

Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing for a Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Annual Action Plan- FY 2019

*** Special Funding Allocation related to COVID-19 ***

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified the city of a special allocation of funding associated with the federal CARES Act. The funding is intended to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The city has been allocated the following amounts:

- Community Development Block Grant – CDBG-CV: \$1,427,448
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program – ESG-CV: \$719,669
- Total HUD COVID Special Allocation: \$2,147,117

These amounts will be added as a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan, Year 5 of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Input about arising needs for low- and moderate-income people related to the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged. The following activities are being considered for funding: small business/micro-enterprise technical assistance, job training, subsistence payments to prevent homelessness, homeless facilities, homelessness prevention and rapid-rehousing, homeless case management, homeless outreach services, and emergency shelter. All activities receiving funds shall assist with needs related to the preventing, preparing for, and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. More information can be found on the Planning & Development website at <http://duluthmn.gov/planning-development>.

Due to the urgency of the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD has issued a waiver to 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 91.115(c)(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401 that allows for an expedited comment period. The comment period will be Tuesday, April 28, 2020 to Monday, May 4, 2020. A virtual public hearing via WebEx will be held on May 5th, 2020 at 5:30 PM by the Community Development Committee.

The Community Development Committee will be holding its Meeting by other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021 in response to the COVID-19 emergency. Some members of the Committee will be participating through video conference. Due to the COVID-19 emergency and the closure of City facilities, public comment will not be taken in person. However, members of the public can monitor the meeting and provide public comment on agenda items through WebEx Events. Visit <https://duluthmn.gov/live-meeting> to access the meeting. The public is also encouraged to submit written comment to Ben VanTassel prior to the meeting. Please include "May 5th Agenda" in the subject line, and include your name and address and the agenda item you are speaking to. Please note that all public comment is considered Public Data.

Ben VanTassel can be reached at: 218-730-5580 or bvantassel@duluthmn.gov or 411 W. First Street, Room 160, Duluth, MN 55802. If you have special needs, such as an interpreter, please contact the Planning and Development Division at 730-5580 so that your needs can be accommodated. For hearing impaired persons please call the

City's TTY/Information Assistance at 730-5000 or the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.