



**Los Angeles
Housing + Community Investment Department (HCIDLA)
First Substantial Amendment to the 45th Year Annual Plan (45-01)**

**Programming for
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

Purpose

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (found under 24CFR Parts 91.105 and 91.505), and our Citizen Participation Plan, the City of Los Angeles is required to provide citizens with an opportunity to comment on all proposed Substantial Amendments to its Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). The City wishes to notify the public of a substantial amendment to its 45th Year 2019-20 Annual Action Plan. A 30-day public comment period will be open to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on this proposed 1st amendment.

Proposed Changes

The purpose of this amendment to the 45th Year 2019-20 Annual Action Plan is to expand the use of \$937,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds budgeted for displacement prevention for providing counsel to individuals to avoid eviction to also include its potential use in providing rental assistance for a vetted group of renters at risk of eviction due to the inability to pay increased rental rates.

Background

City Council File #19-1239 provides details regarding the identification and use of City funds for an eviction prevention program that would include, in pertinent part, the creation of an emergency rent relief program. The City Council's intent is to identify funds for a renters' relief program, \$937,000 of which would be comprised of CDBG funds.

Use of CDBG Funds

In the current program year, PY45 (2019-20), there is \$937,000 in CDBG funds for use in a Displacement Prevention (Right to Counsel) program that would, in its approved form, provide limited legal services for renters, including access to the information and representation when faced with alleged landlord harassment, rental agreement and lease issues, and eviction. This amendment would expand the potential use of those funds to include the Emergency Renters Relief Program to provide temporary rent subsidy for renters who receive rent increases greater than 9% for tenancies where the tenant remains in possession and the eviction lawsuit for nonpayment of rent has not been adjudicated. The subsidy would be available to tenants and

families with incomes at or below 80% of Area Median Income. The subsidy would be paid through a subrecipient to the property owner within the city for up to three months' rent payments above 9% through December 31, 2019.

Comment Period

HCIDLA will receive public comment on the proposed amendment between Thursday, November 14, 2019 and Friday, December 13, 2019

Address all questions or comments on the proposed substantial amendment to:

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