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Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period Substantial Amendment to the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan

The Wichita Falls City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to solicit citizen comment on a Substantial Amendment to the City of Wichita Falls Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan at its regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, July 19, 2022** at 8:30 A.M in City Council Chambers, Memorial Auditorium, 1300 7th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas. The Substantial Amendment to the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan 2015-2019 is a document that describes proposed activities that serve to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 threat.

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), The City of Wichita Falls proposes to receive and administer a special allocation from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This allocation was authorized by the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136, and it includes a total allocation of \$1,328,013 received in two parts with Round 1 (CV1) funding being \$733,264 and Rounds 2 (CV3) funding being \$594,749 – Part A funding to supplement its original allocation through the Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV). The City proposed to reallocate approximately \$600,000 in unspent program funds and continue certain programs listed below that were previously funded. Proposed activities to be funded are \$475,799.20 in Public Service and Facilities Activities, and \$118,949.80 in Grant Administration that were previously funded. Activities indicated above are to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and facilitate assistance to eligible communities, households, and persons economically impacted by COVID-19.

The City Council Subcommittee has recommended the following funding amounts after accessing the CDBG-CV supplement funds:

CDBG-CV Program Reallocation

City Projects: Increase original budget for the Emergency Repair Program by \$67,504.95 for a total allocation of \$107,504.95 for single-family, owner-occupied home repairs; City Parks Rehabilitation \$357,800; City Bus Shelter Rehabilitation \$175,000.

PY 2019 began on October 1, 2019 and finished on September 30, 2020, but new projects will mostly begin in PY 2022 which begins on October 1, 2022 and ends September 30, 2023. This Public Hearing seeks input from the local community with particular emphasis on serving persons of low and moderate income. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide comment during the July 19, 2022 City Council Meeting. This also serves as a notice of a **30-day citizen comment period** for the proposed Substantial Amendment to the City of Wichita Falls Program Year 2019 Annual Action Plan that **begins July 1, 2022 and ends August 1, 2022**. Copies of the proposed Substantial Amendment to the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan will be available at the Wichita Falls Public Library, 600 11th Street, at City Hall/Memorial Auditorium in the Neighborhood Resources Division, Room 300, 1300 7th Street, and on the City's website at <https://www.wichitafallstx.gov/161/Neighborhood-Resources>. To be considered, **written public comments must be received by 8:00 AM on Monday, August 1, 2022** in the Neighborhood Resources Division at the address above. After the City Council conducts the public hearing, the public comment period ends, and the City Council considers final action on the proposed Substantial Amendment to the PY 2019 Annual Action

Plan, the City will submit this amended document to the HUD Fort Worth Regional Office on or before August 16, 2022 for review and approval. Memorial Auditorium is handicapped accessible from both the building's front entrance on Seventh Street and the building's rear entrance adjacent to east and west parking lots off of Sixth Street. Other persons with special needs requiring accommodation should contact the Neighborhood Resources Division at 940-761-7448 at least 72 hours before the meeting.

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