

# Attachment A: Public Notices and Comments



# **Summary of Citizen Participation Efforts**

Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan

# CARES ACT

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act provided \$5 billion for CDBG to readily respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by it, including the expansion of community health facilities, childcare centers, food banks, and senior services. The CARES Act included

a number of waivers increasing the flexibility of funds including:

- Eliminating the 15 percent cap on public service activities
- Expediting public comment periods to 5 days to disburse funds quickly
- Extending the deadline to submit the Fiscal Year 2021 (Federal Program Year 2020) to August 16, 2021

# STATE OF EMERGENCY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD and NO PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT

With the approval of the CARES ACT, and the proclamation of a local emergency in the City of San Diego due to the continued threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the City amended its Citizen Participation Plan, expedited the public participation period to a 5-day period, and provided access to virtual meetings with reasonable notification and access for citizens to provide comments.

# VIRTUAL MEETING PROCESS

# <u>CPAB</u>

With the assistance of the Office of Boards and Commissions, the Department of Information Technology (IT), the Department of Communications, the City of San Diego established a process to conduct a Virtual Meeting for its Consolidated Plan Advisory Board (CPAB). CPAB members use Microsoft Teams or Zoom technology to participate, while the meeting is streamed live to a YouTube channel the City has created specific to virtual meetings or via Zoom.

The public is asked to submit an online comment form at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Comments received are read at the meeting by City staff and saved for the permanent record. The online form can be accessed on the Office of Boards and Commissions webpage ( <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions/public-comment</u>). All virtual meetings will be saved on the webpage and can be accessed by the public.

# CITY COUNCIL

The City Council meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of <u>California</u> <u>Executive Order 29-20</u>, which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act and the <u>Temporary Rules of Council</u> as approved on April 7, 2020.



During the State of Emergency and in the interest of public health and safety, most Council Members participated in the meeting by teleconference. In accordance with the Executive Order, there no members of the public participated in person at the City Council Meetings. Alternatives to in-person attendance for viewing and participating in the meetings were provided.

In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public participated and provided comment via telephone, using the City Clerk webform, email submission or via U.S. Mail of written materials.

The public was able to view the meeting on public television (within the City of San Diego only) on City TV Channel 24 for Cox Communications and Time Warner Cable or Channel 99 for AT&T, or <u>view the meeting online</u> at www.sandiego.gov.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and closure of City facilities (such as libraries) hard copies of the draft Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan were not be available for public review. Electronic versions of the referenced documents were available for public review on the City's website (<u>www.sandiego.gov/CDBG</u>). In addition, public notices of the 5-day comment period, as well as the Council meeting, were distributed using the EDD email interest list and posted on the City's webpage.

The following materials/links document how the City of San Diego executed their efforts for Citizen Participation. The public comment period took place from <u>May 11, 2020 to May 15,</u> <u>2020</u>.

Please note, the City of San Diego released the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan for additional Public Comment on August 7, 2020 through September 6, 2020. Comments received during this time are also included.

# Consolidated Plan Advisory Board Virtual (CPAB) Meeting May, 13 2020:

The City of San Diego held a virtual meeting on May 13, 2020 to review the Amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan, Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, and the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

Link to the live YouTube stream: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PjLisE27Ls&t=8170s</u>

Link to Public Comment form from the Office of Boards and Commissions: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions/public-comment</u>

Public comments received using the online Public Comment Form (in relation to the FY 2021 AAP):



#### Thomas Lovell, Father Joe's Villages

On behalf of Father Joe's Villages, thank you so much to the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board and the Economic Development staff for your support. The facility improvements at the Paul Mirabile Center (PMC) will be a significant investment to support our capacity to serve neighbors experiencing homelessness. The PMC houses the Village Health Center, which has been on the front-lines of the COVID-19 emergency response, as well as our public lunch program, and emergency shelter that is currently housing the vulnerable clients with underlying conditions who need additional support and physical distancing than is available at the Convention Center. These critical infrastructure updates will allow the PMC to continue operating efficiently as a community resource for years to come. This wouldn't be possible without your support.

