

## PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge is making an amendment to the 2015-2019 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan and the 2019 Annual Action Plan for the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge available to the public through this notice.

### Public Comment Period and Process:

This Consolidated Plan amendment is available for a 5-day public review and comment period from April 27, 2020 to May 1, 2020. Citizens wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period may mail them, postmarked no later than May 1, 2020, to the following:

City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge  
Office of Community Development  
c/o Build Baton Rouge  
Attention: Tasha Saunders, Grants Director  
620 Florida Street  
Suite 110  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801  
225-387-5606 extension 503

You may also email comments no later than May 1, 2020 to Ms. Saunders at [tsaunders@buildbatonrouge.org](mailto:tsaunders@buildbatonrouge.org).

### Amendment:

This is an amendment to the 2015-2019 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan and the 2019 Annual Action Plan for the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge (City-Parish) to enable the City-Parish to receive and administer \$1,932,038 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$955,589 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and \$370,057 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Additional CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA funding made available to the City-Parish by HUD through the CARES Act is unknown as this time but will be used for the same purpose of the initial allocations indicated above which is to prevent the spread of coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) and facilitate assistance to eligible communities, households, and persons economically impacted by COVID-19.

Eligible CDBG activities include, but are not limited to, administration and planning, assisting low- and moderate-income households with rental assistance for no more than three months, grab and go/delivery meal programs, business assistance to support new businesses or business expansion to create jobs and manufacture medical supplies necessary to respond to infectious disease, business assistance to retain employees that are low- and moderate-income, and support of other COVID-19 response services and homelessness initiatives. Eligible ESG activities include street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, Homeless

Management Information System and administration. Eligible HOPWA activities include supportive housing and related services to persons with HIV/AIDS

Further, eligible CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA costs incurred as of March 27, 2020, which is the date in which President Trump signed the CARES Act, and paid for with nonfederal funds may be repaid with CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA funding, including those made under the CARES Act. These pre-award costs will meet all HUD requirements applicable to CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA, including those under the CARES Act. Unless waived by HUD, CDBG pre-award costs for FY 2020-2021 will not exceed 25% of the grant and will be used for the CDBG eligible activities as indicated above.

Public notices regarding future amendments to the Consolidated Plan will be printed in local newspapers and posted online on the City-Parish's website at [www.brla.gov](http://www.brla.gov) and the Build Baton Rouge website at [www.buildbatonrouge.org](http://www.buildbatonrouge.org). Specific activities using ESG funding under the CARES Act will not require a 5-day public comment period but will be posted on the City-Parish and Build Baton Rouge websites.

Lastly, as part of this amendment, the City-Parish has revised the Consolidated Plan's Citizen Participation Plan to include the 5-day comment period as indicated above as well as to make other changes. The revised Citizen Participation Plan is available for review on the City of Baton Rouge website at [www.buildbatonrouge.org](http://www.buildbatonrouge.org) and the Build Baton Rouge website at <https://www.brla.gov/855/Office-of-Community-Development>.

#### Background on the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan:

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan describes the housing and community development needs, as well as activities to address those needs through the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge Office of Community Development Program, as defined and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As required by HUD, the Consolidated Plan brings together, in one (1) consolidated submission, the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) Programs. The Annual Action Plan describes the City-Parish's planning and application aspects of the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs each year during the duration of the five-year consolidated plan period.

#### Request for Proposals (RFP)

The City-Parish will also be seeking qualified candidates to submit proposals for consideration of CDBG funds. The RFP will be made available to interested entities on May 4, 2020. For consideration, all proposals must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on May 11, 2020.

City of Baton Rouge – East Baton Rouge Parish  
CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA Programs  
Citizen Comment/ Complaint Form

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Nature of Comment/Complaint:

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