

**CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing for Proposed Substantial
Amendments to 2020, 2021 and 2022 Annual Action Plans**

July 11, 2023

Background

The City of Niagara Falls (City) is proposing amendments to its 2020, 2021 and 2022 Annual Action Plans that cover the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding received by the City from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The amendments address the reprogramming of CDBG funds. This notice also addresses the public comment period and public hearing for the amendments.

Substantial Amendment to 2020, 2021 and 2022 Annual Action Plans

Notice is hereby given that the City proposes Substantial Amendments of its HUD Annual Action Plans for 2020, 2021 and 2022 to reprogram unused CDBG funds to be used in FY 2023-2024. The funds targeted for reprogramming consist of unused funds, balances for programs that no longer exist, or are funds unlikely to be used in a timely manner. If these funds are not expended, the City's federal grant allocations will be at risk of recapture by HUD. Funds will be allocated for activities that will allow for timely expenditures that are consistent with the City's Consolidated Planning goals and objectives.

Proposed Amendments

Remaining Sewer Lateral Program Funds (2020 Funds)

405,000 Remaining Funds

NACC	\$100,000.00	Facility Upgrades
Christ Redemption	\$100,000.00	Roof Replacement
NFCD First Time Home Buyer	\$ 50,000.00	First Time Homebuyer*
Neighborworks	\$ 50,000.00	First Time Homebuyer*
Center City	\$ 50,000.00	Owner Occupied Rehab
Sewer Lateral Program	\$ 55,000.00	Amount Remaining in SLP Line
TOTAL	\$405,000.00	Substantial Amendment

*The first time homebuyer grants will be increased to \$5,000.00 from \$2,500.00,

Milling and Paving Reprogramming

\$300,000 unused funds from previous years

Year/Program	Current Balance	Amount Reallocated	Reallocation
2021 Demos	\$336,653.00	\$216,000.00	Milling/Paving
2022 Clean Neighborhood	\$200,000.00	\$ 84,000.00	Milling/Paving
Total Reallocated		\$300,000.00	

Revolving Loan Fund Reprogramming

The revolving loan fund contains loan repayments from rehabilitation loans from prior years. The balance of the fund in the amount of \$362,916.56 will be reprogrammed to milling and paving. In addition, any future repayments will be treated as program income.

Requests for additional information regarding the reprogramming should be submitted by email to Clifford Scott at Clifford.Scott@niagarafallsny.gov . This proposed Substantial Amendment is subject to a public comment period and public hearing as detailed below.

Public Comment Periods

A public comment period on the Substantial Amendments to the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Annual Action Plans opens July 11, 2023. Public comments must be received in writing on or before August 14, 2023. Written comments may be submitted in person at, or by mail addressed to: City of Niagara Falls, Department of Community Development, 745 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14302. Written comments may be submitted by e-mail addressed to Clifford Scott at Clifford.Scott@niagarafallsny.gov . All comments will be presented to the City Council prior to its consideration of resolutions to submit the amendments to HUD.

Public Hearing

The Niagara Falls Community Development will hold a public hearing on the amendments on August 14, 2023 commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 745 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14302. Public comments to be read during the public hearing may be submitted in advance of the hearing to Clifford.Scott@niagarafallsny.gov . Every effort will be made to respond to public concerns, suggestions, and questions during the hearing. All public comments will be presented to the City Council before a vote on amendments. The Substantial Amendments must be approved by City Council before the Substantial Amendments can take effect.

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