

## AP-05 Executive Summary

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### 1. Introduction

This document is the second of five annual action plans under the Municipality of Anchorage (Municipality) Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for 2018-2022 (Con Plan). The Municipality is a participating jurisdiction and is eligible to receive U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding for three federal entitlement programs that focus on the housing and community development needs of low and moderate-income persons. These programs are: 1) Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), 2) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and 3) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The Municipality is required to submit a Consolidated Plan that covers a five-year period that outlines the intended distribution of these HUD dollars. To meet this requirement, the Municipality submitted the 2018-2022 Con Plan for the local HUD office to review. In addition to the submission of a five-year plan, the Municipality is required to submit an annual action plan that reflects funding for specific activities and projects that meet Con Plan goals for each year thereafter.

The 2019 Action Plan projected allocations for the Municipality include the following federal programs: CDBG \$1,720,154; HOME \$377,364; and ESG \$146,461 for a total of \$2,243,979. The HOME allocation was \$663,207 but was reduced \$285,843 for repayment of Karluk Manor. The 2019 Action Plan also includes budgeting \$115,000 HOME Program Income. The 2019 Action Plan details the distribution of HUD funding as guided by the Municipal Mayor and Assembly and three public comment hearings. It is not anticipated for the Municipality to receive the 2019 funding from HUD in time to fund and begin the proposed projects in 2019.

The 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #1 revisions are highlighted in this green. It includes reprogramming:

\$41,534 from Public Services – TBD to Public Services – Operations Support – CSS  
\$12,615.36 from 2019 Action Plan TBD Capital Project to Alaska Literacy Project  
\$100,000 from 2019 Action Plan TBD Capital Project to Brother Francis – Security Fence-MOA

The 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #2 revisions are highlighted in this blue. The 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #2 will fund \$56,589 of 2019 HOME CHDO Housing Program funds and \$18,868 of 2019 HOME CHDO Operating Expense Assistance to Habitat for Humanity Anchorage.

The Amendment will fund \$85,768 of 2019 HOME Project funds to Cook Inlet Housing Authority for their South Anchorage Senior Housing (SASH) project.

The Amendment will also add \$550,000 of HTF funds to the 2019 Action Plan. Applications for the HTF funds will be made available through a competitive process after the Substantial Amendment is approved by HUD.

Amend the Municipality of Anchorage Citizen Participation Plan to add the following: “When the Municipality is concerned about significant public health risks that may result from holding in-person public hearings, the Municipality may undertake a virtual public hearing (alone, or in

concert with an in-person hearing) and allow questions in real time, with answers coming directly from the Municipality to all “attendees”. As with an in-person hearing, the Municipality will provide accessibility for persons with disabilities and Limited English Proficiency to participate.”

### **February 25, 2021 CARES ACT Substantial Amendment #3:**

The 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #3 revisions are highlighted in this yellow. The 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment #3 will reallocate \$85,849.64 of previously unallocated 2019 CDBG funds. The amendment will also add CDBG-CV1: \$1,070,086 and ESG-CV1: of \$521,193 and ESG CV2 of \$3,774,024 for a total of ESG CV in the amount of \$4,295,217. The proposed projects are:

1. \$100,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to Covenant House to fund shelter operations and essential services for homeless youth and transition age youth staying in emergency shelter.
2. \$100,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to Abused Women’s Aid In Crisis (AWAIC) to fund shelter operations and essential services for victims of domestic violence and their children staying in emergency shelter.
3. \$100,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to Catholic Social Services to fund shelter operations and essential services for homeless women and children staying in emergency shelter at Clare House.
4. \$100,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to Salvation Army to fund shelter operations and essential services for homeless families staying in emergency shelter at McKinnell House.
5. \$296,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to Catholic Social Services to provide housing and relocation and stabilization services to homeless individuals and families as part of their Rapid Re-Housing program.
6. \$260,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to the Municipality of Anchorage Homeless Prevention program to provide short- and/or medium-term rental assistance and/or housing relocation and stabilization services to individuals and families at risk of homelessness.
7. \$2,783,696 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to one or more yet to be determined non-profit agencies to support shelter operations and essential services at homeless shelters throughout the Municipality.
8. \$126,000 in ESG-CV funds to be awarded to one or more yet to be determined non-profit agencies to provide homeless outreach service to connect homeless individuals and at-risk individuals to homeless services. Homeless outreach will focus on unsheltered homeless and homeless individuals and families not currently associated with appropriate homeless services.

