



2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment 2023-02

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Community Planning and Development Programs



Public Review Document

Comment Period: October 13, 2023 – November 13, 2023 (5:00 P.M.)

Planning and Development Department
Community Development Division
2600 Fresno Street, Room 3065
Fresno, CA 93721
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This is a draft document that has been made available for public review and comment.

The Public Comment Period will begin October 13, 2023, and conclude on November 13, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. Residents are encouraged to submit comments by one of the following methods:

Submit Comments by Mail:

City of Fresno
Planning and Development Department
Attn: Community Development Division
2600 Fresno Street, Room 3065
Fresno, CA 93721

Submit Comments by Email:

HCDD@fresno.gov

Please include "Sub Amend 2023-02" in the subject line

Submit Comments by Phone:

559-621-8300

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559-621-8721

Submit Comments by Fax:

559-457-1579

Submit Comments Online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sa2023-02>

The Substantial Amendment is scheduled for consideration by the Council of the City of Fresno at its November 16, 2023, meeting. For more information on the City Council meeting, visit www.fresno.gov/calendar.aspx and select the agenda for the meeting. The agenda will be posted at least 72 hours in advance. Accommodations are available upon request by contacting the office of the City Clerk at (559) 621-7650 or clerk@fresno.gov at least three business days prior to the meeting.

Summary

The City of Fresno (City) is a federal entitlement community that receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As an entitlement community, the City is required to prepare an Annual Action Plan detailing the uses of CDBG funds to meet its affordable housing and community development goals as outlined in its Consolidated Plan.

For Program Year 2023-2024, the City is proposing a substantial amendment to the Action Plan to reprogram \$1,794,635.10 in program savings to fund the acquisition of land to use for affordable housing development and relocation assistance for businesses impacted by the development of affordable senior housing at the site on Blackstone and Holland Avenues. This effort is in alignment with the City's goals as stated in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan to improve access to affordable housing for low-income and special needs households.

The City will accept comments on the proposed substantial amendment for a period of 30 days from October 13, 2023, through November 13, 2023.

Sources of Funds

Substantial Amendment 2023-02 will reprogram \$1,794,635.10 in CDBG funds from project savings and activities that would not be completed in a timely enough manner to meet the CDBG required timeliness test.

Table 1 - Source of Funds

Entitlement Grant	Program Year	Action Plan Project	IDIS Activity ID Number	Activity Name	Amount Originally Awarded	Amount Expended	Amount Previously Reprogrammed	Amount to be Reprogrammed
CDBG	2019	4	6320	PY19 Self-Help Home Repair Program	\$502,422	\$500,807.89	\$0	\$1,614.11
CDBG	2020	1	6466	Habitat for Humanity Repair	\$351,863	\$233,939.59	\$0	\$117,923.41
CDBG	2021	11	6406	Ivy-Annadale to Chester Neighborhood Street Improvements	\$325,860	\$312,022.15	\$0	\$13,837.85
CDBG	2022	5	6486	Valley Caregiver Resource	\$40,000	\$39,965.99	\$0	\$34.01
CDBG	2022	15	6498	Fair Housing – Public Service	\$35,000	\$32,247.48	\$0	\$2,752.52
CDBG	2022	14	6499	Fair Housing – Administration	\$50,000	\$35,126.80	\$0	\$14,873.20
CDBG	2022-01	19	NSU	Demolition	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000
CDBG	2023	12	NSU	Demolition – Senior Center	\$1,000,000	\$356,400	\$0	\$643,600
Total Sources to Be Reprogrammed								\$1,794,635.10

Uses of Reprogrammed Funds

The City is proposing to reprogram \$794,635.10 in CDBG funds for land acquisition to develop affordable housing and \$1,000,000 for relocation assistance for businesses impacted by the development of affordable senior housing.

