

Community Development Block Grant Program  
Annual Action Plan  
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

PY 2018/2019

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# THE CDBG SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

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**A. NARRATIVE** –The City of Mount Vernon is an Entitlement City in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Public Notice and Public Hearings are required for substantial amendments to the Action Plan. A substantial amendment is required when proposed use of CDBG funds not previously identified/approved in the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan; or a change in the allocation priorities or in the method of distribution of funds; or a change in the use of funds from one eligible activity to another that exceeds ten percent (10%) of the total current CDBG grant allocation.

The City of Mount Vernon is processing a substantial amendment is to reallocate unexpended funds from slow moving and/or completed projects. The substantial amendment is necessary so that the City can meet a statutorily required expenditure ratio as required by HUD. As per regulations, the City cannot have more than 1.5 times their annual CDBG grant allocation unexpended on May 2<sup>nd</sup> of each year. The objective of the Section 108 Loan Program is to systematically upgrade infrastructure and reduce flooding in the downtown area and to provide for the Library Commons Project.

**B. CDBG INFORMATION BY ACTIVITY**

**YEAR 2018-2019**

(1) Activity Name: Affordable Housing – Friendship House repairs

(2) Funding Amount: \$45,366.59

(3) Activity Narrative:

The City of Mount Vernon proposes to reallocate the remaining unexpended funds from the Friendship House Repair project in the 2018-2019 Action Plan which has not been expended by the subrecipient to a previously approved project for the acquisition of property for the purposes of providing housing for homeless persons.

(4) Responsible Organization: City of Mount Vernon, Mayors Office

## **YEAR 2020-2021**

- (1) Activity Name: Microenterprise Assistance Activities
- (2) Funding Amount: \$11,300.00
- (3) Activity Narrative: The City of Mount Vernon proposes to reallocate the remaining unexpended funds from this activity in the 2020-2021 Action Plan which has not been expended and reallocate the funds to the Library Commons Section 108 Loan program (an existing activity approved in the 2020-2021 Action Plan) for the Section 108 project.
- (4) Responsible Organization: City of Mount Vernon, Mayors Office

## **YEAR 2021-2022**

- (1) Activity Name: Consolidated Planning – Planning & Administration
- (2) Funding Amount: \$32,377.00
- (3) Activity Narrative: The City of Mount Vernon proposes reallocate the remaining unexpended funds from this activity in the 2021-2022 Action Plan which has not been expended and reallocate the funds to the Library Commons Section 108 Loan program (an existing activity approved in the 2021-2022 Action Plan) for the Section 108 project.

## **YEAR 2021-2022**

- (4) Activity Name: Public Facility Revitalization – Food Bank Distribution Facility
- (5) Funding Amount: \$40,000.00
- (6) Activity Narrative: The City of Mount Vernon proposes reallocate the funding from an ineligible project, the Food Bank Distribution Facility project in the 2021-2022 Action Plan and reallocate the funds to the Library Commons Section 108 Loan program (an existing activity approved in the 2021-2022 Action Plan) for the Section 108 project.

## **YEAR 2022-2023**

- (1) Activity Name: Human Services – Volunteers of America
- (2) Funding Amount: \$4,343.22
- (3) Activity Narrative: The City of Mount Vernon proposes reallocate the remaining unexpended funds from this activity in the 2020-2021 Action Plan which has not been expended and reallocate the funds to the Library Commons Section 108 Loan program (an existing activity approved in the 2020-2021 Action Plan) for the Section 108 project.

***C. PUBLIC COMMENT***

A public hearing will be held regarding the Substantial Amendments during a meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Police/Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA. Notice of our intended amendment was posted on our web site on October 10, 2023 in addition to being posted by the Mount Vernon City Library and Skagit County Housing Authority and published in the local newspaper.

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