

Polk County Board of County Commissioners
Health & Human Services Housing and Neighborhood Development Office



POLK COUNTY

Florida's Crossroads of Opportunity

Substantial Amendment No. 4

FY 2019-2020

ACTION PLAN

Substantial Amendment No. 1

FY 2020-2021

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Overview of the Changes made to the Action Plan 2019-2020 Substantial Amendment 4 and Action Plan 2020-2021 Substantial Amendment 1

Amendment No. 1 was approved by the Board on January 7, 2020 reallocated unexpended funds, and appropriated funds to the project for Boggy Bottoms project. Amendment No. 2 was approved May 5, 2020 by the Polk County Board of County Commissioners. This amendment included approval of FY 2019 Polk County CARES Act funds CBDG-CV1 and ESG-CV1 and outlined project budgets and activities in the FY2019 Annual Action Plan. Amendment No. 3 was approved December 15, 2020 to add CBDG-CV3 projects/activities and budgets and add details of grantees awards for ESG-CV2 for projects/activities. Approved by BoCC Dec. 15, 2020. Amendment No. 4 will move Land Acquisition costs from CBDG-CV3 funds to regular CBDG funding for reimbursement costs.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This Substantial Amendment No. 4 changes the Gospel Inc. land acquisition reimbursement from CBDG-CV3 funds to regular CBDG funds.

Regular CBDG funds administered by Gospel Inc. will include acquisition of property for permanent rental housing for the homeless.

The Public Services (CBDG-CV3) projects will directly assist clients impacted by the Coronavirus to include rental assistance, an outside shelter for domestic violence clients for social distancing, medical training, and meal delivery for the elderly.

FY 2019-2020 Projects

#	Project Name
1	2019-2020 CBDG Administration-Reallocated
6	2019-2020 Public Services- Reallocated
8	2019-2020 Emergency Minor Repair - CBDG Reallocated
24	2019-2020 CBDG Gospel Inc. Land Acquisition for Permanent Rental Housing

Table 1 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Allocation of priorities is based on the survey data from the Consolidated Plan and input from local nonprofit organizations, and as a result of community meetings held during the planning cycle. Survey data from the recent Community Needs Assessment Survey and Review of Existing Conditions Report for Florence Villa/Boggy Bottom area assisted Polk County in planning and prioritizing projects budgeted for this area.

Although the needs of the underserved far exceed the limited funding available to provide services, the County will continue investing CBDG funds into neighborhood improvements that foster neighborhood viability and create suitable, safe living environments.

AP-Project Summary

Project 24

Project Name

2019-2020 regular CDBG - Gospel Inc. Land Acquisition

Target Area

Countywide

Goals Supported

Affordable Housing, Suitable Living Environment/Quality of Life

Needs Addressed

Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Public Services

Funding

CDBG: \$502,890.77 and reprogrammed funds in the Annual Action Plan 2020-2021 of \$497,109.23

Description

Polk County is changing funding sources that were awarded to Gospel Inc. a local nonprofit organization. Regular CDBG funds will now be used to reimburse the acquisition of a property with mixed units consisting of RVs, Mobile Homes, and cottages totaling 37 units in addition to a home and clubhouse. These units are unique from other congregate emergency shelters because each unit has a full kitchen and bath for homeless individuals. This nonprofit has strong local support in funding donations and fund-raising efforts. The organization applies for other funding through City and County sources as well as religious affiliations.

Target Date

3/31/2022

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities

It is estimated that 37 chronically homeless individuals and/or families will be provided shelter. Planned units consist of nineteen (19) emergency shelter units for up to twelve (12) months and eighteen (18) permanent supportive units for the homeless.

Location Description

The location of this property is 1140 Lemon Street E., Lakeland, Florida 33801.

Planned Activities

Land Acquisition for permanent rental units.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This Substantial Amendment No. 1 changes the Gospel Inc. land acquisition reimbursement from CDBG-CV3 funds to regular CDBG funds. Regular CDBG funds will be reimbursed for the Land Acquisition Activity for permanent supportive rental housing targeting the homeless.

FY 2020-2021 Projects

#	Project Name
8	2020-2021 Minor Repair – CDBG-Reallocated
14	2020-2021 CDBG Owner Occupied Reconstruction-Reallocated
18	2020-2021 CDBG – Reg. CDBG funds reimbursed for Land Acquisition for Permanent Rental Housing

Table 2 - Project Information

AP-Project Summary

Project 18

Project Name

2020-2021 CDBG – Reg. CDBG funds reimbursed for Land Acquisition for Permanent Rental Housing

Target Area

Countywide

Goals Supported

Suitable Living Environment/Quality of Life

Needs Addressed

Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Public Services

Funding

CDBG \$497,109.23

Description

Regular CDBG reallocated funds will be used to reimburse for Land Acquisition for permanent rental housing for the homeless

Target Date

9/30/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities

This project adds nineteen emergency shelter-in-place units to what currently exists in Polk County. The acquisition of the property also adds eighteen permanent supportive housing units that will be reserved specifically for chronically homeless individuals in Polk County. Total 37

Location Description

Countywide

Planned Activities

Permanent supportive housing