

CITY OF BETHLEHEM


Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memorandum

Date: November 10, 2022
To: Michael G. Colón, President of City Council
From: Laura Collins, Director of Community and Economic Development
Re: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment - Approval Resolution

The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) wishes to amend the City's program year ("PY") 2022 CDBG/HOME Annual Action Plan and respectfully requests Council approval to submit the amendment to HUD. A proposed Council approval resolution is attached for your consideration.

The amendment is procedural and the primary purpose is to allow the City to submit its PY 2023 annual action plan next year, when we know our actual HUD allocation figures, rather than submitting the plan with estimated figures that may need to be revised and resubmitted later. It would also offer other benefits such as potential timing flexibility for cost reimbursements and additional opportunity to follow up with funding applicants on their application packages. This approach is consistent with prior regulatory guidance from HUD concerning the submission of CDBG/HOME annual action plans.

We respectfully request placement of the attached resolution on the November 15, 2022 Council agenda for consideration and a vote. Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.



Laura Collins
Director of the Department of Community and
Economic Development

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-_____

WHEREAS, Federal regulations allow the City of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (“City”), as a HUD entitlement community, to prepare a Substantial Amendment to its Program Year (“PY”) 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Annual Action Plan;

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a proposed Substantial Amendment to its PY 2022 Annual Action Plan (“Action Plan Amendment”); and

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on November 4, 2022, and made the Action Plan Amendment available for public display for the required comment period running from October 14, 2022, through November 14, 2022, and also made it available to the public at www.bethlehem-pa.gov.

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

1. That the PY 2022 Action Plan Amendment for the City of Bethlehem, for the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, is hereby approved.
2. That the Mayor of the City is authorized to provide the necessary assurances and certifications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to submit the Action Plan Amendment for HUD approval.

Sponsored by: /s/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this ____ day of November, 2022

/s/ _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk