

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) PROGRAMS
FY 2019, 2023, AND 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN –
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, PA will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**, prevailing time, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 401 Washington Street, Johnstown, PA 15901. The Council Chambers are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If special arrangements are needed to accommodate residents in order for them to participate in the public hearing, please contact Mr. Owen Falvo, Community and Economic Development Fiscal Officer, at (814) 539-2504, Ext. 114 or via email at ofalvo@johnstownpa.gov, to make those arrangements. The telephone number for the hearing impaired is 7-1-1.

The purpose of this public hearing is to present Substantial Amendments to the City of Johnstown's FY 2019, 2023, and 2024 Annual Action Plans for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds.

The City of Johnstown previously adopted its FY 2019, 2023, and 2024 Annual Action Plans and Budgets for the use of CDBG and CDBG-CV funds. In accordance with CDBG Program regulations, the City is allowed to make substantial amendments to its Annual Action Plans and Budgets in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

The City has determined that it is necessary to amend the approved CDBG and CDBG-CV budgets for FY 2019, 2023, and 2024. Funds will be reprogrammed from previously approved FY 2019, 2023, and 2024 projects/activities to previously approved and newly created FY 2019, 2023, and 2024 projects/activities. This is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan as the following applies: the scope, purpose, and/or location of a project/activity has changed.

The amendments to the FY 2019, 2023, and 2024 Annual Action Plans are proposed as follows:

FY 2019 Substantial Amendment No. 5 - Activities:

- 1. CDBG-CV-20-01 Administration** - increase this project/activity budget by \$10,000 for a new project/activity budget of \$35,000.
- 2. CDBG-CV-20-02 Small Business Relief Program** - decrease this project/activity budget by \$144,778.63 for a new project/activity budget of \$739,290.37.

3. **CDBG-CV-20-03 Flood City Youth Fitness Academy - Outdoor Recreation Improvements** - Create a new project/activity with a budget line-item of \$75,000 in CDBG-CV funds. The CDBG-CV funds will be used to demolish a house on 237 Union Street to be redeveloped into outdoor playground space for the youth at Flood City Youth Fitness Academy. This includes the installation of playground equipment, swings, fencing, basketball court, green space, professional fees, etc.
4. **CDBG-CV-20-04 Park Improvements** - Create a new project/activity with a budget line-item of \$59,778.63 in CDBG-CV funds. The CDBG-CV funds will be used to rehab or develop additional outdoor space in low- and moderate-income areas of the City of Johnstown. Funds could be used to pay for the following items: demolish vacant abandoned structures, professional fees, playground equipment, swings, fencing, green space, benches, trash cans, etc.

FY 2023 Substantial Amendment No. 1 - Activities:

1. **CD-23-02 Fair Housing** - decrease this project/activity budget by \$10,000 and delete the project/activity. Reallocate that amount of \$10,000 in CDBG funds to Rehabilitation/Delivery Costs.
2. **CD-23-04 Rehabilitation/Delivery Costs** - increase this project/activity budget line-item by \$10,000 for a new budget line-item amount of \$70,000.

FY 2024 Substantial Amendment No. 1 - Activities:

1. **CD-24-02 Fair Housing** - decrease this project/activity budget by \$10,000 and delete the project/activity. Reallocate that amount of \$10,000 in CDBG funds to Rehabilitation/Delivery Costs.
2. **CD-24-10 Sewer Lateral Line Replacement Program** - decrease this project/activity budget by \$25,000 and delete the project/activity. Reallocate that amount of \$25,000 in CDBG funds to Rehabilitation/Delivery Costs.
3. **CD-24-12 Park Improvements** - increase this project/activity budget line-item by \$100,000 for a new budget line-item amount of \$211,247.
4. **CD-24-13 Sidewalks** - decrease this project/activity budget by \$100,000 and delete the project/activity. Reallocate that amount of \$100,000 in CDBG funds to Park Improvements.

The Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019, 2023, and 2024 Annual Action Plans is on display for viewing by the public for a period of thirty (30) days beginning Monday, July 14, 2025 and ending Tuesday, August 12, 2025 on the City of Johnstown's website (<http://johnstownpa.gov>) and at the following locations:

City Hall - 401 Main Street, Room 200, Johnstown, PA 15901
Cambria County Public Library - 248 Main Street, Johnstown, PA 15901
Johnstown Housing Authority - 501 Chestnut Street, Johnstown, PA 15906

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed amendment to the use of CDBG and CDBG-CV funds under the FY 2019, 2023, and 2024 Annual Action Plans. All comments received by Tuesday, August 12, 2025 will be considered by the City of Johnstown prior to submittal of the Substantial Amendments to City Council at their Wednesday, August 13, 2025 regular City Council meeting. Written or oral comments may be addressed to Mr. John Rutledge, Director of Planning, Community & Economic Development, City Hall, 401 Main Street, Johnstown, PA 15901, or via phone at (814) 539-2504, Ext. 110 or via email at jrutledge@johnstownpa.gov. Persons with hearing and/or speech impediments may contact the City via 7-1-1.

Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor
City of Johnstown