

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**

**CARES ACT FUNDING AND THE
FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**

As a Federal Entitlement, the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania (“City”) receives funding from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Programs. Through the March 27, 2020 passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, the City of Johnstown will receive an allocation of CDBG-CV funds. The City will receive \$759,641 in Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds.

The purpose of this public hearing is to present substantial amendments to the City of Johnstown’s FY 2019 Annual Action Plans for the use of CDBG and CDBG-CV funds.

To expedite the disbursement of the City’s FY 2019 CDBG and FY 2020 CDBG-CV funds, via 24 CFR 5.110, the CARES Act authorizes HUD to grant waivers to the public notice, public comment, and citizen participation plan requirements found in 24 CFR 91.105I(2) and (k), 24 CFR 91.115I(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401. In accordance with the City of Johnstown’s Citizen Participation Plan and HUD’s regulatory requirement, waivers are granted which reduces the minimum 30-day public comment period to a 5-day period, a virtual public hearing will be held at 12:00 p.m. on May 27, 2020 to provide an opportunity for residents to comment on proposed Substantial Amendments to its FY 2019 Annual Action Plan.

To participate in the virtual Public Hearing:

- To join the virtual City Council Meeting by a computer, use the following meeting URL: <https://bluejeans.com/382035960>. The Meeting ID is: 382035960.
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If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate residents for them to participate in the public hearing, please contact Ms. Katherine Purelli-Webb, Community Development Fiscal Officer, at (814) 533-2055, to make those arrangements. The telephone number for the hearing impaired is 711.

The City of Johnstown adopted its FY 2019 Annual Action Plan and Budget for the use of CDBG funds on June 12, 2019. In accordance with CDBG program regulations, the City is allowed to make substantial amendments to its Annual Action Plan and Budget in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

The City has determined that it is necessary to amend the approved CDBG program budget for the previously approved program year for FY 2019. The funds will be reprogrammed from projects/activities that will be cancelled to proposed new projects/activities, and/or to increase funding for other previously approved projects/activities.

This is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan as the following applies: the scope, purpose, and location of the project activity have changed.

The substantial amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plans are proposed as follows:

FY 2019 CDBG Activities:

- **CD-19-01 Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation:** reduce this project/activity budget by \$150,000 for a new project/activity budget of \$30,000.
- **CD-19-02 First Time Homebuyer Rehabilitation Assistance:** reduce this project/activity budget by \$50,000 for a new project/activity budget of \$52,297.
- **CD-19-05 Code Enforcement:** delete this project/activity in its entirety and reallocate a total of \$110,000 to a new project/activity.
- **CD-19-20 Economic Development Rehabilitation Program:** create a new activity under economic development to be used to fund economic development rehabilitation loans. This will be funded from FY 2019 CDBG funds in the amount of \$44,641.
- **CD-19-21 Small Business Relief Program:** create a new activity under economic development to be used to fund small business earned grants in the amount of \$265,359

CDBG-CV Activities:

- **CDBG-CV-20-01 Administration** - funds to administer the CDBG-CV funds. \$ 25,000
- **CDBG-CV-20-02 Small Business Relief Program** - funds for Small business earned grants. \$ 734,641

Total CDBG-CV: \$ 759,641

The FY 2019 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment is on public display for viewing by the public for a period of at least 5 days beginning on Monday, May 18, 2020 and ending on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at the City of Johnstown's website (<http://cityofjohnstownpa.net>).

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this virtual public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed amendment to the use of CDBG and CDBG-CV funds under the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan. All comments received by May 27, 2020 will be considered by the City of Johnstown prior to submittal of the substantial amendment to City Council at their Thursday, May 28, 2020 Virtual City Council Meeting.

To participate in the virtual City Council Meeting:

- To join the virtual Public Hearing by a computer, use the following meeting URL: <https://bluejeans.com/902860612>. The Meeting ID number is: 902860612.
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Written or oral comments may be addressed to Ms. Katherine Purelli-Webb, Community Development Fiscal Officer, 401 Main Street, Johnstown, PA 15901, (814) 533-2055. Persons with hearing and/or speech impediments may contact the City via 711.

Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor
City of Johnstown