PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas (UG) is making an amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan available to the public through this notice.

Public Comment Period and Process:

This Consolidated Plan amendment is available for a 5-day public review and comment period from May 15 through May 19, 2020. Citizens wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period may mail them, postmarked no later than May 19, 2020, to the following:

Attn: Receptionist
Community Development Department
City Hall
701 North 7th Street, Room 823
Kansas City, KS 66101

You may email comments to sstauffer@wycokck.org or you may also phone comments no later than May 19, 2020 to (913) 573-5100.

Amendment:

This is an amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/KCK (UG) to enable the UG to receive and administer $1,355,838 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and $683,879 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Additional CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding made available to the UG by HUD through the CARES Act is unknown at this time but will be used for the same purpose of the initial allocations indicated above which is to prevent the spread of coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) and facilitate assistance to eligible communities, households, and persons economically impacted by COVID-19.

Eligible CDBG activities to address or respond to COVID-19 include, but are not limited to buildings and improvements, including public facilities; assistance to businesses, including special economic development; provision of new or quantifiable increased public services; planning, capacity building and technical assistance. Eligible ESG activities include street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, Homeless Management Information System and administration.

Further, eligible CDBG and ESG costs incurred as of March 27, 2020, which is the date in which President Trump signed the CARES Act and paid for with nonfederal funds may be repaid with CDBG and ESG funding, including those made under the CARES Act. These pre-award costs will meet all HUD requirements applicable to CDBG and ESG, including those under the CARES Act.

Public notices regarding future amendments to the Consolidated Plan will be printed in local newspapers. Specific activities using ESG funding under the CARES Act will not require a 5-day public comment period.

Lastly, as part of this amendment, the UG has revised the Consolidated Plan’s Citizen Participation Plan to include the 5-day comment period as indicated above as well as to make other changes. The revised Citizen Participation Plan is available for review on the UG Community Development Department website under “Plans and Reports” (https://www.wycokck.org/CommDev/Plans.aspx).
Background on the Consolidated Plan:

The Consolidated Plan describes the housing and community development needs, as well as activities to address those needs through the Community Development Department programs, as defined and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As required by HUD, the Consolidated Plan brings together, in one (1) consolidated submission, the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs. More information on the Consolidated Plan is available on the UG Community Development Department website under “Plans and Reports” (https://www.wycokck.org/CommDev/Plans.aspx).