

PUBLICATION DATES: November 02, 2020

**CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
and 7-day Public Comment Period
to Substantially Amend the
2018-2022 Consolidated Plans,
2019 Annual Action Plan and Budget
RE: Repurpose of 1st CDBG-CV Allocation**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council for the City of New Rochelle, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 515 North Avenue regarding the original CDBG funding received under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) ACT.

In April 2020, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) originally allocated to the City of New Rochelle \$853,167 of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to help prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

In accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), program amendments as a result of a change to the purpose, scope, location or beneficiary of an activity requires an amendment.

Due to the urgency of the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD has issued a waiver to 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 91.115(c)(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401 that allows for an expedited comment period; therefore, instead of the normally required thirty (30) day comment and display period, HUD is allowing for this period to be reduced to no less than five (5) days.

The City is proposing to amend its 2018-2022 Five-year Consolidated Plans (ConPlan) and 2019 Annual Action Plan and Budget as follows:

- Repurpose \$50,000 of the initially programmed \$150,000 to fund COVID-19 relief efforts at the Doyle Center, to purchase heavy duty touchless & solar powered trash receptacles to help reduce and eliminate the spread of COVID. These permanent fixtures would be set up in neighborhood parks to eliminate/contain trash, including improperly disposed of PPE, thus helping to contain the spread of COVID.
- Repurpose \$50,000 of the initially programmed \$432,534 to fund Microenterprise Business Grants, to purchase heavy duty touchless & solar powered trash receptacles to help reduce and eliminate the spread of COVID. These permanent fixtures would be set up in parking facilities and transit centers to eliminate/contain trash, including improperly disposed of PPE, thus helping to contain the spread of COVID.
- Repurpose \$250,000 of the initially programmed \$432,534 to fund Microenterprise Business Grants, to help the City of New Rochelle bridge the digital divide, remove barriers to technology and help ensure equal access to the internet.

A seven (7) day public comment period will extend from November 5, 2020 through November 11, 2020. After the close of public comment period, the City Council is expected to act on the proposal and authorize submission of the amended plans and budget at the regular legislative meeting on November 17, 2020.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the Public Hearing and/or submit written comments. Written comments can be sent to Todd Castaldo, Operations Manager, City of New Rochelle, 515 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801 OR email: tcastald@newrochelleny.com.

The City will make reasonable accommodations and services necessary for sensory-impaired and disabled citizens at the public meeting. Translation services may be offered upon request and availability. Persons requiring such accommodations/services should contact the Department of Development at least five working days in advance at 914-654-2184.

MICHELLE OLIVEROS
CITY CLERK