The Homeless Prevention and Response System (HPRS) Gap Analysis identified outreach as a priority intervention for preventing or reducing new inflow into homelessness. The Assembly recently allocated \$180,000 for provided homeless outreach services. AHD will monitor the

service demand and effectiveness of this program. If it is determined that additional homeless outreach is required, AHD may request reallocating some ESG-CV funding currently designated for shelter operations (see #7 above) to homeless outreach.

9. \$429,521 in ESG-CV funds to be utilized by AHD to administer the ESG-CV funding described in items 1 thru 7 above. The CARES Act allows up to 10% of ESG-CV funds to be used for administrative costs.

10. \$856,069 in CDBG-CV funds and \$85,849.64 of 2019 CDBG fund to be awarded to one or more yet to be determined non-profit agencies to respond to the growing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing public service to move homeless individuals and families out of shelter and into permanent housing, to reduce the number of homeless individuals in congregate shelter, and to increase physical distance between individuals in congregate shelter. Funded public service will include support for shelter operations, case management, and system navigation support. We also anticipate awarding up to \$743,328 in 2020 CDBG funds for the COVID-19 response.

11. \$214,107 in CDBG-CV funds to be utilized by AHD for program administrative costs associated with the planning and execution of the activities described in item 10 above that are funded by CDBG-CV funds. Per FR-6218-N-01 published on August 10, 2020, up to 20% of CDBG-CV funds can be used for planning and program administrative costs, as defined in 24 CFR 570.205 and 24 CFR 570.206, respectively. CDBG-CV grant funds will not be used to pay planning and program administrative costs allocable to another grant under the CDBG annual formula program.

The Citizen Participation Plan is amended to add: The ESG-CV funds require no consultation and citizen participation; however, the Municipality will publish how the allocation has or will be used on the appropriate Municipal web page. The Municipality will publish the ESG-CV allocations on the Anchorage Health Department, Community and Safety Development web page before funds are awarded. The CDBG required public comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days and the public hearing may be virtual.

### **June 15, 2021 Updates to 2021 CARES ACT Substantial Amendment #3:**

On June 15, 2021 updates were made to the original submission of the CARES ACT amendment to reflect the following updates. The proposed projects are:

1. \$450,000 to be awarded to Choices for unsheltered outreach and rental assistance. Unsheltered outreach focuses on connecting unsheltered homeless individuals and families to appropriate homeless services, including finding housing options using Housing Problem Solving resources that has housed over 60 PEH from the shelter system since November 2020. \$126,000 of this proposed award is from the \$126,000 initially allocated for homeless outreach in Substantial Amendment #3. \$274,000 will come from reprogramming a portion of the approximately \$2.8M of funding that was initially allocated in Substantial Amendment #3 to support shelter operations and essential services at homeless shelters throughout the MOA.

2. \$200,000 to be awarded to Catholic Social Services for Rapid Rehousing, which includes a continuation of their Housing Problem Solving work that has thus far housed more than 30 PEH from the shelter system since January, 2021. This is additional funding to the \$296,000 initially awarded in Substantial Amendment #3. The \$200,000 will come from reprogramming a portion of the approximately \$2.8M of funding that was initially allocated in Substantial Amendment #3 to support shelter operations and essential services at homeless shelters throughout the MOA.
3. \$146,400 to be awarded to the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) for unsheltered homeless outreach coordination. This proposed award will fund staff that will support the coordination of Anchorage Outreach staff across various entities through project management, training, reporting, and information sharing. The funding will come from reprogramming a portion of the approximately \$2.8M of funding that was initially allocated in Substantial Amendment #3 to support shelter operations and essential services at homeless shelters throughout the MOA.
4. \$200,000 to be awarded to Alaska Legal Services for education and legal services. This project will target outreach and education efforts in those communities disproportionately affected by the economic fallout of the pandemic by providing education and free services to individuals and families facing eviction. The funding will come from reprogramming a portion of the approximately \$2.8M of funding that was initially allocated in Substantial Amendment #3 to support shelter operations and essential services at homeless shelters throughout the MOA.
5. \$225,000 to be awarded to Covenant House for housing and mobile navigation resources to do expanded case management at any location that requires it (including street outreach and at other providers as necessary) with a focus to decompress the Sullivan, which is reportedly serving a large number of TAY (or Transition Aged Youth, 18-24 year-olds). The funding will come from reprogramming a portion of the approximately \$2.8M of funding that was initially allocated in Substantial Amendment #3 to support shelter operations and essential services at homeless shelters throughout the MOA.
6. \$225,000 to be awarded to Covenant House for services at the Youth Engagement Center shelter. Covenant house is increasing the age of the population that they are serving by transitioning youth age 13-17 to a different site with current staff. The project will fund new staff, to include a program supervisor, ANCHOR Team Coordinator, two youth engagement specialist, and 2 other support staff to support new operations serving transition age youth (18-24) at the covenant house. These staff will provide trauma informed care, case management, and referrals and connections to additional services. The funding will come from reprogramming a portion of the approximately \$2.8M of funding that was initially allocated in Substantial Amendment #3 to support shelter operations and essential services at homeless shelters throughout the MOA.

