

CITY OF ORANGE
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE
2022-2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

BACKGROUND

Each year the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding for housing and community development programs to the City of Orange, specifically Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds. To receive these funds, the City must complete a report every five year called the Consolidated Plan.

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to identify the City of Orange's housing and community development needs, priorities, goals, and strategies and to stipulate how funds will be allocated to housing and community development activities over the period of the Consolidated Plan, which in this case is every five years.

The City shall amend the approved Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans when:

- A substantial change (e.g., 20% or more) in its allocation priorities or a substantial change in the method of distribution of funds takes place; or
- Carries out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan (including program income), not previously described in the action plan; or
- Substantially change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

The substantial change criteria utilized by the City of Orange in this case, is determined by a the addition of a new activity that was not previously considered by the Council for the use of HUD funding and in which the change would exceed:

1. 20% of the original allocations or when beneficiaries are impacted by the change; and/or
2. Carries out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan (including program income), not previously described in the action plan

As required by Title I of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, the City of Orange has submitted an Annual Action Plan for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This Plans outlines the activities and expected allocation for this year. The City also has a Citizen Participation Plan which outlines procedures for citizen participation in the planning process of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan particularly to those areas to be affected by the proposed funds.

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At the June 14, 2022, City Council meeting, members of the City Council approved the allocation of the HUD funds for the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year. Through the HOME Investment Partnership Act, the city will allocate an additional \$651,244 from previous years funding that has remained unspent. These funds will be used to assist the developer, Mercy House, with the development of low-income rental units. These units will be made available to City of Orange residents. Proposed activities with the expected amount are listed below:

- *Affordable Housing (Villa St. Joseph's)*
Villa St. Joseph, located at 480 S. Batavia Street within the City of Orange will be new construction of 50 Rental Units serving seniors with an affordability period of 55 years.
 - Amount Allocation: \$651,244

These eligible activities are allowed under the HOME Investment Partnership Act guidelines and will support the City of Orange's commitment to provide decent and safe affordable housing.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

HUD requires that entitlement communities provide the public with a 30-day comment period to provide residents and other interested parties an opportunity to provide input on the proposed Amendment. This public comment period will run from August 4, 2022, to September 2, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City of Orange will incorporate all comments during the 30-day comment period.