



**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT
CITY OF PALM COAST
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
FFY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
AND CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Summary of Amendment

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) made available \$5 billion in supplemental CDBG funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV grants). For the City of Palm Coast, this meant an additional \$299,058 in CDBG funds. In addition to the availability of funds, the CARES Act authorized HUD to grant waivers and alternative requirements to expedite the use of CDBG-CV grants, and FY 2019 and 2020 allocations for coronavirus response.

Under the CARES Act, CDBG grantees may amend citizen participation and Con Plans concurrently in order to establish and implement expedited procedures with a comment period of no less than 5-days. Additionally, the 15% cap for the percentage of CDBG funds available for public service has been waived for activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

Activity:

In response to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 on low-moderate income families, it is proposed that the \$299,058 in funding made available through the CARES Act be provided as utility payment assistance to eligible families. Additionally, consideration may be given to potentially reallocating funds from FFY 2019 to boost the amount of funding available for coronavirus prevention, preparation and response.

In conjunction with the allocation of funds, it is the intent to amend the Citizen Participation Plan to allow the comment period for Action Plan amendments taken in response to the coronavirus to a period of not less than 5 days. This 5-day comment period will only apply to amendments that are related to activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

The amendments have been approved by the Citizens Advisory Task Force and the City Council.