7. \$650,000 to be awarded to Volunteers of America for case management and permanent supportive housing targeting transition aged youths (18-24-year-olds). This project is proposed in coordination with Covenant House's project for housing and navigation resources. The funding will come from reprogramming a portion of the approximately \$2.8M of funding that was initially allocated in Substantial Amendment #3 to support shelter operations and essential services at homeless shelters throughout the MOA.
8. \$188,296 to be awarded to Neighborworks for case management and rapid rehousing. The activities associated with this project will act as a bridge between shelter and permanent housing. The funding will be used to move individuals into temporary living arrangements and provide case management while Neighborworks works with clients to provide permanent housing through other programs funded through Neighborworks. The funding will come from reprogramming a portion of the approximately \$2.8M of funding that was initially allocated in Substantial Amendment #3 to support shelter operations and essential services at homeless shelters throughout the MOA.
9. \$175,000 to be awarded to United Way for a landlord liaison position and landlord incentive program (often locally referred to as the "risk mitigation pool"). This project will fund a landlord liaison position that will work across entities to recruit and support landlords to increase the availability of housing options for people experiencing homelessness. The funding will come from reprogramming a portion of the approximately \$2.8M of funding that was initially allocated in Substantial Amendment #3 to support shelter operations and essential services at homeless shelters throughout the MOA.
10. \$450,000 to be awarded to United Way – Home for Good for rental assistance vouchers. This project will provide rental assistance for approximately 50 eligible people, prioritized for people exiting congregate temporary shelters. The funding will come from reprogramming a portion of the approximately \$2.8M of funding that was initially allocated in Substantial Amendment #3 to support shelter operations and essential services at homeless shelters throughout the MOA.

**Future Updates to 2021 CARES ACT Substantial Amendment #3 (MOA Substantial Amendment 5):**

The Anchorage Health Department (AHD) proposes that \$712,100 of the \$856,068 CDBG-CV 1 funds from initially for in moving individuals to permanent housing in the original submission of Substantial Amendment 3 be reprogrammed to the following activities:

1. \$100,000 allocated to the MOA for activity delivery costs associated with HUD funding authorized by the CARES Act. Capital projects require additional implementation costs such as Davis Bacon monitoring, increased environmental review assessments required by HUD, and onsite inspections.

2. \$370,000 allocated to Covenant House Alaska for the acquisition of a 4-bedroom home to be used for quarantine, isolation, and to provide rapid rehousing to transition aged youths.

3. \$75,000 allocated to New Life Development to support operations of its residential re-entry service program. New Life Development has been impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic through the loss of program fees. Many of New Life Development's program participants have been unable to find and maintain employment during the Pandemic.

4. \$167,100 allocated to Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) to renovate their office space to comply with COVID-19 protocols and support increased requests for services.

AHD proposes the following allocation for CDBG-CV 3 funding:

1. \$1,593,324 allocated to provide for operations and services in the shelter system in support of stepping-down the MOA mass care site.

2. \$398,331 allocated to the MOA for administration and general costs associated with grant and contract management associated with HUD funding authorized by the CARES Act.

The \$1,737,292 in funding that remains unallocated to specific projects, consisting of \$143,968 in CDBG-CV 1 funds and \$1,593,324 in CDBG-CV 3 funds, AHD will propose revision to the CARES Act Substantial Amendment once projects are selected.

## 2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

**This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.**

HUD requires grantees to incorporate a standardized performance measurement system. The system is designed to enable HUD to aggregate results of its programs and report to congress and the public on a more outcome-oriented system (March 7, 2006 Notice in Federal Register).

