

City of Evansville, Indiana
Substantial Amendment to the 2023 Annual Action Plan

The following is a summary of language that amends the 2023 Annual Action Plan, authored by the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) for the City of Evansville, IN (the City).

Background:

The City of Evansville’s federal Consolidated Plan details the funding strategy for federal funds granted by the Department of Housing and Urban Transportation (HUD) for the period from 2020 through 2024. These funding sources include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME). Within the 5-year Consolidated Plan period, an Annual Action Plan outlines the implementation of annual funding. Each Action Plan is developed through significant public input, analyses, and planning.

The City’s Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) describes the efforts that the City will take to encourage its residents to participate in developing these plans. It also provides requirements for public processes when a “substantial amendment” to the Annual Action Plan is proposed. The following modifications constitute a substantial amendment and require public notice as described in the CPP:

- addition or deletion of an activity
- a change in location, scope, or beneficiary of an activity
- an increase or decrease in program funds of at least 20% for any activity whose total allocation is \$100,000 or more

Amendments to the Annual Action Plan do not require a public hearing.

Proposed Substantial Amendment(s):

The City is proposing this amendment to the 2023 Annual Action Plans to re-allocate funding to projects/activities established by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The subject of this amendment is the activities anticipated to be completed as part of the City’s CDBG budget.

Analysis:

In the City’s 2023 Action Plan, Memorial Community Development Corporation (Memorial CDC) was allocated \$100,000 for the project known as “Comprehensive Youth Development” (Project ID 38), an activity that had a direct client (LMC) benefit. Memorial CDC did not utilize the full amount for this program and now requests that the remaining funds be repurposed for two rental rehabilitation projects which will have a housing (LMH) benefit. Memorial CDC also received multiple planning grant (administrative) allocations in 2023 which individually did not exceed \$100,000 but, nonetheless, are undergoing significant change in scope and purpose to be applied to the housing rehabilitation projects. A summary of the allocations to be repurposed is attached on the following page.

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Unused 2023 CDBG funds to be repurposed by Memorial CDC

Comprehensive Youth Development	\$33,589.69
Design Center Planning Grant	\$25,000.00
Neighborhood School Planning Grant	\$50,000.00
NRSA Planning Grant	\$25,000.00
Total	\$133,589.69

Memorial CDC will utilize repurposed CDBG funds to rehabilitate the homes located at 1562 S. Kentucky Avenue and 660 Ravenswood Drive in Evansville, IN. Both units are owned by Memorial CDC and will be rented to LMI households once brought up to code.

This proposal qualifies as a substantial amendment because it meets the following criteria:

- addition or deletion of an activity
 - Two new project IDs will be added – CDBG rental rehabilitation projects described above.
- a change in location, scope, or beneficiary of an activity
 - LMC benefit and admin expenses originally anticipated will now result in LMH benefit.
- an increase or decrease in program funds of at least 20% for any activity whose total allocation is \$100,000 or more
 - The Comprehensive Youth Development amount to be repurposed is greater than 20% of the original allocation of \$100,000.

Public Process:

The City is providing notice of a thirty-day public comment period as part of the HUD public participation process. The comment period will start on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 4:00 PM and end on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 4:00 PM. All comments received during the public comment period will be considered by the City of Evansville prior to submission of its Substantial Amendment.

Opportunities for public comment:

You may view the Substantial Amendment on the City of Evansville, IN website at www.evansville.in.gov/cdfederalprograms. Comments may be provided to Community Development Coordinator, Haley Hale in the following manner:

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