
City of Norman, Oklahoma

*Substantial Amendment One
to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)*

2019 Action Plan

For public comment April 9, 2020 through May 11, 2020

City of Norman, Planning and Community Development



NOTICE is hereby given that Amendment Number One to the City of Norman's proposed Fifth Year Action Plan for the program year 2019-2020 will be considered on April 14, 2020 by the Norman City Council during a regular meeting.

Preparation of this amendment included discussion and approval by the Community Development Policy Committee as a whole, in compliance with a Citizen Participation Plan that was prepared with the input of citizens. The funds that are included within this amendment are proposed to 100% benefit low-to-moderate income persons in their entirety.

The Fifth Year Action Plan for the 45th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the 2019 HOME Partnership Program (City of Norman FY 2019-2020) were approved by the Norman City Council on May 14, 2019 and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on June 18, 2019. All activities included in the proposed use of funds referenced the Five-Year Consolidated Plan Objectives and expected performance outcomes, and totaled \$850,844.

To assist in addressing the current financial impact associated with the COVID-19 crisis to households in Norman, the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) requested the reprogramming of funds (\$75,000) identified within the Fifth Year Action Plan. These funds will be utilized for a program targeting households who as a result of this crisis have seen a substantial reduction of their employment income. The funds will be utilized for the payment of rent and/or utilities for the affected households.

Discussion has been held with the CDBG Policy Committee, United Way of Norman, Food and Shelter, Inc. and Salvation Army, among others pertaining to how the CDBG Program can be utilized to assist in meeting the demand for the dramatic increase in the number of families that are looking for financial assistance for the payment of rent and utilities. This is a crisis that all expect to increase as many remain out of work for the immediate future.

The source of these funds include the funds that were identified for the CDBG Bus Pass Program and the Original Townsite Improvement Project. The CDBG Bus Pass (\$34,139) funds are not currently being utilized due to Embark Norman's free fare structure. The Original Townsite Driveway Project (\$40,861) has not begun and other CDBG funds from past years will be utilized to complete the project as planned. Because CDBG funds are required to be tracked and segregated by awards the funds being identified simplifies this request. Previous year Action Plans included funding for Street Improvements that can be utilized for the Original Townsite Driveway Project.

Copies of Amendment One to the 2019-2020 Action Plan are available for review by contacting the Grants Division of the Department of Planning & Community Development at 405-366-5464 or lisa.krieg@normanok.gov. Any comments or views of citizens received in writing during the comment period, or orally at the public hearing to be held on April 14, 2020 during the meeting of the Norman City Council will be considered in preparing the Amendment. A summary of the comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore, shall be attached to the final amendments. The proposed use of funds is hereby published below. Comments must be received prior to 5 p.m. on May 11, 2020.

For additional information please contact Lisa Krieg, Grants Planner at 405-366-5464 or lisa.krieg@normanok.gov.

AMENDMENT ONE TO THE FIFTH YEAR ACTION PLAN 2019-2020

Community Development Block Grant	\$850,844 Total
Funds	
Administration, Planning and Fair Housing	\$150,418
Public Services	402,452 \$143,313 Total, including:
Homeless Services Coordination	\$67,452
CART Bus Pass Program – Eliminate Funding	\$35,000 \$861
COVID-19 Rent/Utility Program	\$75,000
Housing Rehabilitation Programs	\$262,974 Total, including:
Project Delivery Costs	\$158,974
Exterior Property Maintenance–Original Townsite	\$54,000
Accessibility Modification Program	\$50,000
Neighborhood Projects	\$235,000 \$194,139 Total, including:
Original Townsite Improvements	\$185,000 \$144,139
Tree Planting Project	\$50,000
Norman Affordable Housing Corporation, Acquisition of Property for Affordable Housing	\$100,000
HOME Investment Partnerships Programs	\$374,974 Total
Administration and Fair Housing	\$15,000
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$90,000
Community Housing Development Corporation	\$56,248
Affordable Housing Development	\$213,726