

PART I

PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD

I. Introduction

In accordance with Title 24 Section 91.505 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the City of Birmingham is submitting this Substantial Amendment to its 2015 - 2019 Consolidated Plan and 2016 Annual Action Plan. This document describes program and funding amendments as proposed by the Community Development Department (CDD). Specifically, CDD proposes the reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding allocated and unspent in previous funding years in the amount of \$3,487,938.70. These unused funds and their proposed reallocation are outlined below.

II. Regulatory Basis

24 CFR 91.505 requires that the City of Birmingham amend its approved Consolidated Plan whenever it plans to:

1. make a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
2. carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan, not previously described in the Annual Action Plan; or
3. change the purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries of an activity.

The regulation further requires that the City identify in its Citizen Participation Plan the criteria used for determining what constitutes a substantial amendment. The City's approved Plan notes that a substantial amendment will be considered to exist when there is a proposed change in activity, scope or funding that deviates significantly from the overall intent of the most recent Consolidated Plan. The proposed changes all meet one of these criteria, and so requires a substantial amendment.

III. CONSOLIDATED PLAN AMENDMENT POLICY:

In accordance with the City's (HUD) Approved Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation Plan, the City shall amend its Consolidated Plan Statement whenever it decides not to carry out an activity described in the Plan, or decides to carry out an activity not previously described or

decides to substantially change the purpose, scope, location beneficiaries, or budgeted dollar amount of an activity. The amendment of a budgeted dollar amount of an activity in an existing Action Plan by more than 25 percent, plus or minus, shall be considered to be a substantial change for purposes of requiring a written amendment.

Prior to amending its Consolidated Plan, the City shall provide citizens with reasonable notice of, and opportunity to comment on such proposed changes in its use of funds. The City will consider any such comments, and if the City deems appropriate, modify the proposed changes. The city will make available to the public, and shall submit to HUD, a description of any changes adopted.

Additionally, the City will provide a period, not less than thirty (30) days, to receive comments, written or oral, on the substantial amendment prior to its adoption. A summary of comments and views are attached to the substantial amendment of the Consolidated Plan.

IV. PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO PY 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 ACTION PLAN:

The City proposes the following substantial amendment to its PY 2016 Action Plan, thereby adjusting previous years as described below:

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG):

ACTION PLAN ACTIVITY REALLOCATION	UNSPENT/REDUCTION
Housing Rehabilitation PY 2011	\$143,222.81
Housing Rehabilitation PY 2012	\$212,000.00
Housing Rehabilitation PY 2013	\$608,600.94
General Program Admin PY 2014	\$736,607.21
Housing Rehabilitation PY 2014	\$781,906.09
Independent Living Resources PY 2014	\$41,511.54
Metro Changers PY 2014	\$251.70
Urban League P 14	\$14.66
Housing Rehabilitation PY 2016	\$963,823.75
TOTAL	\$3,487,938.70

