



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF COVINGTON**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-19

CDBG/HOME ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer signed Executive Order 2020-EO-01, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Covington due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, applicable Kentucky laws authorize a mayor to exercise emergency powers to efficiently and effectively provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Covington and the Northern Kentucky HOME Consortium member cities of Ludlow, Newport, Bellevue, and Dayton are considered to be entitlement communities by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, Covington and Northern Kentucky HOME Consortium cities receive an annual allocation of funding in the form of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program Funds (HOME) that is issued to provide needed public services, housing, economic development, neighborhood improvements, and other critical needs of low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires the creation of an Annual Action Plan to outline how CDBG and HOME funds will be utilized; and

WHEREAS, Covington is the lead agency responsible for the Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, HUD preliminarily awarded Covington a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds in the amount of \$879,498.00 from the recently passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) (see attached award letter); and

WHEREAS, the CDBG-CV funds are a substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan requiring public comment and approval by the Mayor and Board of Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Services Director and his staff recommend that an amendment to the CDBG/HOME 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to incorporate the new CDBG-CV funds; and

NOW and therefore, I, Joseph U. Meyer, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Covington, Kentucky by KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 39B, and in furtherance of the declaration set forth in Executive Order 2020-EO-01, hereby order:

1. The City's CDBG/HOME 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan is amended to incorporate the special allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
2. City staff should continue to evaluate the City's CDBG/HOME Annual Action Plan and prepare any additional necessary amendments and obtain any necessary public comment and Board of Commissioners approval.

This Order was approved following the required five-day public comment period. This Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE MAY 26, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Signed on this 26th day of May, 2020,



Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor

Attest:


Margaret M. Nyhan, City Clerk

5-26-20
Date