

The third amendment to the PY 2019 AAP describing the newly proposed CARES-Act (COVID-19) activity to be undertaken under CDBG-CV.

All additions are ***in bold italics*** and only the sections in which amended information is provided are included. For a full copy of the proposed PY 2019 Annual Action Plan, please contact the League City Planning Department.

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

1. ***Augment local and Federal (regular CDBG) funds to construct a sidewalk on the north side of Main Street from IH-45 to the Union Pacific RR tracks. The City has determined the need for this sidewalk through the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan and the Environmental Assessment. HUD has issued strategies to utilize CDBG-CV funds that prepares for, prevents, and responds to coronavirus (known as CDBG-CV tiebacks) as long as the activities meet CDBG national objectives. According to the HUD document, "These [CDBG-CV] funds can also be leveraged to address the causes of community violence and help build stronger, safer, more equitable and ultimately more resilient communities." The CDBG-CV Tiebacks for the inclusion of sidewalk construction with CDBG-CV funds include:***

- ***Increasing access to outdoor space as an LMA national objective to reduce traffic congestion/improve pedestrian space, and***
- ***Increasing social connectedness among neighborhood residents to support community revitalization planning and reduce social isolation (a major cause of community violence).***

The City intends to use \$202,797.42 of the original \$640,539 in CDBG-CV funds to augment the cost of the construction of the Main St. sidewalk from IH 45 to Union Pacific RR tracks. The original project was a PY 2023 activity which not only was delayed but due to increased costs has exceeded the amount originally budgeted with City funds and CDBG funds. The sidewalk meets the criteria above by:

- ***8-feet wide to be ADA compliant and also allow for social distancing;***

- **Connect the area with the highest LMI population to parks, community center, public services, schools, and amenities including a major pharmacy and medical services, improving social connectedness;**
- **Links the other major LMA to the east back to the neighborhood in which the new sidewalk will be constructed, providing access to a large park and amenities, also improving social connectedness;**
- **Builds stronger, safer, more equitable and more resilient communities; and**
- **Reduces traffic congestion.**

The reason for using CDBG-CV funds for a portion of this project is that it not only meets the criteria for a CDBG-CV Tieback, but the need for the originally-intended use of all of the non-administrative CDBG-CV funds has diminished to virtually non-existent. Of the original funds, \$424,741.58 has been expended for emergency rental and/or utility assistance for those affected by COVID, primarily those who lost their jobs or lost hours due to business closures or staff reductions, or who contracted COVID and were out of work or expended available funds on medical care making them unable to pay their rent and utilities. However, at this time there are very few who meet the qualifications for need due to COVID, and those who are in need of rental and/or utility assistance can access regular CDBG funds provided by the City to Interfaith Caring Ministries.

3. Evaluation of past performance

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

For this third amendment to fund part of the construction of a new sidewalk, the City hosted a public hearing on February 21, 2024, with the hearing publicized in English and Spanish on February 16, 2024 in the Galveston County Daily News, on the City’s website – www.leaguecitytx.gov -- , at City Hall and at the City Library. The public hearing was held in conjunction with the first public hearing for the PY 2024 Annual Action Plan and was held at the League City Community Center located in the heart of the CDBG Target Areas. The Public Notice also declared the 30-day public comment period to begin on February 21, 2024 and run through March 22, 2024, and that the amendment would be before City Council on March 26, 2024 and the public would be afforded the opportunity to speak on the amended plan at that time.

5. Summary of public comments

During the public hearing and public comment period for the used of CDBG-CV funds for the construction of a sidewalk, there were no comments.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

The City of League City accepts and reviews every comment voiced at public hearings, or provided via phone, email, in person, or general postal mail. Comments that are not relevant to the CDBG program are noted and forwarded to the appropriate department. Any comments that are discriminatory or derogatory toward an individual or group are not considered. Otherwise, all comments and view are considered in the planning process and the general administration of CDBG funds.