# Shanna E Welsh-Levin, Amikas

I am the President of Amikas, a non-profit organization working so that every woman and child in San Diego has a safe place to live. We request that the CPAB consider the need for emergency sleeping cabins for homeless women and children, and other homeless individuals. There is a widening gap in the ability to provide housing for low and very low-income individuals/families. Emergency sleeping cabins would bridge the housing need of homeless individuals to provide a safe place to sleep at night and to store personal belongings while individuals access resources needed to find employment, medical care, and other services. This form of bridge housing successfully works in other cities such as San Jose, California, Seattle, Washington, and Eugene, Oregon. We encourage the City of San Diego to include this type of basic cabin housing in its upcoming plan. Amikas has spoken with Council President Georgette Gomez and her office about this proposal for the past three years and we are working with the City Heights Community Development Corporation to identify the location for the pilot community within the City of San Diego. Last we heard, a proposed ordinance for emergency cabins was under review by city attorney.

# Rosie Sanchez-Ulloa, City Heights Community Development Corporation

We submit comment on behalf of City Heights CDC. In doing so, we represent over 100,000 San Diego low income families, hundreds of them homeless. We seek to support CPAB's consideration for the need of emergency sleeping cabins for homeless families. This model is already successful in San Jose, California, Seattle, Washington, and Eugene, Oregon. Emergency cabins satisfy the housing need of homeless families providing a safe place for families to live, transition, access job options, health care, and other services. We support and encourage the City of San Diego to include emergency cabin housing in its upcoming plan. We have worked closely with Amikas for nearly two years to raise awareness of the cabin bridge housing and to condition the community to these transitional homes. He had a cabin model on display at Fair@44 for over one year and it drew a lot of attention and positive feedback. We are very hopeful as we learn that ordinance for emergency cabins was under review by city attorney, we wanted to make known our position of support for this proposed ordinance that would change the lives of so many families that are homeless in San Diego.

# Public comments at the CPAB Meeting on May 13, 2020

Rich Thesing, CPAB Member



Mr. Thesing thanked staff for compiling all of the information together for the Board. Mr. Thesing made the motion to approve the FY 2021 (along with the other actions) but asked to remove the \$1 million dollars going to the operations of the Navigation Center.

# Valerie Brown, CPAB Chair

Mrs. Brown agreed with Mr. Thesing on not approving the funding to the Navigation Center.

# Peter Dennehy, CPAB Vice Chair

Mr. Dennehy seconded the motion and agreed to remove the \$1 million for the Navigation Center. Motion passes unanimously, 7-0.

# Public comment period: May 11-May 15:

Public comments received during the public comment period are mentioned above.

# City Council Public Hearing May 19, 2020:

On May 19, 2020, City staff presented the Citizen Participation Plan, Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan and the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan to the City Council. Although the meeting was conducted after the public comment period, comments were still accepted.

City Council link: http://sandiego.granicus.com/player/clip/7995

# Public Comments received at City Council (using live call-in number)

Laura Ann stated the importance of rent relief programs and services for tenants.

Joe Waneo, representing San Diego 350, stated the importance of assistance to the homeless and protecting current renters in San Diego who have suffered from the effects to the economy due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Andrea Espar, representing Community Budget Alliance, stated the importance of protecting renters in this critical time.

Martha Orozco, representing Community Budget Alliance, stated the critical need for assistance to renters in this time.

Marisol Turnicio, representing Employee Labor Rights Center, stated her support for affordable housing and renter protections.



# **City Councilmembers:**

# Council President Georgette Gomez:

• Council President Gomez thanked staff for the hard work in compiling the information and stated the importance of a rent relief program. Ms. Gomez made the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 without the \$1 million dollars to the Navigation Center.

#### Councilmember Barbara Bry:

• Councilmember Bry thanked staff for the information and supports a rental relief program. Seconded the motion and agreed to remove the \$1 million for the Navigation Center. Councilmember Bry recommended the \$1 million can go into the rent relief fund.

#### Councilmember Chris Ward:

 Councilmember Ward agreed to not fund the Navigation Center and requested more data on the results of the Navigation Center. Ms. Keely Halsey, from the Mayor's Office, replied that metrics are not currently available, but staff is currently working on collecting the data since the Navigation Center has only been open for two months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Lisa Jones, from the San Diego Housing Commission, replied that 12 exits from the Navigation Center have established permanent housing. Ms. Jones also stated that the current homeless shelter at the San Diego Convention Center will be helpful in analyzing best practices to housing homeless individuals.

