

# City of Moore, Oklahoma

## Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2020 Action Plan

For public comment December 2, 2020 through December 7, 2020

City of Moore, Capital Planning and Resiliency

On February 18, 2020 the City of Moore received its fiscal year allocation of CDBG funds of \$340,784.00. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is used to develop viable communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing and suitable living environments while expanding economic opportunities for low and moderate income and special needs populations. The Moore City Council adopted the 2020 CDBG Annual Action Plan on July 20, 2020 and it was approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on August 14, 2020.

On October 22, 2020 the City of Moore received a corrected notice from HUD. An error was discovered in the formula calculation for the CDBG program. The correction to the formula resulted in a decrease of the 2020 fiscal year allocation. The corrected allocation amount is \$340,733.00, a decrease of \$51.00. The change of the allocations for the activities will be as follows:

<b>Reallocation of Funds</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Reallocation</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
<b>Public Services Activities</b>			
Aging Services	15,000.00	-	15,000.00
Bethesda	10,117.00	-	10,117.00
Moore Youth & Family Community	8,000.00	-	8,000.00
Moore Youth & Family School	8,000.00	-	8,000.00
Mary Abbott Childrens House	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
The Sharing Tree	-	6,571.82	6,571.82
<b>Infrastructure Activity</b>			
Janeway/Gale Sewer Replacement	221,510.20	(6,612.62)	214,897.58
<b>Administration Activities</b>			
Metropolitan Fair Housing	5,500.00	-	5,500.00
General Administration	62,656.80	(10.20)	62,646.60
<b>Total 2020 Allocation</b>	<b>340,784.00</b>		<b>340,733.00</b>

Along with this change to the annual allocation, the City is adding an additional public service activity. The Sharing Tree has a facility that is stocked with clothing, household items, and basic necessities that is laid out like a department store where visitors can “shop” based on their unique needs and preferences. Most goods are donated and

clients are referred by on their partner agencies. To shop at Sharing Tree, clients must meet one of three qualifications:

1. Have a household income at or below the poverty level
2. Receive government assistance, such as SNAP benefits or Section 8 Housing
3. Experienced a devastating event such as a fire, flood, or tornado or be transitioning into permanent housing from homelessness or domestic abuse.

The Sharing Tree has requested City of Moore assistance with funding their “Christmas Connection” program. The program provides new toys, warm clothing, and books. In 2019, almost 3,000 individuals were served through the Christmas Connection program. For the 2020 program, they have requested a total of \$6,571.82 to purchase new toys and coats that will be distributed to low income families in the City of Moore. Because of the COVID pandemic, annual toy drives have not been as successful. Previously, the Bank of Oklahoma assisted with toy drives in the bank lobbies, however, all bank lobbies are closed due to the pandemic. Sharing Tree anticipates a significant increase in the demand for this program due to the ongoing financial hardship many families are experiencing because of COVID-19.

This program falls under the Public Services goal identified in the Consolidated Plan. It will benefit low to moderate income families in Moore and meets the definition of public services as defined by 24 CFR 570-201(e). These funds are not considered income payments as defined in 24 CFR 570-201(b)(4) and will be paid directly to the organization, not the individual or family. The organization will use the funds to obtain the resources needed to provide the program.

The City of Moore will submit the final substantial plan amendment and a revised SF-424, SF-424D with the corrected allocation to the Department of Housing and Urban Development after a 5-day comment period has expired and a virtual/in-person public hearing is held. The comment period begins December 2, 2020 and expires on December 7, 2020. The virtual public hearing will be held during the regularly scheduled city council meeting on December 7, 2020 at 6:30pm.