7. Summary

This sidewalk construction for which CDBG-CV funds will be used to augment previously allocated CDBG and general funds has been approved by the public and HUD in the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan. This amendment to this AAP is only to tie the CDBG-CV requirements back to the activity and utilize funds previously allocated to a project which no longer has sufficient need. The public hearing conducted for this reallocation of funds was conducted in conjunction with the first public hearing for the PY 2024 Annual Action Plan to garner more interest in attending.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
13	<i>CV Amendment 3 Posted Public Notice</i>	<i>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community</i>	<i>This notified public of public comment period and public hearing for the CDBG-CV funding.</i>			<i>www.leaguecity.com</i>
14	<i>CV Amendment 3 Public Hearing</i>	<i>Non-targeted/broad community</i>	<i>Public hearing as part of City Council meeting.</i>			<i>www.leaguecity.com</i>
15	<i>CV Amendment 3 Public Comment Period</i>	<i>Non-targeted/broad community</i>	<i>5-day city-wide opportunity to comment on or question the CDBG-CV program;</i>			<i>www.leaguecity.com</i>

Table 1 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The PY 2020 CDBG-CV funding will be used to leverage additional funding for COVID-related economic effects to low- to moderate-income households in need of emergency rent and utility assistance. In addition, the Round 3 funding will be used to leverage local funds for the retrofitting of a public facility to accommodate indoor COVID testing and/or vaccinations. The remaining CDBG-CV funds after abandoning the public facility project and expending all that was possible on COVID-related rent/utility assistance, the remaining \$202,797.42 will be allocated to leverage/match the PY 2023 Phase 2 Sidewalk project.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The CDBG-CV funds will be used to construct a sidewalk on public right of way along the north side of Main Street between IH-45 and the Union Pacific RR tracks in the CDBG Target Area with the highest percent of low- to moderate-income residents.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
9	<i>Sidewalk Construction</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Non-Housing Community Development</i>		<i>Infrastructure</i>	<i>CDBG-CV: \$202,797.42</i>	<i>Public Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit:</i>

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

	Goal Description	<i>The City will fund Communities in Schools Bay Area to provide counselors in three schools who will assist at risk youth and their families. This program addresses risky behaviors, drop-out risks, and social service needs.</i>
9	Goal Name	<i>Sidewalk Construction</i>
	Goal Description	<i>To meet the high priority need determined through public surveys, stakeholder comments, Texas Department of Transportation and City staff, The City will reconstruct and construct sidewalks along Main Street from N. Iowa Avenue to IH-45 area as part of the Safe Routes to Schools program. This will be Phase II of the sidewalk improvement program and will serve an area that is approximately 51.4% low- to moderate-income.</i>

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

In PY 2023, the City is amending the COVID activities to include the installation of an 8-foot sidewalk to promote social distancing of pedestrians, reduce isolation, reduce traffic, and facilitate access to parks, medical facilities, and other amenities for those without vehicles.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	League Park Parking Lots
2	Communities in Schools
3	ICM Rent/Utility Assistance
4	ICM Food Pantry
5	Program Administration
7	CDBG-CV ICM Rent/Utility Assistance
8	CDBG CV - Program Administration
9	CDBG-CV Facility Improvements
10	CDBG-CV Sidewalk Construction

Table 3 - Project Information

The City abandoned the facility improvements and reallocated the funds to Interfaith Caring Ministries for emergency rent and/or utility assistance. ICM expended \$424,741.58 in assisting residents who were in danger of eviction or utility termination due to the financial need as a result of COVID. By PY 2023, the COVID-related need for such assistance declined to virtually non-existent. Once HUD released documents allowing for COVID tie-backs to be used on sidewalks and the cost of an approved sidewalk had far exceeded the estimated allocation, it was determined that the use of CDBG-CV funds to match existing funds would be beneficial. The sidewalk project ties back to CDBG-CV through

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AP-38 Project Summary

8	Project Name	<i>Sidewalks Phase 2</i>
	Target Area	<i>Main Street from IH-45 to Union Pacific RR</i>
	Goals Supported	<i>Sidewalk Improvements / Infrastructure</i>
	Needs Addressed	<i>Lack of adequate safe ADA compliant sidewalks for pedestrian mobility</i>
	Funding	<i>CDBG & CDBG-CV</i>
	Description	<i>Construction of an 8' wide sidewalk on north side of Main in the CDBG Target area with the highest percent of LMI residents to facilitate safe pedestrian mobility</i>
	Target Date	<i>9/20/2025</i>
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<i>2,077 people live in the area served by three block groups housing an estimated 51.36% LMI, including a residential mental health facility and approximately 500 households</i>
	Location Description	<i>The project is located along Main Street partially in the west portion of Main St/Park Ave Target Area in CT/BG 721300/2 and 721300/3, west of Iowa Avenue with 41.29% LMI population (League City's exception is 37.73%); and, from the railroad west to IH-45 in CT/BG 720700/1 with 57.25% LMI population. In total, the average LMI population is 51.36%.</i>
	Planned Activities	<i>Construct or reconstruct sidewalks along Main Street for safe ADA compliant pedestrian mobility to schools, public services, jobs, and other amenities.</i>