

**Notice to the Public of Five Day Comment Period**  
**Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan & the FY 2019 Action Plan for**  
**the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Grant Program CARES Act**  
**Funding and Citizen Participation Plan**

In accordance 24 CFR 91.05 (c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to the City of Monroe's Citizen Participation Plan and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the City of Monroe is preparing an amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan & FY 2019 Annual Action Plan for the City of Monroe available to the public through this notice.

Due to the social distancing guidelines, the City Council meeting will be utilized to acknowledge the public hearing on May 11, 2021. However, the meeting will be streamed live via Facebook, and there will be an opportunity for the public to submit written comments on the Action Plan. **The comment period will begin on May 12<sup>th</sup> and ends on May 19, 2021.**

Members of the public who wish to submit their written comments on a listed agenda item must submit their comments at [jawaun.downs@ci.monroe.la.us](mailto:jawaun.downs@ci.monroe.la.us) or by calling (318) 329-2256 for staff assistance.

This is an amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan & FY 2019 Annual Action Plan will enable the City of Monroe to receive and administer **\$383,763.00** in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Additional CDBG funding made available to the City by HUD through the CARES Act is unknown at this time. Still, it will be used for the same purpose as the initial allocations indicated above, which is to prevent the spread of coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) and facilitate assistance to eligible communities, households, and persons economically impacted by COVID-19.

Eligible CDBG activities include, but are not limited to, assisting low- and moderate-income households with minor rehabilitation, public facilities improvements, and new programs to prevent or respond to coronavirus.

Furthermore, the City of Monroe will reprogram unutilized CARES Act funding to public service, public facilities and housing projects to address COVID-19 related issues.

The following activities will be supported by the CARES ACT funding:

<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Project/Activity</b>	<b>Category:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
<b>CDBG CARES ACT COVID19</b>	Public Facilities – Transit Division CDBG CARES Act will fund eighteen (18) locations with trash receptacles, three (3) sites with bus shelters & solar lighting, & 8’ shelter benches.	Public Facilities	<b>\$ 175,000</b>
<b>CDBG CARES ACT COVID19</b>	Hosting Health Fairs with COVID-19 Vaccinations	Public Facilities	<b>\$ 15,000</b>
<b>CDBG CARES ACT COVID19</b>	Mobile Library & Mobile Activity Center	Public Facilities	<b>\$76,000</b>
<b>CDBG CARES ACT COVID 19</b>	Minor Rehabilitation for covid related projects by improving ventilation, air quality & overall quality of life.	Housing	<b>\$60,763</b>
<b>CDBG -CARES ACT COVID19</b>	Program Administration, supplies & Program Delivery Costs: CDBG CARE COVID19 Funds will be invested to utilize staff to address	CDBG Administration - 15% cap of CDBG Grant Housing Delivery Costs	<b>\$57,000</b>
<b>CDBG Total:</b>			<b>\$383,763</b>

**Written comments regarding the Substantial Amendment on the proposed usage of funds should be addressed to:**

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**Comments can also be emailed to [jawaun.downs@ci.monroe.la.us](mailto:jawaun.downs@ci.monroe.la.us).**

**All comments will need to be submitted by 5:00 p.m. May 19, 2021.**

**This notice is being posted at [www.monroela.us/government/departments/planning-urban-development](http://www.monroela.us/government/departments/planning-urban-development) on the 12th day of May, 2021.**