

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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Memo

To:	Adam Waldron, Council President
From:	Alicia Miller Karner, Director, DCED
CC:	Robert Donchez, Mayor
Date:	February 27, 2020
Re:	2019 Substantial Amendment CDBG

The Department of Community and Economic Development is recommending a Substantial Amendment to the 2019 CDBG Action Plan.

In accordance with CDBG program regulations, the City is allowed to make substantial amendments to its Annual Action Plan and Budget in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to amend the approved CDBG program budget for the previously approved program year FY 2019. This is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with Bethlehem's Citizen Participation Plan as the following applies: a) Adding or dropping an activity.

The amendment to the FY 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan is proposed as follows:

Project	Initial Budget	Revised Budget	Change	
Bethlehem Emergency Shelter (2017)	\$100,000	\$35,252	(\$64,648)	
Deconversion (2017)	\$75,000 \$0		(\$75,000)	
North Penn Legal Services (2018)	\$17,500	\$3,104	(\$14,396)	

Health Bureau (2016)	\$5,000	\$804	(\$4,196)
Bethlehem Area Public Library	\$0	\$55,000	\$55,000
Catholic Senior Housing & Health Care Services	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Housing Rehabilitation	\$188,799	\$222,038	\$33,240
Hispanic Center – demolition (2019)	\$50,000	\$0	(\$50,000)
Hispanic Center – food pantry and other improvements	\$0	\$70,000	\$70,000

This document has been made available to the public for thirty days, starting on February 7, 2020 and the city held a public hearing on February 20, 2020 to consider the proposed substantial changes.

Please consider these proposed changes and the attached resolution at the Tuesday, March 17, 2020, council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 -

WHEREAS, Federal regulations allow the City of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as a HUD entitlement community, to prepare an Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Program Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem has prepared a Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem held a public hearing on February 20th. 2020 and made the documents available for public display for the required 30 day comment period from February 7, 2020, to March 7, 2020, and made the amendment available to the public online at www.bethlehem-pa.gov.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM:

- 1. That the Action Plan Amendment for FY 2019 for the City of Bethlehem for the period from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, is hereby approved.
- That the Mayor of the City of Bethlehem is authorized to provide the 2. necessary assurances and certifications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to submit the FY 2019 Action Plan Amendment for HUD approval.

Sponsored by:	/s/	

/s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____day of _____, 2020.

/s/ _____ President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ City Clerk