Table 2 - Uses of Funds

Entitlement Grant	Program Year	Action Plan Project	IDIS Activity ID Number	Activity Name	Proposed Funding
CDBG	2023	18	TBD	Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing Development	\$794,635.10
CDBG	2023	19	TBD	Relocation Assistance for Businesses	\$1,000,000
Total Uses of Reprogrammed Funds					\$1,794,635.10

Integrated Data and Information System (IDIS) Project Information

Table 3 - IDIS Project Information

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
Project ID No.	18
Project Name	Land Acquisition
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Safe and Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding	CDBG: \$794,635.10
Description	Acquisition of land
Target Date	December 31, 2023
Goal	Unknown
Location Description	To Be Determined
Planned Activity	01: Acquisition of Real Property (24 CFR 570.201(a))

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
Project ID No.	19
Project Name	Relocation Assistance for Businesses
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Safe and Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding	CDBG: \$1,000,000
Description	Relocation of businesses impacted by the development of affordable senior housing
Target Date	July 30, 2024
Goal	Unknown
Location Description	To Be Determined
Planned Activity	08: Relocation 24 CFR 570.201(i) or 42 USC 5305(a)(11)

Appendix A: Public Comments and Outreach

Public Comments

Between October 13, 2023, and November 13, 2023 at 5 PM, the City made Substantial Amendment 2023-02 available to the public for comment. Members of the community were able to provide feedback via email, in-person, by mail, over the telephone, and by survey. One comment was received.

Hope & Effort Appropriately Thriving (H.E.A.T.) for South West Fresno Community via letter

Please be advised that H.E.A.T. for SW Fresno Community does not understand why the City did not provide more information on the few pages received of what this Substantial Amendment really is?

Were there meetings held prior to the development of this Substantial Amendment? If so, where were these meetings held, who was involved and why wasn't H.E.A.T. and the SW Fresno community notified?

[City Response:

The City makes an effort to send H.E.A.T. a copy of each Substantial Amendment because of prior discussions surrounding their members' inability to access information online. On October 13, 2023, the City sent a copy of Substantial Amendment 2023-02 to an address given to the City by H.E.A.T. so the organization would have an opportunity to comment on the substantial amendment prior to the November 13, 2023, deadline; the group's address has been redacted from the image in Figure 1.

The information provided to H.E.A.T. includes a justification of the necessity to reprogram funds, and details the grant name, program year, activity from which funds are being reprogrammed, and amounts from each activity that are being reprogrammed. The Substantial Amendment goes on to inform that the funds will be reprogrammed for the use of land acquisition for affordable housing development and relocation assistance for businesses impacted by the development of affordable senior housing. No requests for additional information were received from H.E.A.T. members.

To make the public aware of the substantial amendment, the City placed a public notice in the Fresno Bee, provided access to the document on the City's website, promoted the substantial amendment on the City's Facebook account, sent an email update to more than 500 residents and advocacy organizations, and sent a copy to H.E.A.T. via traditional mail; however, it did not hold any public meetings. These methods are consistent with the City's Citizen Participation Plan outlined in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Residents were able to comment on the substantial amendment at the November 16, 2023, City Council meeting.

This comment has been received and accepted.]

Figure 1 - H.E.A.T. Letter to City of Fresno

H.E.A.T. For South West Fresno Community
(Hope & Effort Appropriately Thriving)



November 4, 2023

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Community Development Division
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Substantial Amendment 2023-02

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H.E.A.T. for SW Fresno Community

Three handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Sally Hays', the second is 'Wendy Hays', and the third is 'Diane G. Smith'.

Figure 2 - Public Notice - Fresno Bee

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2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

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The City is proposing a \$2,580,129.32 Substantial Amendment to its 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan to reprogram prior and current year CDBG funds for the purpose of acquiring land to develop affordable housing and to provide relocation assistance to businesses impacted by the development of affordable senior housing at the site on Blackstone and Holland Avenues.

The substantial amendment is available for a 30-day review beginning October 13, 2023, and ending on November 13, 2023, at 5:00 PM. The amendment can be viewed at www.fresno.gov/housing. Comments are encouraged and may be submitted in writing to the City of Fresno, Community Development Division, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3065, Fresno, California 93721; by emailing HCDD@fresno.gov; by calling 559-621-8300; by TTY at 559-621-8721; by fax to 559-457-1579, or online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sa2023-03>.

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Figure 3 - City of Fresno Website

Current Public Comment Opportunities



Substantial Amendment 2023-02

Substantial Amendment 2023-02 reprograms \$2,580,129.32 in program savings to fund the acquisition of land to use for affordable housing development and relocation assistance for businesses impacted by the development of affordable senior housing at the site on Blackstone and Holland Avenues.

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In addition to the methods of leaving public comments listed above, a web survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sa2023-02>.

Figure 4 - City of Fresno Facebook Post

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**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
2023-02**


**FOR
LAND ACQUISITION FOR AFFORDABLE
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**



**AND
RELOCATION ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESSES IMPACTED
BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE SENIOR
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