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On March 27, 2020, the United States Congress passed The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (H.R. 748). The bill provided additional funding to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by the pandemic. A substantial amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan is necessary in order to receive CARES Act funds, and usually a thirty (30) day public comment period is required, however, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has waived this requirement provided that no less than five (5) days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment. The State of Illinois has been awarded CARES Act funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Program, to be administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Under the CARES Act, Congress provided \$5 billion to fund the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-CV) for activities to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus crisis. The first \$2 billion was distributed using the same formula the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) used to award funds to entitlements and states for federal fiscal year 2020. The State of Illinois, through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), was awarded \$17,842,842 for non-entitlement communities (Round 1). HUD awarded an additional \$1 billion to States. The State of Illinois, through DCEO has been awarded \$39,370,832 (Round 2) to be used for the entire state. The final \$2 billion was provided to states or local governments at HUD's discretion. The State of Illinois, through DCEO has been awarded \$13,539,730 (Round 3). The total of all CDBG-CV funds to the State of Illinois is \$70,753,404.

The 2019 Action Plan will be amended in order for CDBG-CV funds to be distributed as follows:

State Administration (5%)	\$3,537,670
Technical Assistance (2%)	\$1,415,068
Shelter Construction Program	\$26,692,875
Healthy Houses Program	\$6,300,000
Business Resiliency Program	\$371,482
Public Infrastructure	\$11,800,025
Community Revitalization – Demolition	\$20,635,924

A copy of the Amendment to the 2019 Action Plan can be found on DCEO's website at: <https://dceo.illinois.gov/communitydevelopment/cares-act-program.html> **Please note that changes to the plan are only for the inclusion of and changes in CDBG-CV funding.**

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity hereby gives notice that the following public review and comment period to examine and consider substantial amendments to the FY 2019 Action Plan to allocate funds awarded under the CARES to immediately prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis will begin on **April 29, 2026 and end May 28, 2026**. The public review and comment period are in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") guidance issued April 1, 2020, as part of its COVID-19 response.

The State will hold one hybrid Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the FY 2019 Action Plan amendment on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 10:30 A.M. via Microsoft Teams, telephone, and in person via the following address:

Illinois Housing Development Authority (offices)
111 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1000
Chicago, Illinois 60601

In person participants are encouraged to sign the attendance sheet which will be available on-site at the location.

The day of the Public Hearing, use the Meeting Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/288790812987879?p=VfCPTq36ykDnyr0SCZ>

Join by Meeting Number:
Meeting ID: 288 790 812 987 879
Meeting Passcode: qp9ze7wB

Join by Phone:
Phone Conference Number: (872) 267-6689
Phone Conference ID: 349 669 21#

Call-In participants are encouraged to leave their names and organizations in the chat box.

Written comments are also welcomed by email to bhughes@ihda.org or cshaw@ihda.org or mailed directly to IHDA to ensure that comments receive a written response. Hearing-impaired and sight-impaired individuals in need of services such as an interpreter or documents in large print/Braille are asked to make requests directly to IHDA at the telephone numbers below at least five (5) business days before the public hearing. IHDA will make reasonable efforts to accommodate such requests. To obtain additional information concerning the public hearing, please call (312) 836-5320 or TDD/TTY (312) 836-5222.

The 2026 Annual Action Plan 30-Day Public Comments Period Starts Wednesday, April 29, 2026, thru Thursday, May 28, 2026.

All public comments must be received by midnight May 28, 2026 and submitted to:

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