Proposed Substantial Amendment to the City of Westminster's Community Development Block Grant 2019 Annual Action Plan: Repayment for Event Center Feasibility Study

As a participating jurisdiction in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the City of Westminster receives annual funding to support programming based on goals and projects established in the City's filed five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans (AAP). From time to time, the City is required to amend these plans when established projects are changed or cancelled. A substantial amendment is defined in the City of Westminster's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) as changes to the current plan and/or program budget of \$50,000 or more. The City of Westminster is performing a substantial amendment to the City's 2019 Annual Action Plan to detail the repayment of funds for a cancelled project.

Repayment of Event Center Feasibility Study at the Rodeo Market

In 2013 and 2014, the City used CDBG funds to pay for a feasibility study to evaluate the development of a community event center at a city-owned property located at 3915 West 73rd Avenue, formerly known as the Rodeo Market. The proposal envisioned an enlarged event space and a partnership with the adjacent community Grange building.

After unsuccessful attempts to form a partnership to construct and operate the event center, the Rodeo Market project was cancelled. The City is required to repay HUD for the \$50,000 cost of the feasibility study, as the investment did not result in a project. The repaid funding will return to the City's local CDBG account and will be applied to a new project when the City adopts the 2020 Consolidated Plan in October.

Currently, the City anticipates applying the CDBG funds to support one or more of three proposed projects at an alternative location to be determined:

- Affordable Housing Site Improvements
- Affordable Housing Preservation Multi Family Rehabilitation
- Neighborhood Streetscape and Infrastructure Improvements

Allocation of the repaid funding will occur once the City finalizes its proposed projects in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. All Consolidated Plan projects and the proposed allocation of CDBG funding to 2020 projects will be posted for public review and input in September of 2020.

The City will accept comments and input on the proposed substantial amendment from Wednesday, August 5 through Tuesday, August 11. Please submit your comments to:

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or by leaving a voice message at 303-658-2414