

# OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN AMENDMENT TO PY 2016-2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

## ES-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b) 1

### Introduction

**Emergency Response** - On March 27, 2020, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, was signed by President Trump. The CARES Act makes available supplemental U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (COVID-19). These grants provide flexibilities for Oakland County as an entitlement grantee to expedite the use of CARES Act funds to help address the challenges facing our nation during this historic public health crisis.

Funds allocated under the CARES Act may be used for a range of eligible activities that prevent and respond to the spread of infectious diseases such as (COVID-19). Proposed activities described in the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan amendment must meet national program objectives, be used for eligible activities and comply with federal regulations.

The CARES Act allows grantees to apply for waivers of specific statutory regulations including but not limited to citizen participation, program caps and reimbursement rules for COVID-19 response activities.

Prior to receipt of the funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development, Oakland County has prepared a formal substantial amendment to its PY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and PY 2019 Annual Action Plan. Oakland County also amended its Citizen Participation Plan.

Oakland County Community & Home Improvement is the responsible entity for CARES Act funds.

The onset of COVID-19 has created new priority needs. The substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan will allow the county to expend CARES Act funds to address emergency needs.

### Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment

**Emergency Response** - To assist per HUD regulations, low- and moderate-income renter- and owner-occupied households who are at-risk of eviction, foreclosure, or disconnection of electrical, gas and water services due to financial circumstances created by COVID-19.

### Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

**Emergency Response** - Consultation was held on several occasions during the development of this substantial amendment with local service organizations, the Oakland Continuum of Care and members of the Oakland County HOME Consortium.

### Summary of public comments

**Emergency Response** - Comments received were supportive of the County's CDBG-CV and ESG-CV emergency response. Minutes of the June 4<sup>th</sup> public hearing along with copies of public comments received were submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## **PR-15 Citizen Participation**

**Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation  
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal setting**

**Emergency Response** - The Oakland County Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) hosted a public hearing on proposed substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan, PY2019 Annual Action Plan, and Citizen Participation Plan at its June 4, 2020 meeting. Notice of the public hearing and availability of the draft documents was published on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 in The Oakland Press and posted to the county's website. A shortened public comment period commenced once the CAC approved the substantial amendments.

# Needs Assessment

## NA-05 Overview

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# Housing Market Analysis

## MA-05 Overview

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# Strategic Plan

## SP-05 Overview

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**Emergency Response** - The Strategic Plan provides an overview of how Oakland County may spend emergency response funds including but not limited to CDBG-CV and ESG-CV CARES Act grants to address the following priority need:

## SP-25 Priority Needs

### Emergency Response

<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Prevent, prepare for, and respond to declared emergencies
<b>Priority Level</b>	High
<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Income Very Low Income Low Income Homeless
<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	Oakland County
<b>Associated Goals Description</b>	Emergency Response Programs designed to serve the needs of eligible beneficiaries in response to local, state and national declared emergencies.
<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Declared emergencies have resulted in record levels of unemployment and housing instability.

## SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

### Introduction

**Emergency Response** - The County received a special allocation from the enactment of the CARES Act. The activities and funding were incorporated into a substantial amendment to the PY2019 Annual Action Plan.

## SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4) 264

**Emergency Response** - The County has established a new goal to “prevent, prepare for, and respond to declared emergencies” including but not limited to COVID-19.

## SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)

**Emergency Response** - The County has identified additional priority needs and will allocate funding to emergency response programs to stabilize existing housing and prevent homelessness.