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City of Utica, New York 2020 – 2021 Program Year Substantial Amendment

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In accordance with the City of Utica, New York's Citizen Participation Plan and the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136), the City of Utica has prepared a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2020-2021 program year Annual Action Plan, the first year of the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The proposed substantial amendment involves a transfer of \$875,100 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – CV funds from the Economic Development, Housing, Landlord Assistance through Emergency Repairs, and Administration activity lines. These funds will be transferred to the Public Facilities & Improvements activity to allow for the rehabilitations of three City parks (Lincoln Playground, Addison Miller Playground, and Hirt Playground), the purchase of public garbage cans, and a redesign of the City's website to be modernized and made more user-friendly.

In order to access the supplemental CDBG-CV funds, the CARES Act requires that entitlement communities submit a Substantial Amendment to HUD through HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) as well as amend its approved 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to include any and all supplemental CARES Act funding, including CDBG-CV, the subject of this notice.

The City's Citizen Participation Plan requires that public notice be provided at least thirty (30) days prior to the submission of a Substantial Amendment to HUD. Following a 30-day public comment period, the City of Utica will transfer said funds through the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) as indicated above.

Following consultation with the Mohawk Valley Housing & Homeless Coalition, the area's Continuum of Care, the following plan has been developed:

Available to Reallocate: \$875,100.00

Proposed Expenses (Public Facilities and Improvements)

Park Rehabilitation - \$595,775

City Website Redesign - \$200,000

Public Refuse Containers - \$79,325

Public comment regarding the proposed substantial amendment will be received by the City of Utica Department of Urban & Economic Development at 1 Kennedy Plaza, Utica, New York 13502 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM or at bthomas@cityofutica.com until Monday, January 5, 2026 at which time the changes described above will go into effect.