Each activity in the 2019 Action Plan corresponds to one of the following two objectives:

- Suitable Living Environment
- Decent Affordable Housing

In addition, each activity in the 2019 Action Plan corresponds to one of the following three outcome categories:

- Availability/Accessibility
- Affordability
- Sustainability: Promoting Livable or Viable Communities

The AP-35 Projects section of the 2019 Action Plan, details respective objectives and outcomes for each of the activities proposed.

## 3. Evaluation of past performance

**This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.**

The yearly reduction of HUD funding allocated to the Municipality makes the process of setting goals a challenge. Because of the cuts to the FY2012, FY2013, FY2014 and FY2015 budgets for CDBG and HOME programs, the goals laid out in the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan have been adjusted to reflect the decreased available funding.

The Municipality actively participated in the writing of the Anchorage Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness (Homeless Plan) dated October 14, 2015. The Homeless Plan was written by the Anchorage Assembly Homeless Committee in partnership from the Municipality Anchorage Health Department, Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Commission and Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH).

In 2018, the Municipality and its partners released Anchored Home: 2018-2021, an update of the 2015 Anchorage Community Plan to End Homelessness. A draft of the plan was released for comment in August. Outreach included public forums, community councils, social service providers, homeless persons, business and industry groups, and nonprofit organizations, engaging more than 700 people in the review process. Community input was an essential part of this process and helped influence the plan. In fact, as a result of this public dialogue, the plan evolved to include a fourth pillar, Prevention and Diversion, which will be led by Michele Brown, President and CEO of United Way of Anchorage. The three other pillars of the plan include Housing and Support Systems, which will be led by Jasmine Khan, Executive Director of the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness; Public Health and Safety, which will be led by Nancy Burke, Housing and Homelessness Coordinator from the Municipality of Anchorage; and Advocacy and Funding, which will be led by Dr. Richard Mandsager, Sr. Fellow with the Rasmuson Foundation.

Along with the launch of Anchored Home, a new leadership team has been appointed to help address the persistent issue of homelessness in the Municipality. The Anchorage Homelessness Leadership Council (HLC), co-chaired by Senior Vice President and Chief Executive for Providence Alaska Region Bruce Lamoureux and Mayor Ethan Berkowitz, brings together Anchorage business, government, health and faith leaders as the latest step in an effort with emerging, promising solutions, for the first time. The primary responsibilities of the HLC will include monitoring and supporting the implementation progress of Anchored Home: 2018-2021; maintaining and guiding strategic vision; mobilizing and aligning resources; building public will and awareness; and advancing public policy around homelessness.

Anchored Home is meant to be a document that will change and evolve to meet the needs of the community over time. The team in charge of implementation of the plan will meet with the Homelessness Leadership Council, as well as the general public, to share progress and hear feedback throughout the year.

Link to plan: <https://anchoragehomeless.org/anchored-home/>

Link to mayor's page on homelessness: <https://bit.ly/housingandhomelessness>

Link to Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness: <https://anchoragehomeless.org/>

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development Commission passed a resolution (Appendix G) in support and endorsement of the goals of the 2018-2021 Anchored Home Plan on April 3, 2019.

The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) completed February 2015 identified six impediments to fair housing in the Municipality. All of the six impediments are addressed in the Anchorage Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

This 2019 Action Plan represents the second year of implementation of the objectives set forth in the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan. The Municipality submitted the 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report for the programs covered by the first year of the current Consolidated Plan on March 27, 2019.

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation and Consultation Process**

##### **Summary from citizen participation section of plan.**

Pursuant to federal regulations (24 CFR 91.115), the Municipality developed and adopted a Citizen Participation Plan which is included as Appendix A. The key annual activities designed to encourage citizen participation are to hold at least three public hearings during the program year and offer public comment periods for the draft version of the 2019 Action Plan for various groups such as non-profit organizations and the general public.

A display ad was placed in the Anchorage Daily News, a newspaper with statewide distribution, on August 23, 2018 to announce the beginning of the 2019 Action Plan process, public hearing, and the comment period.

A discussion with the opportunity for public comment to gather ideas for the 2019 Action Plan was held at the Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development Commission meeting on September 5, 2018 in the Anchorage Health Department Conference Room #423, 825 L Street, Anchorage, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

A second display ad was placed in the Anchorage Daily News on May 23, 2019 to announce the availability of the 2019 Action Plan for review, 30-day public comment period and the June 12, 2019 public hearing. The public hearing was held from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Anchorage Health Department, 825 L Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 423.

