

CITY OF LAKE CHARLES PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lake Charles will be amending its 2019 Annual Action Plan to include funds awarded to the City to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis.

This law has made available a total of \$ 1,005,428 in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus funds (CDBG-CV1 and CDBG CV3) to the City of Lake Charles. The City plans to program \$355,428 in CDBG-CV funds to assist tenants/homeowners affected by COVID-19 with rental/mortgage assistance and \$300,000 in CDBG-CV funds to be used for mental health counseling for low-to-moderate income residents of the City.

This substantial amendment will also include \$250,000 in CDBG-CV funds being allocated to a Small Business Stabilization Fund which will assist small businesses that have been affected by COVID-19. These funds may be used for salaries, lease/mortgage payments, health/safety improvements, utility payments and inventory. Lastly, the substantial amendment will include \$100,000 in CDBG-CV funds as un-programmed funds that will be programmed later as a substantial amendment.

The City of Lake Charles will follow the 2019 Citizen Participation Plan for a substantial amendment that requires publication of the amendment, a 15-day comment period and City Council approval. Citizens may review the report on the City's website (www.cityoflakecharles.com) and at the following locations:

- Allen P. August Multi-Purpose Center
- Central Library
- City Hall, 5th Floor
- City of Lake Charles Transit Center

The City will be accepting comments from January 4, 2021 until January 19, 2021. Any comments regarding the amendment may be submitted on the City's website or in writing to the Community Development division by e-mailing CommunityDevelopment@cityoflc.us or by mail at the following address:

City of Lake Charles
Community Development Division
326 Pujo Street, 5th Floor
Lake Charles, LA 70601

For more information, please call the Community Development Division at (337) 491-1440

The City of Lake Charles full complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Americans with Disabilities Act, and related statutes, executive orders, and regulations in all programs and activities. The City operates without regards to race, color, national origin, income, gender, age, and disability. Any person who believes him/herself or any specific class of persons to be subjected to discrimination prohibited by Title VI/Americans with Disabilities Act may him/herself or by representative file a written complaint with the City of Lake Charles. The City's Title VI Coordinator/ADA Coordinator may be reached by phone at (337) 491-1440, the Mayor's Action Line at (337) 491-1346 or by contacting the appropriate Department Head.