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Public Input Sought for Amendment to CDBG Annual Action Plan to Receive CARES Funding

AMES, Iowa – The public is encouraged to provide input to the City of Ames’ request for a second Substantial Amendment to its CDBG 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, in order to receive $354,515 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) ACT funding (Public Law 116-136). This law was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis. The CARES Act funds will be available for “eligible activities” meeting the national objective of the CDBG program and to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Five (5) Day Public Comment period will begin on Thursday, April 23, 2020, and conclude on Monday, April 27, 2020. Due to the national, state and local emergencies concerning the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak and restrictions on personal interactions, public comments can be sent be via email to Vanessa Baker-Latimer, Housing Coordinator at: cdbgcares2020@cityofames.org or can be mailed to City of Ames, Planning & Housing Department, Housing Coordinator, PO Box 811, Ames, IA 50010-0811. To make public comments by phone, call the Housing Division’s Hotline number at 515.239.5380 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For special accommodations due to a disability or language translation, please contact Vanessa Baker-Latimer, Planning & Housing Department, at 515.239.5400 or the TDD at 515.239.5133 by Friday, April 24, 2020. All public comments will be taken into consideration prior to determining the use of these funds.

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