#### Councilmember Monica Montgomery:

• Councilmember Montgomery agreed to not fund the Navigation Center, but also requested more information about the San Diego Workforce Partnership's Tech Hire program. Ms. Montgomery would like to verify the impact of the program specifically in Council District 4. She requested the \$1 million in the FY 2021 CDBG allocation to the TechHire program be removed and brought back to City Council for consideration at a future date.

#### Councilmember Scott Sherman:

• Councilmember Sherman supported the original motion and would like to revisit the \$1 million Navigation Center allocation with staff coming back with a new allocation.

#### Councilmember Vivian Moreno:

 Councilmember Moreno stated that the rent relief is of the utmost importance at this time Ms. Moreno does not want to waive 700-02 policy and will not support the motion, Ms. Michele Marano from the Economic Development Department, stated that the request to waive Council Policy 700-02 is to possibly distribute smaller awards for a future rental relief program. Ms. Marano also stated that waiving the Policy will allow staff to permit



subrecipients an extension on their awards as the current Council Policy states a 12month contract for Public Service and Economic Development projects and 24-months for a construction project.

Final motion was to approve the FY 2021 (along with the other actions) with the removal of the \$1 million for the Navigation Center and \$1 million for the Tech Hire program. Seconded by Councilmember Bry. Motion passes 8-1.

# Additional public comment period: August 07-September 06, 2020:

No public comments were received during the additional public comment.



# PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE 1: MAY 11 - MAY 15, 2020





# PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE 2: AUGUST 7 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

The City of	
NOTICE of Additional 30-Day Public Review	
Draft Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan	
Under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the City of San Diego (City) invites any interested parties to participate in the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2021 Ann Action Plan (FY 2021 AAP). The FY 2021 AAP is the yearly update to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan a identifies the projects and programs proposed to be funded through the Community Development Bl Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME). The FY 2021 AAP is subject to review and approval by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The FY 2021 AAP was available for an initial 5-day public review May 11, 2020 through May 15, 2020. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FY 2021 AAP will be available for an additional 30-day public review beginning on <b>August 7, 2020</b> . All referenced documents will be available for review on the City's web ( <u>vww.sandiego.gov/cdbg</u> ). Please direct any inquiries or comments regarding the FY 2021 AAP in writ to: <u>cdbq@sandiego.gov</u> . Direct comments to the attention of: Annual Action Plan Comments. <b>The comment period will close on September 6, 2020 at 12:00 pm.</b> As required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), requests for information to be made availabl alternative formats may be made by contacting the City Clerk at <u>cityclerk@sandiego.gov</u> or (619) 533-4000. The City is committed to resolving accessibility requests swiftly in order to maximize accessibility.	nd ck : ite ng



#### EMAIL NOTICE FOR CPAB: SENT ON MAY 8, 2020





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Community Development	
c. Substantial Amendment to the FY 2020 – FY 2024 Consolidated Plan The Substantial Amendment to the FY 2020 – FY 2024 Consolidated Plan includes the CARES Act allocations for CDBG, ESG and HOPWA. It confirms the County as the alternative grantee for HOPWA starting in FY 2021 and updates the FY 2021 budgetary priorities to include new CARES Act functs and the waiver the regulatory public services 15% expenditure cap.	
d. FY 2021 CDBG Application Scores and Rankings The CPAB will be asked to approve the lists of project proposals ranked by average score in descending order, forward the lists for conductation by the City Council for FY 2021 CDBG funding, and recommend the same for incorporation into the City's draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan.	
e. FV 2021 Annual Action Plan The City of San Disgo's DRAFT FV 2021 Annual Action Plan identifies the projects and programs to be funded in FV 2021 by the following HUD entitlement programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solubions Grant (ESG).	
f. Updates on other related actions Other items for consideration include: extensions of contracts for the San Diego Housing Commission and the San Diego Worldvore Partnership and a request for flexibility with certain requirements in CP 700-02 related to minimum funding thresholds, 12- and 24- month contract terms, attendance at mandatory workshops and application submittals for CPAB review.	
<ol> <li>Adjournment         Untinished business shall be tabled and placed on the agenda of the following meeting.         *****     </li> </ol>	
Tentative Future Meeting Dates/Times Subject to change. Metings are usually scheduled the second Wednetday of the month. Check CDBG working at http://www.sonficea.gov/cdbg	
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The FY 2021 CDBG RFP scores have been posted to the CDBG website and can be viewed here (under the Recent Links section). Individual categories can also be accessed at the links below:

- Public Services

3 Virtual Meeting, FV 21 REP Scores, Other Announcements

- Economic Development
   Nonprofit Facility Improvements
   Multi-family Housing Rehabilitation
- Sustainability

The CPAB will be asked to recommend the scores and rankings of the projects to be incorporated into the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan.

