

**CITY OF WOODLAND
FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 CDBG ACTION PLAN
AMENDMENT #2**

Introduction

On June 18, 2019, the City of Woodland adopted the FY 2019/20 Action Plan covering the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The City’s Action Plan was approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on October 23, 2019. The Action Plan is a planning document required by HUD for local government entities (cities and counties) receiving federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other formula grant program funds. The Action Plan outlines specific projects and activities that the City will carry out during the July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 fiscal year.

Subsequently, the City of Woodland adopted FY 2019/20 Action Plan Amendment #1 on July 7, 2020 to use its \$302,041 CDBG-CV allocation for the purchase of commercial modular trailers for supporting the Emergency Shelter Project. HUD approved Amendment #1 in September 2020.

HUD regulations require that a grantee’s citizen participation plan must specify what program changes constitute a “substantial” amendment to the Action Plan and what procedure will be used to amend the plan. Based on the 2007-2008 Citizen Participation Plan, Amendment #2 constitutes a “substantial” amendment because it funds activities not included in the FY 2019/20 Action Plan.

Amendment #2 was noticed in the Woodland Daily Democrat on July 11, 2021 and a copy of the amendment was posted to the City’s website (<https://www.cityofwoodland.org/597/Community-Development-Block-Grant>). The public comment period extends through July 20, 2021.

Proposed Amendment #2 to the Fiscal Year 2019/20 CDBG Action Plan

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded the City of Woodland supplemental CDBG funds of \$422,831 (CDBG-CV3) made available through *The Coronavirus Act Relief and Economic Security Act* (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

Activity: Public Service Activities (as detailed below)
Agency: City of Woodland
Funding Amount: \$422,831

Description – The City of Woodland purposes to fund the following public service activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

Proposed Public Service Activities:

- **City of Woodland, Utility Assistance Program**
Lower income owner-occupied households would receive up to six consecutive months of utility assistance with the total assistance not exceeding \$480 per household. The City has experienced an increase in the number of delinquent utility accounts and expects to exhaust funding budgeted for an existing utility assistance program before the end of the summer. CDBG CV3 funds would allow the City to extend the utility assistance program in order to help additional households impacted by the pandemic.

- **Yolo Community Care Continuum, COVID-19 Compliance & Service Enhancements**
 CDBG CV3 funds would be used to address licensing and California OSHA (Division of Occupational Safety and Health) regulations which have changed significantly since the pandemic and affected YCCC's programs (permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and respite care for adults with mental illness), implement an electronic health care record system, and acquire safety materials and equipment in order to have the sanitizing and virus protection resources necessary when future health events occur.
- **Empower Yolo, Resource Center Services**
 While Empower Yolo continues to provide its long-term services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking during the pandemic, the organization has experienced a surge of clients who had never sought their services before. Since the start of the pandemic, these clients who were affected financially by the pandemic sought assistance with basics such as food, diapers, baby wipes, clothing, and help filling prescriptions. CDBG CV3 funds would allow Empower Yolo to continue to offer assistance to the most vulnerable in the community, especially the elderly, unemployed, and homeless, who have been impacted by the pandemic.
- **Yolo County Children's Alliance, Woodland Covid 19 Resource Connection**
 CDBG CV3 funds would be used to assist Woodland residents impacted by the pandemic by connecting them to resources and information they need. This would include connecting newly eligible households to MediCal and CalFresh benefits, California's Covid19 Rent Relief Program, Emergency Broadband Benefit program, and other resources. YCCA works closely with Stanford Sierra's Community Based Mental Health Services in Woodland and receives referrals from Stanford Sierra, which has noted an increase in families needing to connect to additional family support services beyond mental health services. YCCA expects to work with these families by connecting them to health insurance, food, housing supports, and other family supporting services.
- **CommuniCare Health Centers, Food is Medicine: Provide Food Access and Education in the Clinical Context**
 CommuniCare Food Programs connect patients to healthy food and each other in order to prevent and manage chronic disease as well as to address social isolation. The pandemic exacerbated food insecurity and social isolation, making CommuniCare Food Programs even more important for their low-income patients. CDBG CV3 funds would be used to expand the Food Education Coordinator assigned to the CommuniCare Food Programs to a 0.8 full-time equivalent employment through June 2022 and enable CommuniCare to engage more low- and very low-income patients in direct food education activities in Woodland. Participants will be equipped to grow, prepare, and preserve fruits and vegetables, three skills that decrease household food insecurity and result in healthier diets. Food education will be offered in a multi-class series that brings people together and reduces social isolation.
- **Yolo Wayfarer Center DBA Fourth and Hope, Behavioral Health Program, Case Management**
 Fourth and Hope will use CDBG CV3 funds to support a Behavioral Health Program Manager position to respond to the increased need for behavioral health services and support resulting from the pandemic. Fourth and Hope operates an emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing and the Participants in Fourth and Hope's programs have been experiencing added stress and mental health challenges, which impacts

their ability to transition into or maintain permanent housing. The clinician hired will provide direct access to behavioral health supports that have been difficult to access during the pandemic.

- **Yolo Food Bank, Nurture Woodland, An Equitable, Sustainable Local Food System for the Health and Wellness of All Woodland Residents**

Meeting pandemic-drive food security needs has dramatically affected the amount of food required to be collected, stored, and distributed to the Woodland community. During pandemic year 2020, Yolo Food Bank supplied and distributed more than 3.2 million pounds of food in Woodland, nearly one-third of the 10 million pounds of food recovered, collected, and distributed by Yolo Food Bank. Because the socioeconomic impacts of the pandemic are predicted to linger and the pandemic has exacerbated pre-existing food security challenges and inequities in the local food system, the significant level of food access service provided by Yolo Food Bank over the past 16 months will need to be maintained for the foreseeable future. CDBG CV3 funds will be used to support continuing these efforts.