements, streets and storm drainage improvements, etc.
3. Urgent needs and emergency grants to address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.
4. Interim assistance requiring immediate action such as street improvements and to alleviate emergency conditions.
5. Relocation payment and assistance for permanently or temporarily displaced individuals, families, businesses and organizations, and reimbursement for loss of rental income incurred in holding housing units to be utilized by relocation of individuals and families displaced by program activities.
6. Acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of privately owned utilities.
7. Special economic development activities.
8. Public service activities to address high priority, unmet community needs.