ACTIVITY - PY 2016 ACTION PLAN	INCREASE
<p>PUBLIC FACILITIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Development Department (CDD) proposes to assist the City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Department with equipment, repairs and accessibility to City Parks. Both recreation centers are located in low and moderated neighborhoods and providing safe and fun environments. CDD will provide funds to purchase equipment to be located at a public facility to benefit homeless in emergency or urgent situations. 	<p>\$450,000</p> <p>\$14,000</p>
<p>INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDD proposes to provide match funds for Individual Development Accounts (IDA). These accounts would allow for the development of match saving accounts through a program designed for low to moderate families and individuals looking to achieve the goal of housing down payment and micro enterprise expenses under the HUD Homeowner assistance and microenterprise criteria. The program will be administered by the United Way of Central Alabama. Assets for Independence program. 	<p>\$150,000</p>
<p>MICRO ENTERISE & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDBG Small Business Assistance CDD proposes to provide funding to assist with business retention and expansion. Funds will allow businesses to create an industrial compound that bring together core businesses which will include a culinary incubator. CDBG Small Business Assistance Loan Fund - CDD proposes to fund The City of Birmingham Small Business Revolving Loan Fund Program's (SBRLF) to help businesses develop, so that they can create or retain jobs that will benefit low to moderate-income persons. The program will provide technical and financial assistance to entrepreneurs that commit to the creation or retention of jobs. Through the SBRLF financial assistance and technical assistance will be offered to small businesses located within city of Birmingham CDBG target area. 	<p>\$250,000</p> <p>\$100,000</p>
<p>HOUSING REHABILITATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDD proposes to provide grants up to \$35,000 to eligible low and moderate-income households to repair owner-occupied, single-family homes. This program is designed to address health, safety, and structural/deferred maintenance deficiencies and will enable homeowners to improve their housing while creating a positive effect in the community. 	<p>\$100,000.95</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDD proposes to provide rental housing rehabilitation financing assistance to owners of single-family rental properties. The program will provide matching funds up to a maximum of \$10,000 per unit. The program is designed to combine federal funds with matching funds provided by the owner. 	\$160,114
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Preservation Rehab Assistance Program – CDD proposes to provide financial assistance to eligible historic homeowners for rehabilitation of their homes. The program will provide funds up to a maximum of \$50,000 per unit. This program will specifically address emergency repairs, structural deficiencies and deferred maintenance. 	\$100,000
<p>FLOAT LOAN/HOUSING REHABILITATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDD proposes to provide funding for acquisition and redevelopment of multi-family residential to benefit low to moderate-income persons. 	\$1,500,000
<p>INFRASTRUCTURE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDD proposes to provide eligible infrastructure improvements within low to moderate income eligible areas 	\$100,000
<p>DEMOLITION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDD proposes to provide funding for clearance activities related to demolishing buildings and improvements or preparing a site for development. 	\$100,000
<p>CODE ENFORCEMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDD proposed to provide funding for its Code Enforcement Program via the payment of salaries and overhead costs that are directly related to local code enforcement in eligible neighborhoods. 	\$63,823.75
<p>HISTORIC PRESERVATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDD proposes to provide financial assistance to eligible nonresidential historic properties for preservation, rehabilitation or restoration of both publicly and privately owned properties. 	\$400,000.00
TOTAL	\$3,487,938.70

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of the City’s Final Substantial Amendments to its PY 2016 Action Plan described herein regarding its proposed use of CDBG funding and will accept written comments for a period of at least thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the publication. Copies of the City’s Proposed Substantial Amendment are available for inspection in the City’s Community Development

Department, 710 North 20th Street, Room 1000, Birmingham, Alabama from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. Copies are also available for inspection at the Birmingham Public Central Library, 2100 Park Place, Birmingham, Alabama, during regular business hours and a copy is posted on the City's website at www.birminghamal.gov under the Community Development Department.

The City's Community Development Department will conduct a public hearing on **January 26, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Birmingham City Council Chamber, 710 North 20th Street, 3rd Floor City Hall; Birmingham, Alabama. The purpose of the hearing will be to obtain comments regarding the proposed PY 2016 Substantial Amendment. Also, citizens will be afforded an opportunity to 1) identify housing and community development needs and priorities; 2) review proposed uses of funds; and 3) comment on and review the City's program performance. All comments received will be considered in the development of the City's Final PY 2016 Substantial Amendment and submission to HUD.

The hearing location is accessible to persons with disabilities; however, anyone who requires further information or has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance should notify the Community Development Department at the referenced address no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing dates. The City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. The City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices as mandated by Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Written comments regarding the City's Proposed PY 2016 Substantial Amendment should be submitted to P. Nigel Roberts, Deputy Director; Community Development Department at the address referenced herein. All written comments must be received at the referenced address no later than 4:00 p.m.; Monday, February 20, 2017 to be considered in the development of the City's Final PY 2016 Action Plan Substantial Amendment. No comments submitted by e-mail or fax transmission will be accepted or considered.

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