# CITY OF ORANGE AMENDMENT TO THE 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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 May 9, 2023, City Council meeting, members of the City Council approved the allocation of the HUD funds for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year. Through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the city will allocate an additional \$56,400 of available funding that has remained unspent on the 2023-2024 Grand Street Neighborhood Street Rehabilitation Project to cover the higher than anticipated constructions costs related to the rehabilitation of pavement on Grand Street from Collins Avenue to Wilson Avenue.

These eligible activities are allowed under the CDBG guidelines.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Per the Citizen Participation Plan, the increased compensation to the 2023-2024 ADA Wheelchair Access Ramp Project does not constitute a substantial amendment to the 2023-2024 Action Plan as it is below 20% (below \$56,478) of the original allocation.