



2016-2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

2016-2017 ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

2017-2018 ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

2018-2019 ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

2019-2020 ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENT

April 15, 2020

As a recipient of US Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funding, Horry County is required to notify the public of substantial amendments of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs. The following description details the modifications proposed in the substantial amendments.

The amendment to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan is a substantial amendment. This designation was determined due to the addition of economic development as a priority need and strategic plan goal in the Consolidated Plan.

The amendments to the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 Annual Action Plans are substantial amendments. A new project, Conway Economic Development, was added to each Annual Action Plan budget. The addition of the new projects was necessary to allow for a new small business assistance activity in each action plan year, which will help small business owners affected by economic losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic through rent assistance. The assistance will be provided to business owners located in eligible LMI areas of the City of Conway. All funds previously spent on the Whittemore Park Community Center project are being returned to HUD for eligible reuse as a part of this new activity. Unspent funds from the Whittemore Park Community Center project, along with residual funds from other completed projects, are being reallocated to this new project as a part of the amendments as well.

The amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan is a substantial amendment. A new project, Emergency Shelter, was added to the Annual Action Plan budget for ESG. The addition of the new project was necessary to allow for supplemental ESG-funded activities associated with response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new project will allow for the use of hotel and motel vouchers to temporarily house and quarantine homeless persons who may have been exposed to COVID-19. An annual action plan goal, #3C-Increase Overnight Shelter, is also being added to allow for the inclusion of this new project in the plan.

Horry County updated its citizen participation plan in order to provide additional opportunities for members of the public to participate in the public comment process and to update its public notice timing requirements. Revisions to the Citizen Participation Plan include the addition of a virtual public hearing option when onsite public hearings are deemed unsafe to conduct, as well as reduction of the notice requirement for public hearings from ten (10) days to five (5) days from the date of publication of a notice.

An advertisement was placed in newspapers of local circulation, a fifteen day public comment period was made available, and a virtual public hearing will be held. The advertisement was posted on the county website and ran in the newspapers on April 15, 2020. A public comment period is scheduled to run from April 16, 2020 to April 30, 2020, and a virtual public hearing will be held on April 22, 2020 at 2 pm. Comments received as a part of the citizen participation process will be addressed.

The following table summarizes the adjustments to each action plan:

Year 9 (16-17)	Approved Budget	Revised Budget
Conway Public Facilities:		
Maple to Magnolia Drainage	\$200,882.06	\$196,025.86
Whittemore Park Community Center	\$4,375.00	\$0.00
Conway Acquisition:		
Acquisition	\$29,850.92	\$28,486.08
Conway Public Services:		
Jail Diversion	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Conway Housing:		
Housing Rehab	\$34,687.02	\$34,687.02
*Conway Economic Development:		
*Small Business Assistance	\$0.00	\$10,596.04

Year 10 (17-18)	Approved Budget	Revised Budget
Conway Public Facilities:		
Whittemore Park Community Center	\$89,787.00	\$0.00
Conway Public Services:		
Teen Program	\$86,500.00	\$50,718.33
Conway Housing:		
Housing Rehab	\$100,000.00	\$85,263.20
*Conway Economic Development:		
*Small Business Assistance	\$0.00	\$140,305.47

Year 11 (18-19)	Approved Budget	Revised Budget
Conway Public Facilities:		
Whittemore Park Community Center	\$240,078.00	\$0.00
*Conway Economic Development:		
*Small Business Assistance	\$0.00	\$240,078.00

Year 12 (19-20)	Approved Budget	Revised Budget
ESG:		
Rapid Rehousing	\$124,968.00	\$124,968.00
Homelessness Prevention	\$38,400.00	\$18,400.00
*Emergency Shelter	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
HMIS	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Administration	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

*Denotes substantial amendment due to new project being added. All other amendments are considered minor amendments. For definitions related to amendment type, refer to the Horry County Citizen Participation Plan available on the County website.