



PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS



City of Brownsville
Notice of Proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2017– 2019 One Year Action Plans
COMMENT PERIOD: February 9, 2021 through March 12, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the City of Brownsville (City) is considering a Substantial Amendment to the 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 One Year Action Plans (October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020). The City is an Entitlement Community in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Public Notice and Public Hearings are required for Substantial Amendments to our One Year Action Plan. As per the City's Citizen Participation Plan and per 24 CFR Part 91, a Substantial Amendment is required when there is a change in the use of CDBG funds from one activity to another of 30% or more, and/or when an activity is added or eliminated from the One Year Action Plan. Funding for this proposed project consists of uncommitted funds from projects that were underbudget from the previous years.

Proposed Changes:

- 1. Addition to the Annual Action Plan 2019:** The City of Brownsville is proposing to add an activity to the Annual Action Plan 2019. The City of Brownsville proposes to fund Community Development Corporation of Brownsville (Come Dream. Come Build)' Samano Project. The Samano Project will consist of acquisition and rehabilitation of a building for forty (40) affordable rental units for low-income residents. The funding for this project will consist of uncommitted CDBG entitlement funds from years 2017, 2018 & 2019 as illustrated in the table below:

Project Name / Annual Action Plan	Funding Amount
Uncommitted Funds/ Annual Action Plan 2017	-\$110,208.15
Uncommitted Funds/ Annual Action Plan 2018	-\$94,060.29
Uncommitted Funds/ Annual Action Plan 2019	-\$295,731.56
Proposed New Project: Samano Project	\$500,000.00

A full description of the proposed Substantial Amendment may be reviewed on-line at <https://www.cob.us/419/Substantial-Amendments>

Comment Period: The City is accepting written comments on this proposed Substantial Amendment for a 30-day period beginning **Tuesday, February 9, 2021 and ending at 5:00p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021**. Any interested party may submit their written comments to Mr. Efen Trujillo, Assistant Director of the Office of Strategic Initiatives, RE: Substantial Amendment Public Input, 1150 E. Adams St., 3rd Floor, Brownsville, TX 78520; Phone: (956) 548-6167; e-mail: efren.trujillo@cob.us ; fax: (956) 548-6161. Residents may also submit their electronic comments via Survey Monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SUBSTANTIALAMENDMENT>

Virtual Public Hearings: In addition to the 30-day comment period, (2) two Virtual Public Hearings on the proposed change will take place via Webex:

- February 25, 2021 (4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.):** Residents may log in using the following link: <https://brownsville.webex.com/brownsville/j.php?MTID=m4a79d99c3c09b4a88c2bfdf2ba7da840>, meeting number: 187 682 3132, password: hearing. Residents may also join by telephone, calling + 1-408-418-9388, access code: 187 682 3132.
- March 4, 2021 (4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.):** Residents may log in using the following link: <https://brownsville.webex.com/brownsville/j.php?MTID=m5eb85d136fb9b3ab7f06b9d1c0574087>, meeting number: 187 551 4496, password: hearing. Residents may also join by telephone, calling + 1-408-418-9388, access code: 187 551 4496.

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