



**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program for the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee**

**NOTICE OF 5-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
for the City of Oak Ridge
CDBG CARES Act Funding and 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment**

In response to combating the effects of COVID-19, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated special Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Entitlement Entities. The City of Oak Ridge, TN will receive \$139,339 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement funds to be used to prevent, prepare and respond to COVID-19. This allocation was authorized in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act by President Trump on March 27, in response to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis. The CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds.

A Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan (PY19/FY20) is required. A thirty (30) day public comment period is normally required. However, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has adjusted this requirement reducing it to a period of no less than five (5) days for public comments on each substantial amendment. Any information received during the public comment period or at the public hearing will be attached to the submitted Annual Action Plan.

The 5-day comment period for the City of Oak Ridge CDBG Annual Action Plan (PY19/FY20) will begin on Monday, 8 June 2020 and end on Friday, 12 June 2020. The public hearing date is to be determined and advertised accordingly to take place during the next available City of Oak Ridge Council meeting at the Oak Ridge Municipal Building. Copies of the proposed City of Oak Ridge CDBG Annual Action Plan will be available by Friday, 5 June 2020 online at: <http://www.oakridgetn.gov/departments/CommDev/Planning-Division/CDBG-Program>. In order to provide comment, please contact Matt Widner, 865-425-3584, mwidner@oakridgetn.gov. No formal in person public meeting will be held during the 5-day comment period.

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PROPOSED CDBG ENTITLEMENT GRANT FUNDING Substantial Amendment ALLOCATION FOR PY2019/FY2020

Activities funded with 2019 grant funds in the Regular Grant Cycle and with CDBG-CV funding < **PROPOSED** >

Activity	Organization	Original Funding	Amended Amount
(246) Removal of Vacant & Blight	City of Oak Ridge	10,000	0
(247) Neighborhood Improvement Projects	City of Oak Ridge	165,000	165,000
(248) Rehabilitation of MDO Homes	City of Oak Ridge	60,000	30,000
(249) Grant Administration	City of Oak Ridge	4,094	0
COVID-19 Related Activities			
Activity	Organization	National Objective	Amount
(250) Rent, Mortgage, Utility Assistance	ADFAC	Benefit Low/Mod Income Persons	100,000
(251) Public Facility Enhancements	City of Oak Ridge	Urgent Need	50,000
(252) Reimbursement of COVID-19 Costs	City of Oak Ridge	Urgent Need	25,000
(253) Grant Administration	City/ADFAC		8,433

CDBG COVID-19 Response Total: \$183,433