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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
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CITY OF UNION CITY
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
2019 – 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 – 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 23, 2020. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY AT 7:00 P.M. A DRAFT OF THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW FROM JUNE 9 THROUGH JUNE 15, 2020.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
by CITY OF UNION CITY SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

To the right is a copy of the notice you sent to us for publication in the WHATS HAPPENINGS TRI CITY VOICE - UNION CITY. Please read this notice carefully and call us with any corrections. The Proof of Publication will be filed with the County Clerk, if required, and mailed to you after the last date below. Publication date(s) for this notice is (are):

06/09/2020

Each year the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding for housing and community development programs to the City of Union City, specifically Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. To receive these funds, the City must complete a report every five years called the Consolidated Plan.

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to identify Union City's housing and community development needs, priorities, goals, and strategies and to stipulate how funds will be allocated to housing and community development activities over the period of the Consolidated Plan, which in this case is every five years. The City also creates an Annual Action Plan each year that specifies the activities that will take place. The City will amend the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan in order to incorporate a rental assistance program and support for the City's CAREavan program related to COVID-19 response.

Proposed Amendment to the 2019 – 2020 Action Plan

The City shall amend an approved Annual Action Plan when:

- A substantial change (e.g., 50% or more) in its allocation priorities or a substantial change in the method of distribution of funds takes place; or
 - Carries out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan (including program income), not previously described in the action plan; or
 - Substantially change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.
- The substantial change criteria utilized by the City of Union City is determined by a change in an activity which had been originally initiated through the HUD Program and in which the change would exceed:

- Changes in the use of CDBG funds from one eligible project to another (for example, from housing rehabilitation to public services).

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into Public Law 116-136 to respond to the growing effects of COVID19. The CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Of this amount, HUD is allocating \$2 billion based on the fiscal year 2019-2020 CDBG formula and made the first



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allocation of funds; the City of Union City's allocation is \$322,577. HUD will allocate the remaining \$3 billion based on needs in the following tranches: \$1 billion to states and insular areas, and \$2 billion to states and local governments at the discretion of the HUD Secretary.

The allocation of the \$322,577 will be used to fund a small business assistance program, and to support the CAREEavan program to help residents of Union City who are being affected by COVID-19.

The Secretary is authorized to grant waivers and alternative requirements of statutes and regulations in connection with the use of CDBG-CV funds and fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG funds (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and environment). Waivers and alternative requirements can be granted when necessary to expedite and facilitate the use of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Moreover, the Citizen Participation Plan will be amended so that the public comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days, and virtual public hearings may be used when necessary for public health reasons. Also, the public service cap is suspended during the emergency, and state and local government may reimburse costs of eligible activities incurred for pandemic response regardless of the date.

Public Comment Period

A draft of the substantial amendment is available for public review and comment. It will be available starting on June 9, 2020 and ending on June 15, 2020. Please email all comments to housing@unioncity.org.

You can access the draft substantial amendment here:

<https://www.unioncity.org/293/Community-Development-Block-Grant-Program>.

Additional information, including how to submit comments via mail or fax, can be obtained by contacting: Ishmael Elias, Community Development Technician

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Public Meeting

A public meeting for the proposed amendment will be held on June 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via a virtual City Council meeting. Instructions on how to virtually attend the meeting and provide your comments can be found at

<https://www.unioncity.org/199/City-Meetings-Video>.

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