

AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BUFFALO'S 2019 and PRIOR YEARS ANNUAL ACTION PLANS PROPOSED CHANGES

The City will amend its Annual Action Plan whenever it makes one of the following decisions: to make a change in its allocation priorities or the method of distributing funds; to carry out an activity using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income) not previously described in the Action Plan; or to change the purpose scope, location and/or beneficiaries of the activity.

The City will use the following criteria to determine what changes in planned or on-going activities constitute a substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan: substantial change occurs when the cumulative effect of an activity's budget amount is increased or decreased by more than twenty-five percent (25%), or when interim financing such as float loans are provided. A substantial change is not moving funds from unencumbered project balances from one year to another year for similar activities within the same target area. Nor is it transferring funds within the same HUD-eligible categories.

Because the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has identified the urgent need to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and assist eligible individuals and families who are economically impacted at this time, and has thereby allowed a change to public participation, a public hearing on this Annual Action Plan Amendment is not required and a 5 day comment period will start Thursday, April 9, 2020 and end on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. A public hearing will not be held. The City of Buffalo will place documents detailing its amendments on a public website on Thursday April 9, 2020 at: <https://www.buffalony.gov/324/Consolidated-Plan-Documents> The City will consider any comments or views of citizens submitted by email to HUDAdministrator@city-buffalo.com by April 15, 2020. The City will respond by email to any comments made on these amendments. The amendments will be submitted to HUD along with a summary of any comments received, the City's written response, and a summary of any comments not accepted and the reasons therefore.

ESG – Funding re-class to Various ESG contracts

Net Requested Funded Amount \$228,283.68

Due to the National COVID-19 emergency, there is a critical need in the City of Buffalo to provide around the clock emergency homeless shelter services to assure the health and safety of the medically vulnerable homeless community. A 24-hour shelter program is underway at the Flickinger Center on Erie Community College's downtown campus as a temporary shelter location. The project is led by the Code Blue project leader Restoration Society, Inc. Initial partners in this effort include Erie County Department of Social Services, Western New York Coalition for the Homeless, 2-1-1, Best Self Behavioral Homeless Outreach, HAWNY and a variety of others. More social service providers are expected to join the effort, providing an opportunity for staff to connect with individuals to triage their health, assuage their fears and develop connections for future housing success. Additional shelter locations may be opened in Buffalo in coordination with Erie County government in order to respond to the COVID-19 emergency. The Administration proposes to increase funding for Restoration Society, Inc. a total of \$228,283.68 with this Substantial Amendment. Funds will be relocated from prior year and unspent Emergency Solutions Grant funds, and will not impact current ESG projects or City budget lines. A Contract Revision for Restoration Society for other, immediate funding was approved March 31, 2020 by this Honorable Body. I hereby request permission from Your Honorable Body to re-class Various ESG contracts funding and increase funds to Restoration Society, Inc. as detailed below.

Current Project

	Amt. including Prior Amendments	Increase	Amended Project Amt.
Program Year 45 - Services			
Restoration Society Outreach (O.C. #DB7A2036 - Yr. 42)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,530.30	\$ 5,530.30
Restoration Society Outreach (O.C. #DC7A2006 - Yr. 43)	\$ 0.00	\$ 89,713.17	\$ 89,713.17
Restor Society Code Blue 17 (O.C. #DD7A2056 - Yr. 44)	\$ 0.00	\$ 133,040.21	\$ 133,040.21

Current Project

Funding Sources:	Amt. including Prior Amendments	Decrease	Amended Project Amt.
Compass House (O.C. #DB7A2176 - Yr. 42)	\$ 8,412.85	\$ 5,530.30	\$ 2,882.55
Compass House (O.C. #DC7A2007 - Yr. 43)	\$ 1,340.26	\$ 1,340.26	\$ 0.00
TRY (O.C. #DC7A2001- Yr. 43)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Friends of the Night (O.C. #DC7A2002 - Yr. 43)	\$ 1,768.91	\$ 1,768.91	\$ 0.00
Restoration Society Outreach (O.C. #DC7A2012 - Yr. 43)	\$ 9,418.41	\$ 9,418.41	\$ 0.00
Catholic Charities (O.C. #DC7A2031 - Yr. 43)	\$ 59,147.24	\$ 59,147.24	\$ 0.00
Matt Urban (O.C. #DC7A2032 - Yr. 43)	\$ 3,711.29	\$ 3,711.29	\$ 0.00
HOME (O.C. #DC7A2033 - Yr. 43)	\$ 2,633.38	\$ 2,633.38	\$ 0.00
HMIS-HAWNY (O.C. #DC7A2046 - Yr. 43)	\$ 11,668.68	\$ 11,668.68	\$ 0.00
City Administration - ESG 18 (O.C. #DD7A2086- Yr. 44)	\$ 17,275.33	\$ 17,275.33	\$ 0.00
Catholic Charities - RRR 17 (O.C. #DD7A2146 - Yr. 44)	\$ 148,196.62	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 48,196.62
HMIS-HAWNY - 17 (O.C. #DD7A2156 - Yr. 44)	\$ 5,318.12	\$ 5,318.12	\$ 0.00

NLS ESG 17 (O.C. #DD7A2166 - Yr. 44)	\$	130.64	\$	130.64	\$	0.00
HOME RRH 17 (O.C. #DD7A2186 - Yr. 44)	\$	564.65	\$	564.65	\$	0.00
Compass House RRH 17 (O.C. #DD7A2216 - Yr. 44)	\$	15,619.50	\$	632.06	\$	14,987.44
Friends Night People ESG 17 (O.C. #DD7A2026 - Yr. 44)	\$	4,812.48	\$	4,812.48	\$	0.00
Back to Basics ESG 17 (O.C. #DD7A2036 - Yr. 44)	\$	2,808.00	\$	2,808.00	\$	0.00
Restoration Society ESG 17 (O.C. #DD7A2066 - Yr. 44)	\$	8,498.93	\$	1,498.93	\$	7,000.00