Public Comment Period for Substantial Amendments to FY 2020 Annual Action Plan, FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the Amended Citizen Participation Plan; and the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan

The Public Comment Period for the Amendments to the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan, FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, and Citizen Participation Plan will begin on Monday May 11, 2020. The FY 2021 Annual Action Plan will also be available for public comment:

The documents will be posted on Monday May 11 on the CDBG website and the City will be accepting comments through email at <u>cdbg@sandiego.gov</u>. The public comment period will close at Spm Friday, May 15, 2020.



#### EMAIL NOTICE FOR CITY COUNCIL: SENT ON MAY 15, 2020

City of San Diego Council Hearing on Tuesday, May 19 2020, at 11:00 am: Amendments to CPP, FY 20-24 Consolidated Plan, FY 20 AAP; FY 21 AAP



During the current State of Emergency and in the interest of public health and safety, most—and possibly all—of the Council Members will be participating in City Council meetings by teleconference. In accordance with the Executive Order, there will be no



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#### Phone in Testimony

When the Clerk introduces either the item you would like to comment on or the comment period for, Non-Agenda Public Comment or Closed Session Public Comment, follow the instructions within the "Public Comment Instructions" by dialing the number below to be placed in the queue.

DIAL 619-541-6310 Enter the Access Code: 877861 then press '#'.

Written Comment through Webform:

Comment on Agenda Items may be submitted using the <u>webform</u> indicating the agenda item number for which you wish to submit your comment. Comments received by the start of the meeting will be distributed to the City Council and posted online with the meeting materials. All <u>webform</u> comments are limited to 200 words. Comments received after the start of the meeting but before the item is called will be submitted into the written record for the relevant item.

Please see below for a description and link providing additional details on the Agenda Item 332

**Item 332 Description:** Resolution allocating funding from the Fiscal Year 2021 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development entitlement grant programs, approving a <u>Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan to</u> <u>allocate federal stimulus funds, approving a substantial amendment to the Fiscal</u> <u>Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan</u> and an amendment to the <u>Citizen Participation</u> <u>Plan</u>, approving the <u>Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan</u> and taking related actions.

**Other Announcements and Updates** 



# EMAIL NOTICE FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: SENT ON AUGUST 7, 2020





The IRS continues to create outreach materials to address people's questions about coronavirus-related tax relief and Economic Impact Payments (EIP). This week's outreach bundle includes a link to a new Non-filers section on the IRS Partner Resource page, which offers materials specifically targeting people who may qualify for an EIP even if they don't usually file a tax return or are experiencing homelessness. We've also provided the link to a new video on using the Non-Filers online tool to register for an EIP, information on keeping your EIP notice with your other tax records, and COVID-19 related tax relief for retirement plan owners. Please share and adapt these products for your communications, including emails, newsletters, websites, and other channels such as social
media and points of service. We need your help in sharing these important outreach materials with your members, clients, affiliates, and others.
For more information, visit IRS.gov/coronavirus.
Products/Resources
New Non-filers section on the IRS Partner Resource page:
<ul> <li>Reaching People Who Are Eligible for a Payment and Don't Normally File a Tax Return</li> </ul>
YouTube Video:
Use Non-Filers Online Tool to Register for Economic Impact Payment
Ready-to-use articles: (see attached in Spanish)
You may qualify for an Economic Impact Payment even if you don't usually file a tax return (low income)
<ul> <li>You may qualify for an Economic Impact Payment, even without a permanent address (homeless)</li> <li>Even without a permanent address, you may still qualify for an Economic Impact Payment (This longer article includes more details than our standard</li> </ul>
articles. Please share it with people who need basic EIP information but have limited technology access and may not be able to link to IRS.gov for more information.)
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