

City of Philadelphia
Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan - City Fiscal Year 2020
HUD Program Year 2019
CARES Act – Second Allocation ESG

BACKGROUND

On March 27, 2020 the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law to assist communities in their efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus COVID19. The CARES Act included supplemental formula allocations to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs. A second allocation of \$22,293,192 in ESG-CV was allocated to the City of Philadelphia.

In accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, a substantial amendment to the *City's FY 20 Annual Action Plan* is required. In response to COVID-19 and the urgency of need, HUD issued guidance that ESG recipients have the immediate ability to omit the citizen participation and consultation requirements for substantial amendments and new consolidated plan submissions for ESG-CV funding. The City will meet the HUD requirement to publish how it will use this allocation on its website - <https://www.phila.gov/documents/five-year-consolidated-plan-annual-action-plans-and-reports/>. The proposed activities and budget are detailed below.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The City, through the Office of Homeless Services, plans to meet new and emergent needs for people experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness in the wake of the COVID pandemic. The anticipated service suite to be provided includes homeless outreach to those who are unsheltered, emergency and temporary housing, homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing with a special focus on those who are at greater risk of serious illness if they contract COVID. OHS is also exploring the establishment of tiny home villages and other alternative temporary housing options that enable people to both have community and personal space to protect themselves from contracting or spreading the virus. OHS will also focus on addressing the unique needs of people with limited English proficiency, refugees, immigrant and underserved communities who may be living in unsafe conditions.

ESG-CV Second Budget Allocation – \$22,293,192

<i>PROGRAM</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
<i>Outreach</i>	2,229,319
<i>Emergency/ Temporary Housing including potentially tiny houses</i>	8,917,277
<i>Rapid Rehousing – focus on moving people in emergency housing programs into permanent stable housing. Assist up to 24 months over any three-year period.</i>	6,687,958
<i>Homelessness Prevention – financial assistance to people imminently at risk of becoming homeless.</i>	2,229,319
<i>Administration</i>	2,229,319
TOTAL	\$22,293,192