CITY OF EVANSTON
Amendments for CARES Act Funding and Citizen Participation Plan

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CARES ACT FUNDING AMENDMENTS

● City’s most recent approved plan (2019 Action Plan/2015-2019 Consolidated Plan) to include CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding – per HUD direction
● All funds must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus
● Citizen Participation Plan amended to expedite response to the growing spread and effects of COVID-19
FUNDING COVERED BY AMENDMENT

● Cares Act and reallocated 2019 CDBG entitlement funding totaling $1,724,067
  ▪ CDBG-CV grant - $1,080,243
  ▪ ESG-CV grant - $546,424
  ▪ 2019 CDBG - $97,400 unexpended Admin

● Execute grant agreements before regulations are released

● New goal – COVID-19 Emergency/Urgent Needs
  ▪ Eligible expenses already incurred
  ▪ No cap on CDBG Public Services when used to address COVID-19
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENT

- 5-day public comment period vs normal 30-day
- Virtual meetings at which public can provide input
- Modification to funding allocation process
  - Flexibility to address emerging/changing needs
  - Funded activities approved by City Council or any BCC as authorized by City Council
- Written comment from Betty Bogg, Connections for the Homeless:
  - Unclear what funding will be used for 25% FEMA match for costs already incurred by the City and NPOs
  - Disclose uses other than for shelter and housing for homeless residents.