

Public Hearing Notice
Franklin County
Department of Economic Development and Planning
2021 Action Plan and 2019 Action Plan Amendment to the U.S. Department of
Housing & Urban Development

This public notice serves to inform the public that Franklin County is soliciting public input on its draft 2021 Action Plan and is intending to amend its 2019 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The annual Action Plan describes the County's one year, planned use of HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Home (HOME) Investment Partnership resources administered by the County and its subrecipients. The County is anticipating it will receive approximately \$3.1 from these HUD categorical grant programs in 2021. (In addition to these resources the County will also be receiving program income from previous years to augment these programs.) In regards to amending the 2019 Action Plan the County is proposing to allocate HUD funds received under the COVID-19 2nd round of community development block grant (CDBG) and emergency solutions grant (ESG) stimulus funding. Under the COVID-19 CDBG program the county received \$1,955,322 and under the ESG program \$1,870,630 in second round funding.

The County's Consolidated Plan which governs the county's Action Plan states that any substantial change to an Action Plan requires a formal amendment to HUD. A substantial change is defined as the addition of any new project, the cancellation of any approved project after the expenditure of funding, a change to the approved location of a project, a major change in the scope of activities of any project or its beneficiaries, or the increase or decrease of funding to a project in excess of 20%. The amendment to the 2019 Action Plan is prompted by the adoption of two (2) new projects and the increase in funding of over 20% for a third project.

Proposed 2019 Project additions:

- Community Shelter Board \$1,870,630 COVID-19 ESG funding (homelessness prevention)
- Homes on the Hill \$200,000 COVID-19 CDBG funding Block (foreclosure and eviction prevention)
- Economic & Community Development Institute \$1,755,322 COVID-19 CDBG (funding small businesses)

Public hearings will be held to obtain citizen views on the proposed 2021 Action Plan and changes to the County's 2019 Action Plan. Anyone wishing to forward a comment will be recognized. A copy of the Action Plan amendments for the proposed amended activities can be obtained by contacting Mark Paxson at (614) 525-5578. You may also forward any comments or request an electronic copy of the amendment by e-mailing Mr. Paxson at mspaxson@franklincountyohio.gov. Owing to the coronavirus pandemic the County is utilizing the HUD waiver that doesn't require the conducting of an actual public hearing. In its place beyond the acceptance of transmittals, Mr. Paxson will be

accepting direct phone calls regarding this matter on Thursday, April 1st and Friday, April 2nd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The comment period for the County's 2021 Action Plan is April 1, 2021 through May 2, 2021.