



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS, RESCHEDULE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
City of Anacortes 2020 Annual Action Plan, Amendment of 2019 Annual
Action Plan & Amendment of 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan Citizen
Participation Plan**

The Consolidated Plan is the planning and application for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The consolidated planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding from the CDBG. The Consolidated Plan is drafted every 5 years and includes a yearly Action Plan to provide how CDBG funds will be used to help the City meet the community development needs of low-income residents as outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

Due to the urgent needs arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has reconsidered the original funding options for the 2020 program year and will now focus on providing emergency relief under a special economic development activity. The City will be awarded \$115,906 for program year 2020 and will allocate 85% of this funding in efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City will receive \$68,183 in CDBG-CV funding specifically for COVID-19. The 2019 Annual Action Plan will be amended to include the CDBG-CV funding and will be available immediately after the public hearing.

The City will also revise the Public Participation Process in the Consolidated Plan to more readily accommodate urgent needs and reduce the amount of time for publication notices. The Consolidated Plan will also be updated to include Economic Development as a project to be consistent with the 2020 Annual Action Plan.

HUD is now allowing a 5 day minimum public comment period in light of the public emergency caused by the COVID-19 outbreak.

The 5 day comment period for the draft Plan and Amendments is April 24, 2020 through April 30, 2020 (5 business days). The draft and Amendments will be available for review and comment during this time. If you would like to provide written comments on the draft and amendments, please send written comments to Joann Stewart at joanns@cityofanacortes.org between April 24 and April 30, 2020

The City Council will hold virtual public hearings on April 27, 2020 and May 4, 2020 at 6 p.m. The public hearing will be available by telephone, broadcast online (<https://www.anacorteswa.gov/700/Watch-Meetings>), and telecast live on Comcast Channel 10.

Discussion on April 27 will focus on the proposed allocations. The May 4, 2020 hearing will consider any comments provided and approval to submit the plans to HUD.

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If you would like to participate in the public hearings on the draft plan and amendments, please contact Joann Stewart at joanns@cityofanacortes.org no later than 4 p.m. on April 27 and May 4, 2020 to obtain a call in phone number to participate.

Copies of the draft plan and amendments will be available for viewing no later than April 24, 2020, viewed at <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/174/CDBG-Plans-Reports>.

The City considers the views of all citizens, public agencies, and other interested groups in preparing the final Action Plan and amendments. A summary of the comments/suggestions received and responses will be listed as an appendix in the final Plans.



Steven D. Hoglund, City Clerk

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