Comments regarding the above public notice were accepted from May 23, 2019 to 4:00 PM June 24, 2019. Copies of the draft 2019 Action Plan were available at the Municipality Anchorage Health Department, at 825 L Street, Room 506, and through the Municipality web site at:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/PHIP/CSD/Pages/Default.aspx>.

A summary of public comments are included below and were considered in drafting and making revisions to the 2019 Action Plan. The final public hearing will be held before the Anchorage Municipal Assembly on July 23, 2019.

To help the Municipality broaden public participation in the development of the draft 2019 Action Plan was posted on the Municipality's Anchorage Health Department website, emailed to over 350 on the citizens participation list maintained by the Anchorage Health Department,

emailed to the 40 community councils, emailed to the news media, emailed to the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness membership list, and emailed to partner agencies that participated in drafting the plan.

A third display ad was placed in the Anchorage Daily News on September 17, 2019 to announce the availability of the 2019 Action Plan SA#1 for review, 30-day public comment period and the Oct. 2, 2019 public hearing. The public hearing was held from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Anchorage Health Department, 825 L Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 423.

Comments regarding the above public notice were accepted from September 17, 2019 to 10:00 AM October 18, 2019. Copies of the draft 2019 Action Plan were available at the Municipality Anchorage Health Department, at 825 L Street, Room 506, and through the Municipality web site at:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/PHIP/CSD/Pages/Default.aspx>.

A summary of public comments are included below and were considered in drafting and making revisions to the 2019 Action Plan SA#1.

A fourth display ad was placed in the Anchorage Daily News on March 30, 2020 to announce the availability of the 2019 Action Plan SA#2 for review, 30-day public comment period and the April 15, 2020 public hearing. The virtual public hearing was held from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Comments regarding the above public notice were accepted from March 30, 2020 to 10:00 AM May 1, 2020. Copies of the draft 2019 Action Plan were available at the Municipality Anchorage Health Department, at 825 L Street, Room 506, and through the Municipality web site at:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/PHIP/CSD/Pages/Default.aspx>.

A summary of public comments are included below and were considered in drafting and making revisions to the 2019 Action Plan SA#2.

A fifth display ad was placed in the Anchorage Daily News on August 11, 2020 to announce the availability of the 2019 Action Plan SA#3 for review, 5-day public comment period and the August 14, 2020 public hearing. The virtual public hearing was held from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Comments regarding the above public notice were accepted from August 11, 2020 to 10:00 AM August 18, 2020. Copies of the draft 2019 Action Plan SA#3 were available at the Municipality Anchorage Health Department, at 825 L Street, Room 506, and through the Municipality web site at:

<https://tinyurl.com/CSD2019ActionPlan>

A summary of public comments is included below and were considered in drafting and making revisions to the 2019 Action Plan SA#3.

A sixth display ad was placed in the Anchorage Daily News on June 9, 2021 to announce the availability of MOA Substantial Amendment (Revisions to the CARES ACT Amendment), 5-day public comment period and the June 10, 2021 public hearing. The virtual public hearing will be held from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on June 11, 2021.

Comments regarding the above public notice will be accepted until Tuesday June 15, 2021. Copies of the draft 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment were available at the Municipality Anchorage Health Department, at 825 L Street, Room 506, and through the Municipality web site at:

<https://tinyurl.com/CSD2019ActionPlan>

A summary of public comments is included below and were considered in drafting and making revisions to the 2019 Action Plan SA#3.

## 5. Summary of public comments

**This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.**

### **September 5, 2018 Public Hearing and Public Comment Period.**

**SJ Klein, Fairview Community Council** – Mr. Klein opposes any use of 2019 Action Plan funds that would increase the number of beds for homeless or chronic inebriates in North Fairview or East Downtown. He believes an appropriate use of 2019 Action plan funds would be to increase public safety in North Fairview and East Downtown. Mr. Klein said they would like to see funding for any program that would increase police and EMS in the area included in the 2019 Action Plan. Lastly, he would like to see a portion of Action Plan funds spent by the city to find ways to reduce barriers to the construction of private, market-rate housing.

**Elizabeth Milliken, Acting Development and Communications Manager, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. e-mailed comments.** – Ms. Milliken provided information about the Mobile Home Repair Program funded by the Municipality with CDBG and that Rural Alaska CAP and strongly supports continued funding for the Mobile Home Repair Program for 2019 and beyond.

### **June 12, 2019 Public Hearing and Public Comment Period.**

No Comments were received at the Public Hearing.

