Third Substantial Amendment Revising the Baltimore City 2019 Program Year Annual Action Plan for CDBG-CV1 Funded Activities

In late March 2020, the federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Included in the CARES Act were funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. These funds are referred to as CDBG-CV1. Baltimore City was awarded $13,101,766 in CDBG-CV1 funds. Substantial amendments in May and December of 2020 identified activities to be supported with CDBG-CV1 funds. **Listed below are proposed amendments to the previously identified use of these CDBG-CV1 funds.**

1. Increase by $1,810,700 the amount of CDBG-CV1 funding allocated for the provision of legal services to prevent and mitigate the consequences of eviction of renter households. These funds will be awarded to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) to make sub-awards to local non-profit law firms for the provision of legal services to eligible renter households that reside in Baltimore City and have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and are at risk of losing their housing due to an eviction. This amendment will bring the total amount of CDBG-CV1 funding allocated for legal service eviction prevention to $3,732,112. Funding for this increase will be achieved by transferring funding from the following CDBG-CV1 supported activities:

   - Reducing the $1,300,000 remaining in the CDBG-CV1 funded Temporary Rent Support Program activity by $1,200,000 and applying this amount to the above identified MLSC eviction prevention activity.
   - Reducing the $860,000 remaining in the CDBG-CV1 Round 2 Housing Case Management activity by $130,346 and applying this amount to the above identified MLSC eviction prevention activity.
   - Reducing the $480,354 remaining in the CDBG-CV1 funded HPRP Legal Services Eviction Prevention activity to $0 and applying the entire $480,354 to the above identified MLSC eviction prevention activity and cancelling the HPRP Legal Services Eviction Prevention activity.

2. Increase by $200,000 to a total of $400,000 the amount of CDBG-CV1 funding allocated to the Southeast CDC/Housing Case Management activity for the provision of housing case management services to assist eligible
renter households facing eviction due to impacts of COVID-19 secure housing.

Funding for this increase will be achieved by transferring funding from the following CDBG-CV1 supported activity:

- Reducing the $200,000 remaining in the CDBG-CV1 - Franciscan Center/ Housing Case Management activity to $0 and applying the entire $200,000 to the above identified Southeast CDC/ Housing Case Management activity and cancelling the Franciscan Center/ Housing Case Management activity.