



**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2017

**SUBJECT: Amendment to 2015-2019 and 2016 Consolidated Plans—
PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

Request: Council authorization to amend the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan to add Slum/Blight as an activity in the amount of \$100,000 and to amend the 2016 Annual Action Plan to increase funding for the Canaan House Roof Replacement Project by \$16,000.

Purpose of Request: It is proposed that a new activity be created (Slum/Blight Removal) in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and that additional money is added to an existing project in the 2016 Annual Action Plan as proposed below. Funding will be moved from the LFUCG Parks Improvements project to fund the following:

- **Slum/Blight Removal - \$100,000 (Amendment to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan)**
The purpose of this activity is to address the need of slum and blight removal. One property has been selected for removal which is the former Catholic Action Center located at the corner of 5th Street and Chestnut Street (405 E. 5th Street) The former Catholic Action Center is vacant and has been condemned by LFUCG Code Enforcement. Additional properties may be selected in the future.
- **Canaan House Roof Replacement Project - \$16,000**
Canaan House is a 6-unit affordable housing community in Lexington for persons with severe mental illness. The house located at 379 South Broadway Park is in need of a new roof. The original project estimate of \$10,000 was found to be inadequate. An additional \$16,000 has been allotted to this project.

In accordance with federal regulations found at 24 CFR Part 91.505 and the amended Citizen Participation Plan approved by Council on September 29, 2016 (Resolution 584-2016), these modifications require a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Because it is a substantial amendment, citizens must be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed activities. Therefore, a public hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on November 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: \$116,000 will be re-budgeted from the Parks Improvements projects into the two new projects within CDBG_2017. There are no additional costs.

Are the funds budgeted? BA 8856 is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Lanter/Hamilton