**Public Comments received on the Draft 2019 Action Plan by e-mail from the Planning Department's Long-Range Planning Division.** – The Division requested revisions to AP 10.1, AP-55, and AP-75.

**Jay Stange, Board Secretary and Treasurer, Friends of Fish Creek** - e-mailed requesting the CDBG TBD funding of \$167,886 be considered for purchase and remediation of a 3.67-acre undeveloped and contaminated lot at 3901 Hayes Street.

**Elizabeth Milliken, Director, Development and Communications Manager, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.** - e-mailed comments in support of the Mobile Home Repair Program and requested that the funding be increased to \$800,000.

Ms. Milliken would also like the Municipality to fund approximately \$1,000,000 in HOME/CDBG funds to purchase two 6-plex buildings located at 801 and 803 13th Avenue.

She would like:

- Continued prioritization of homeless and supportive housing services through Public Service funding including the support of case management at Sitka Place
- Continued support of the Mobile Intervention Team through CDBG and ESG funding to enable a coordinated entry access point and to assist in coordination with APD camp abatement

#### **April 15, 2020 Public Hearing**

#### **Public Comment Period March 30, 2020 to 10:00 AM May 1, 2020**

**Jeff Judd, Cook Inlet Housing Authority**, - E-mail comments- CIHA appreciates the MOA's effort to deploy the Federal pass through funds in support of much need, quality community development and affordable housing programs. They especially appreciate the support of the HOME funding proposed for CIHA's 50-unit South Anchorage Senior Housing development. CIHA also supports the availability of the \$550,000 in NHTF dollars into the Anchorage community.

#### **August 14, 2020 Public Hearing**

#### **Public Comment Period August 11, 2020 to 10:00 AM August 18, 2020**

**Lisa Aquino, MHS, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Social**, - E-mail comments- Lisa made comments on the need for funding.

**Suzi Pearson, Executive Officer, Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC)**, - E-mail comments- Lisa made comments on the need for funding.

### **6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them.**

#### **Public Comments received on the Draft 2019 Action Plan by e-mail from:**

**SJ Klein, Fairview Community Council** – Mr. Klein opposes any use of 2019 Action Plan funds that would increase the number of beds for homeless or chronic inebriates in North Fairview or East Downtown. He believes an appropriate use of 2019 Action plan funds would be to increase public safety in North Fairview and East Downtown. Mr. Klein said they would like to see funding for any program that would increase police and EMS in the area included in the 2019 Action Plan. Lastly, he would like to see a portion of Action Plan funds spent by the city to find ways to reduce barriers to the construction of private, market-rate housing.

As requested, no 2019 Action Plan funds were allocated that would increase the number of beds for homeless or chronic inebriates in North Fairview or East Downtown. There is a lack of funding available to provide for the other activities that Mr. Klein wished to see funded in 2019.

**Planning Department's Long-Range Planning Division.** – The Division requested paragraph 2 in bold in AP-75 Barriers to Affordable Housing to be rewritten. That paragraph is from a form provided by HUD.

**Jay Stange, Board Secretary and Treasurer, Friends of Fish Creek** - e-mailed requesting the CDBG TBD funding of \$167,886 be considered for purchase and remediation of a 3.67-acre undeveloped and contaminated lot at 3901 Hayes Street. Programming the CDBG TBD funding of \$167,886 will have to be done with a substantial amendment to the 2019 Action Plan. The

Municipality will consider this project along with others when the Action Plan is amended. The Municipality will need additional information on the project.

**Elizabeth Milliken, Director, Development and Communications Manager, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.** - e-mailed comments in support of the Mobile Home Repair Program and requested that the funding be increased to \$800,000. There is not enough available CDBG funding in the 2019 Action Plan to fund the program an additional \$400,000.

Ms. Milliken would also like the Municipality to fund approximately \$1,000,000 in HOME/CDBG funds to purchase two 6-plex buildings located at 801 and 803 13th Avenue. There is not enough available funding in the 2019 Action Plan to fund the program, but partial funding may be available with a substantial amendment. The Municipality will need additional information on the project.

## **7. Summary**

As evidenced by the Con Plan, there are many needs in the Municipality. The Municipality has identified projects to fund in the 2019 Action Plan to help end homelessness through priorities established by Mayor Berkowitz and activities identified in the Anchorage Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. The 2019 Action Plan reflects the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HTF funding for projects that are intended to serve low-income and the homeless residents living in the Municipality. Specifically, funding is directed towards maintaining and developing affordable housing and homeless prevention.