



Public Hearing
HUD 2019-2020 Action Plan
Substantial Amendment

City of Somerville, MA
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Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- CARES Act HUD funding Overview
- Substantial Amendment Funding proposed activities
- Community Participation Plan Amendment Review
- Public Comments
- Next Steps and Conclusion



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CARES ACT

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) on March 27, 2020
- To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and facilitate assistance to eligible communities, households, and persons economically impacted by COVID-19
- **CARES Act Funding to City of Somerville:**
 - **Community Development Block Grant: \$ 1,493,384**
 - **Emergency Solutions Grant: \$750,831**



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CARES Act Funding Allocation

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

Funding: \$ 1,493,384

FY 2019-2020: Reprogram up to 60% of 2019-2020 funding to Corona Virus relief effort activities.

FY 2020-2021: Allocated funds may also be used to respond to COVID-19 (2020-2021 Annual Action Plan forthcoming).



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CDBG Eligible Activities and Expenses

Activities:

- Assisting low- and moderate-income households with rental assistance (no more than 3 months)
- Food Security and Assistance Programs
- Support of activities promoting public health and well being services related to the COVID-19 Crisis.
- Business assistance for to retain low-mod income employees

Waivers and Provisions:

- Public Services Cap exemption for CARES funding and program years 2019 and 2020
- Emergency Citizen participation and public comment provisions.



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ESG Eligible Activities and Expenses

CARES Funding: \$ 750,831

Activities:

- Street outreach
- Emergency shelter
- Homelessness prevention
- Rapid re-housing
- Homeless Management Information System
- Administration

Mega Waiver and CAREs Provisions

- Effective March 31, 2020
- Contact OSPCD
- [HUD Exchange](#)



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ESG Eligible Activities and Expenses

Mega Waiver and CAREs Provisions

- **HMIS Lead Activities** - 24 CFR 576.107(a)(2)
 - Recipient must be the HMIS Lead to pay costs – waived.
- **Re-Evaluations for Homelessness Prevention Assistance** - 24 CFR 576.401(b)
 - Up to 2-year period beginning 3/31/2020, the required frequency of re-evaluations for homelessness prevention assistance is waived
- **Housing Stability Case Management** - 24 CFR 576.401(e)
 - For the 2-month period beginning 3/31/2020, the requirement that Program participants receiving homelessness prevention or rapid rehousing assistance must meet with a case manager not less than once per month is waived
- **Restriction of Rental Assistance to Units with Rent at or Below FMR** - 24 CFR 576.106(d)(1)
 - For 6-month period beginning 3/31/2020, the FMR restriction is waived for any individual or family receiving Rapid Re-housing or Homelessness Prevention assistance who executes a lease for a unit



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Citizen Participation Plan Amendment

Consolidated Plan's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) revised:

- CDBG: 5-day comment period
- ESG: 5-day comment period not required

Allowance of virtual hearings in support of social distancing measures.

For complete CPP amendment visit:

www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/administration



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Public Comments & Questions on the Annual Action Plan or Community Participation Amendments

- Via Email: ospcd@somervillema.gov
- In writing to:
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- Submit: from May 04 through May 08, 2020
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Questions And Comments

