

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Substantial Amendment to the HUD Program Year 2017/City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan & the HUD Program Year 2019/City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the filing of substantial amendments to the HUD Program Year 2017/City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan & the HUD Program Year 2019/City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan is part of the Consolidated Planning process, in which the City of Columbus assesses its affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and makes data-driven, place-based investment decisions.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the filing of substantial amendments to the HUD Program Year 2017/City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan & the HUD Program Year 2019/City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Background: The Annual Action Plan is part of the Consolidated Planning process, in which the City of Columbus assesses its affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and makes data-driven, place-based investment decisions. The Consolidated Plan for the City of Columbus covers a span of 5-years, from 2017-2021, in which community development priorities and multiyear goals were set based on an assessment of housing and community development needs, an analysis of housing and economic market conditions and available resources.

The Columbus Consolidated Government is proposing a revision to HUD's Program Year 2017/City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan approved by Resolution No. 261-17 and Program Year 2019/City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan approved by Resolution No. 161-19. Substantial amendments are required when an eligible activity is added, or funding is changed by more than 25%. The following are the proposed substantial amendments:

Substantial Amendment to Program Year 2017 / City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan:

- *Substantial Amendment #1:* In the Program Year 2017 / City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan, the City allocated \$150,000 for the economic development - business incubator project. However, cost overruns have exceeded to an expected total \$352,697. This is due to the characteristics of the subject property being rehabilitated, which is on the National Register of Historic Places and mandates additional work. The City is proposing to provide an additional \$139,248 in CDBG funding so that StartUP Columbus can complete the project as stated in the agreement's scope of work. The remainder of the funding for the project will come from the subrecipient other funding sources.

Substantial Amendment to Program Year 2019 / City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan:

- *Substantial Amendment #1:* The City of Columbus will increase Recreational Facilities, Parks, and Playgrounds funding by \$550,000. This additional funding will be used to improve neighborhood facilities including, but not limited to recreational facilities, parks, and playgrounds in low-income neighborhoods/census tracts. Proposed playground repair/replacement enhancements will occur at the following playground locations; Cooper Creek Park, Anderson Village Playground, Ewart Park, Tillis Playground, J. Fluellen Park, and Rose Hill Playground.
- *Substantial Amendment #2:* The City of Columbus proposes to allocate \$250,000 in CDBG funding to the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG). This funding will be used to assist demolition and additional sitework for the redevelopment of Chase Homes located at 120 20th Street, Columbus.

The public notice was published in the Ledger Enquirer on February 12, 2020, and the required 30-day public comment period expired on March 14, 2020. A public meeting was also held on February 18, 2020.

Analysis: A resolution is needed to authorize the filing of the proposed substantial amendments to HUD's Program Year 2017/City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan & Program Year 2019/City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Financial Considerations: The sources of federal funding and programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Legal Considerations: Council must approve the Application for funding for a substantial amendment.

Recommendations/ Actions: Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the filing HUD's Program Year 2017/City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan & Program Year 2019/City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF SUBSTANTIAL
AMENDMENTS TO HUD'S PROGRAM YEAR 2017/CITY'S FY 2018 & PROGRAM
YEAR 2019/CITY'S FY 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to prepare and submit an Annual Action Plan as part of the City's Consolidated Plan to plan for the use of federal funds to assist lower income residents with housing, jobs and services; and,

WHEREAS, the HUD Program Year 2017/City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan was approved by Resolution No. 261-17 and the HUD Program Year 2019/City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan was approved by Resolution No. 161-19; and,

WHEREAS, the substantial amendments to the HUD Program Year 2017/City's FY 2018 & the HUD Program Year 2019/City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plans has been developed as prescribed by the Federal Regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia wishes to make amendments to programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

WHEREAS, the sources of federal funding and programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and,

WHEREAS, according to the City Council adopted Citizen Participation Plan the proposed amendment is considered substantial and requires City Council approval; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the public interest will be served by the adoption of the proposed substantial amendments to the HUD Program Year 2017/City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan and the HUD Program Year 2019/City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the Substantial Amendment to the HUD Program Year 2017/City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan and the HUD Program Year 2019/City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan, are hereby approved for filing with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and further authorizes the City Manager and/or his designee to execute all contracts, agreements, and understandings related to the substantial amendments of the HUD Program Year 2017/City's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan and the HUD Program Year 2019/City's FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Thompson voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor