

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA**  
**AMENDMENT TO THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AND**  
**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019-2023 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**  
**AND THE FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held to solicit comments from individuals and organizations concerning the City of East Chicago's draft Citizen Participation Plan Amendment and the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2019 Action Plan. All interested parties are encouraged to participate and provide comments. Copy of the proposed amendments can be viewed at: <http://www.eastchicago.com/243/Redevelopment>.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified local jurisdictions of supplemental allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (**CARES Act**) Public Law 116-136. The additional funding is provided by HUD to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic in local communities. The CARES Act also authorizes jurisdictions receiving CDBG & HOME funds to amend their Citizen Participation Plan to include online public review and hearing provisions, along with expedited public comment periods, in light of the pandemic situation.

The proposed Amendments will be presented virtually **Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 3:00 PM**. Pursuant to COVID-19 emergency, and Executive Order 20-09, the meeting will take place via Zoom video conference.

**The link for access to the meeting is:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89432104774?pwd=M3VBeFd2QmNsSnhUNFM0ZW9EVTZxdz09>

**Citizen Participation Plan Amendment**

The Citizen Participation Plan is prepared in compliance with 24 CFR Part 91.105, "*Citizen Participation Plan-Local Governments*". This Citizen Participation Plan sets forth the City of East Chicago's policies and procedures for citizen participation by encouraging citizens to participate in the development of the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. It also provides requirements for public process when a "substantial amendment" to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan is proposed. The criteria used to determine what constitutes an amendment are based on the following:

- a. **Purpose** - the original purpose for which the activity was selected has changed, including the category of the National Objective selected.
- b. **Scope** – the size or scope of work of the project activity has increased or decreased which changes the cost of the activity by more than 50% of the total original budgeted dollar amount for that activity.

- c. **Location** - the location of the project activity is different from that originally proposed, or the size of the project service area has increased or decreased by 25% in size, or the location of the activity had to be relocated to another area.
- d. **Beneficiaries** - the number of beneficiaries has been reduced by 25% or more, and/or the activity no longer serves at least 51% low- and moderate-income persons.
- e. **Cost** – the total cost of the activity has increased or decreased by 50% or more than the original budget amount.
- f. **New Activity** – a new activity is proposed which was not previously approved.
- g. **Deleted or Canceled Activity** – a previously approved activity is proposed to be deleted/canceled from the approved plan.

However, due to COVID-19, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued guidance that waives the Citizen Participation Plan requirements for entitlement recipients, provided that (1) no fewer than five days are provided for public comment and that (2) reasonable notice and the opportunity to comment is provided.

The amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan consist of the following:

**Declaration of an Emergency**

*When a Declaration of an Emergency has been ordered by the President of the United States, or the Governor of Indiana, the City of East Chicago will follow the following process concerning public hearings and public display of plans.*

- *If the City is unable to hold open public hearings in person, the City will be allowed to instead hold virtual public hearings through conference calls or an online video conference call platforms as long as the public is able to provide public comments during the virtual public hearing.*
- *If the City is not able to publicly place the plans on public display at the locations referenced in the Citizen Participation Plan, the City will put the plans on the City's website (<http://www.eastchicago.com/243/Redevelopment>) and will also email copies of the plans to any person who will request a copy of the plans via email upon request.*
- *If the Redevelopment Commission is unable to conduct an open public forum type meeting, the Commission then can approve the plans at a Redevelopment Commission meeting through an on-line virtual meeting, if an in-person Redevelopment Commission meetings are not happening because of the Emergency.*
- *The City will follow any changes or revisions, including applying for waivers that may be issued by HUD as a result of the Declaration of an Emergency.*

All other sections of the Citizen Participation Plan shall remain in full force and effect.

**Proposed Substantial Amendments:**

The City is proposing the following amendments:

**CDBG-CV Funding Allocation: \$787,698.00**

<b>CDBG-CV Budget Proposal</b>	
<b><u>Eligible Activity/Uses</u></b>	
Administration and Planning	\$ 50,000
Public Services	\$150,000
Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance	\$587,698
	<b>\$787,698</b>

**FY 2019 Substantial Amendment**

<b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
2019	Public Service – Contingency		<\$31,813.08>
2019	City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation – Youth Basketball Program		<\$20,000.00>
2019	City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation – Summer Stars Camp		<\$25,000.00>
2019	City of East Chicago – Summer Employment Program		<\$50,000.00>
2019	Haven House, Inc.		<\$12,000.00>
2019	City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation – Arts Programs		<\$5,000.00>
2019	City of East Chicago - Sports Voucher Program		<\$2,000.00>
2019	Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana	\$15,000.00	
2019	Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana	\$5,000.00	
2019	Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance	\$10,000.00	
2019	We Care From the Heart	\$3,000.00	
2019	Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery	\$35,000.00	
2019	Housing Rehabilitation Programs	\$77,813.08	
		<b>\$145,813.08</b>	<b>&lt;\$145,813.08&gt;</b>

Residents are encouraged to review the proposed Citizen Participation Plan Amendment and Substantial Amendment and provide oral and or written comments via e-mail or fax through **Monday, October 5, 2020** at the following:

**City of East Chicago**  
**Department of Redevelopment**  
**4525 Indianapolis Blvd.-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**East Chicago, IN 46312**  
**ATTN: Substantial Amendment**  
**Phone: (219) 391-8513**  
**Fax: (219) 391-7005**  
**E-mail: [LTurk@eastchicago.com](mailto:LTurk@eastchicago.com)**

**Anthony Copeland, Mayor – City of East Chicago, Indiana**  
**Frank Rivera, Executive Director – East Chicago Dept. of Redevelopment**