



PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice of City of Auburn, Alabama Formal Amendment to City of Auburn State of Alabama CDBG-CV Program Grant Award, Public Hearing, and Public Comment Period

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020, is an economic relief package to protect the American people from public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. HUD allocated funds to the State of Alabama (State) to expend additional federal grant dollars on area health, educational, and economic distress needs incurring throughout the State due to Alabama Governor Kay Ivey's original April 3, 2020, and subsequent, government-declared "stay-at-home" and "safer-at-home" orders.

An amendment to the City of Auburn State CV Program requires the jurisdiction to follow the formal amendment process and that funds benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The City of Auburn proposes amending its City of Auburn State CDBG-CV application to reallocate funding from the Utility Assistance (\$43,160.94), Rental Assistance (\$69,386.00), and Program Administration (\$26,923.43) activities. Individuals are not seeking rental and utility assistance; therefore, the need for Homelessness Prevention and Program Administration has decreased significantly. The City also proposes reallocating public service funding from the Lee Russell Council of Governments Senior Program (\$20,000). The Stay-at-home directive was lifted for seniors 60 years old and those with underlying health conditions restrictions. Seniors can now attend the Senior Program in person to receive essentials like daily meals and social interactions.

Due to the inflated cost of food expenses and increased food-insecurity levels in the community, the City of Auburn is proposing to allocate the reallocated program funds of \$159,470.37 to the Food Bank of East Alabama (\$109,470.37) and the Auburn Community Development Corporation (\$50,000), to meet the greater need of the low-to-moderate income community.

The purpose of this advertisement is to notify the public of the City's formal amendment to its State of Alabama CDBG-CV Program Grant Award, use of funds, Public Hearing, and 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 will accept written comments on the City's formal amendment to its City of Auburn State of Alabama CDBG-CV Program Grant Award and use of the City of Auburn State CDBG-CV Program funds, beginning Thursday, January 25, 2024, and ending at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 27, 2024. The public may submit their written comments to Ashley Thomas, RE: City's proposed use of the City of Auburn State CDBG-CV

Program funds Public Input, Community Services Department, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama;
Email: athomas@auburnalabama.org; Fax: (334) 501-7288.

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

Date of Public Hearing:
Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Boykin Community Center Auditorium

An executive summary of the City's proposed use of the City of Auburn State CDBG-CV Program funds 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 meeting(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 Friday, February 16, 2024, for the accommodation to be considered.