



# CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTS FOR USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) FUNDS AND CORONAVIRUS CDBG (CDBG-CV) FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of South El Monte proposes to amend to its Statement of Objectives and Projects for use of Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds for fiscal year 2020-21 to utilize CARES Act funding and previously unallocated CDBG funding for a new small business grants program (the “Amendment”). The publication of this notice is the beginning of the 5-day public review period required under Federal Regulations at 24 CFR 91.105 and Federal Regulations waivers due to the COVID-19 crisis. The public review and written comment period begins February 4, 2021 and runs through February 09, 2021.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 27, 2020 the United States Congress passed The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act. The bill provided \$5 billion for CDBG to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by it. The City of South El Monte received \$128,099 in Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG–CV) funding. Additionally, \$121,901 in existing, carry-over CDBG funding from previous fiscal years was also available and allocated. On May 26, 2020 City Council previously approved these program funds. As part of the CARES Act, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has streamlined the public noticing and review process for CDBG Amendments. The standard thirty (30) day public comment period and requirement for a public hearing before the governing body (city council) has been reduced to a five (5) day public comment period with no public hearing required to approve the Amendment.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:** The City of South El Monte is proposing to allocate existing CARES Act CDBG-CV funding in the amount of \$90,000, and existing unallocated carry-over CDBG funding, for a the small business grants program in the amount of up to \$10,000 to businesses for the purpose of retaining or hiring/rehiring employees classified as low-to-moderate income (i.e. less than 80% of the median income for Los Angeles County). The awarding of these grants will be made based on objective criteria and limited to businesses that meet all program requirements. A copy of the grant program is available for public review at the City’s Website at <https://www.cityofsouthelmonte.org/451/COVID-19-Resources-for-Businesses>.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The public is invited to submit written comments on the proposed Amendment for use of Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds for fiscal year 2020-21. Please send all questions and written comments regarding the proposal by email to Angie Hernandez, Community Development Department at [ahernandez@soelmonte.org](mailto:ahernandez@soelmonte.org). All comments related to the document are required to be submitted by February 09, 2021 at 5:30 PM. Please note that due to the efforts to contain COVID-19, South El Monte City Hall is currently closed to the public.

DATED THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021