



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Substantial Amendment to the FY 2023 Action Plan, Public Hearings, and Public Comment Period

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires each Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement grantee to prepare a 5-year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan identifies community needs, resources, and priorities. In addition, an Action Plan is prepared each year that provides information on the intended use of CDBG funds to address the needs in the Consolidated Plan.

An amendment to the Consolidated Plan or Action Plan requires the jurisdiction to follow the substantial amendment process and that funds benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The City proposes reallocating program income funds for Housing New Construction activity by \$374,558 due to the unavailability of property and timeliness to construct new affordable homes. The City proposes to amend the FY 2023 Action Plan as follows:

- Add Community Facilities as a project. Community Facilities is a goal in the City of Auburn 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The Plan describes the "Community Facilities" goal as supporting the improvement of public and community facilities in Auburn.
- Allocate \$374,558 for a project at a City of Auburn community facility, the Boykin Community Center. The Center is in a LMI census tract and is one of four City community centers. The Boykin Community Center houses the City's Community Services Department, Boys and Girls Clubs of East Alabama, Auburn Senior Center, Auburn Daycare Center, Joyland Child Development Center, Auburn University Health Care and Education Clinic, Boykin Resource Room, Boykin Food Pantry, APL@Boykin Micro Library, and the Boykin Fitness Center. The Community Facilities project will include the following activities:
 1. Architectural design and engineering services for the Boykin Community Center Renovation, Phase III of \$214,558. The proposed renovation will consist of, among others, the replacement of windows in the Auburn Senior Center, Community Services Department, Boykin Fitness Center, and Joyland Child Development Center; replacement of the Boykin Gymnasium tile flooring; upgrades to the restrooms in the Boykin Gymnasium; and relocating the Joyland kitchen from its current location near the main entrance to the Boykin Community Center to the Joyland Child Development Center wing.

2. Upgrade the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system in a Joyland Child Development Center wing for \$160,000. The project will enable the City to properly regulate the temperature and maintain air quality in the Joyland Child Development Center, which provides dependable childcare for 130 children, ages infant - 12 years.

The purpose of this advertisement is to notify the public of the proposed FY 2023 Action Plan Substantial Amendment, public hearings, and a public comment period.

An essential component of determining the need for government action is to obtain input from the local public, emphasizing involvement by low- and moderate-income persons. The City recognizes that citizen involvement in the CDBG program planning and development is essential. Therefore, the City is accepting written comments on this proposed CDBG FY 2023 Action Plan Substantial Amendment, beginning Thursday, September 28, 2023, and ending at 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 30, 2023. The public may submit their written comments to Ashley Thomas, RE: CDBG FY 2023 Action Plan Substantial Amendment Public Input, Community Services Department, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama; Email: athomas@auburnalabama.org; Fax: (334) 501-7288.

The City will hold public hearings to allow citizens to receive information and make comments as follows:

**Date of Public Hearing(s):
Monday, October 30, 2023, 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

An executive summary of the proposed FY 2023 Action Plan Substantial Amendment is available for public review at auburnalabama.org/community-development/resources.

For additional information, contact Ashley Thomas at (334) 501-7280 or athomas@auburnalabama.org.

Citizens requiring accommodations to participate in the public hearing(s) should notify the City's Community Services Department by phone (334-501-7280), via email at athomas@auburnalabama.org, or by mail (400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama 36832), no later than Thursday, October 26, 2023, for the accommodation to be considered.