

Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs

HUD Consolidated Plan 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan Amendment FY 2022 Annual Action Amendment

- 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan Amendment-Priority Need-Facility-Based Housing Assistance/Capital Development Projects
- FY 2022 Annual Action Plan Amendment- add activities Facility-Based Housing/Capital Development
- FY 2022 Annual Action Plan Amendment- Owner-Occupied Rehab, Homebuyer Assistance, & Facility-Based Housing/Capital Development (reallocate)

INTRODUCTION

This document is a substantial amendment to the City of Little Rock' 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and FY2022 Annual Action Plan. In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105 (c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs.

Title 24 Section 91.505 of the Code of Federal Regulations stipulates the participating jurisdictions shall amend their approved plans whenever they make the following decisions:

- 1. To make a change in its allocation priorities or a substantial change in the method of distribution of funds.
- 2. To carry out a new activity using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income), not previously described in the Annual Action Plan.
- 3. To substantially change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

This regulation further requires that jurisdictions identify in their citizen participation plans the criteria that they will use for determining what constitutes a substantial amendment.

Consistent with these requirements, the City of Little Rock Citizen Participation Plan, states that substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan are required when the City of Little Rock Community Development Division wishes to make one of the following changes:

- 1. A proposed new activity which cannot reasonably be construed to have been included within the programmatic intent of the adopted application or in the commitment of funds to a specific project; or
- 2. An activity that was identified in the adopted application, but which subsequently is proposed to be deleted; or
- An activity that is proposed to be altered in terms of its purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries to such an extent that it can no longer reasonably be construed as the activity reviewed by the public and approved by the Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee.
- 4. The criteria to be used in determining if an activity is at risk of becoming substantially changed from its originally intended purpose will be based upon further Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee actions to modify/amend the Consolidated Plan proposed activities.
- 5. City staff shall proactively monitor each funded project for compliance with its respective performance criteria and provide periodic progress reports to the Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee.

- 6. Any activity that is judged to be at risk of substantially changing from its originally intended propose, scope, location, or beneficiaries will be reviewed in a public hearing forum prior to a decision by the Consolidated Advisory Plan Committee as to whether the performance objectives of the project shall be amended.
- 7. An application for a CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee.

The proposed change is to carry out the following activities not previously described in the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan:

- Facility-Based Housing Assistance (HOPWA)
- Capital Development (HOPWA)

The proposed change will also reallocate Seven Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five and 50/100 Dollars (\$755,965.50) for Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, Homebuyer Assistance, and Facility-Based Housing Assistance/Capital Development.

PROPOSED AMENDED SECTION

I. 2021-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN – STRATEGIC PLAN

The proposed substantial amendment will amend the Strategic Plan of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan in the following sections:

A. SP-25 Priority Needs

a. Amend priority need Special Needs Housing, Facilities, & Services and to add Facility-Based Housing Assistance and Capital Development to the Strategic Plan Section. Facility-Based Housing Assistance & Capital Development will provide housing units and assistance for persons with HIV/AIDS.

B. SP-45 Goals

- a. Add DH 2.9 Facility-Based Housing providing resources to develop and operate community residences and other supportive housing for a special population.
- b. Add DH 3.0 Capital Development provides long-term investments used to buy, build, and/or renovate real property.

II. 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The proposed substantial amendment will amend the 2022 Annual Action Plan in the following sections:

A. AP-15 Expected Resources

a. Add reallocated funds respectively for the following: CDBG \$5,965.50 (Owner-Occupied Rehab); HOME \$200,000 (Homebuyer Assistance).

B. AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

- Add DH 2.9 Facility-Based Housing providing resources to develop and operate community residences and other supportive housing for a special population.
- b. Add DH 3.0 Capital Development provides long-term investments used to buy, build, and/or renovate real property.

C. AP-35 Projects & AP-38 Project Summary

- a. Increase Owner-Occupied Rehab (CDBG \$5,965.50) to assist homeowners with needed repairs to maintain their homes.
- b. Add Homebuyer Assistance (HOME \$200,000.00) to assist low and moderate income families to become homeowners.
- c. Add Facility-Based Housing & Capital Development (HOPWA \$550,000.00) to develop and operate housing for a special population.
- d. Decrease Project Sponsor Administration (HOPWA \$65,224.74)
- e. Decrease Housing Assistance and Related Supportive (HOPWA \$484,775.26)

D. AP-55 Affordable Housing

- a. Increase 1-year goals for the number of households to be supported for non-homeless by 11.
- b. Increase 1-year goals for the number of households to be supported for special needs by 4.
- c. Increase 1-year goals for the number of households to be supported for acquisition of existing units by 14.
- d. Increase 1-year goals for the number of households to be supported for rehab of existing units.
- e. Update the narrative in the discussion section to reflect new activities.

III. PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of the proposed substantial amendment will be published in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on January 19, 2025. The 30-day comment period will be January 21, 2025-February 20, 2025. Written comments should be sent on or before February 20, 2025 to the following:

City of Little Rock
Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs
Community Development
Tracey Shine
500 West Markham, Suite 120W
Little Rock, AR 72201

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock will conduct a public hearing on the substantial amendment in conjunction with the Board's regular meeting in the Board Room on the second floor on **Tuesday**, **March 4**, **at 6:00pm**.

