FIRST SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) FUNDS FY 2019 AND FY 2018 UNALLOCATED FUNDS

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. Congress passed The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (H.R. 748), also known as the CARES Act. The bill allocates \$5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (CDBG-CV). Additionally, the CARES Act provides CDBG grantees with flexibilities that make it easier to use CDBG-CV grants and fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG grants for coronavirus response and authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to grant waivers and alternative requirements.

The CARES Act also eliminates the 15 percent cap on the amount of grant funds that can be used for public services activities. Therefore, the cap in 24 CFR 470.201(e) has no effect on CDBG-CV grants and no effect on FY 2019 and FY 2020 CDBG program year grants used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

The City of Bellevue will receive \$489,623 in CDBG-CV funding. A substantial amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan is required to add this funding. A 30-day public comment period is normally required for substantial amendments. However, HUD has waived the 30-day comment period requirement for substantial amendments in 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2), provided that no less than five (5) days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment. This waiver is in effect through the end of program year 2020.

CDBG-CV Funds

The City of Bellevue is proposing to amend the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan to allocate \$489,623 in CDBG-CV funds by adding the following projects:

Public Service Grants	
Homeless Services	\$489,623
Total CDBG-CV Allocations	\$489,623

Program Year 2018 and 2019 Unallocated Funds

The City is Bellevue is allocating \$248,492 in unallocated FY 2019 funds and \$258,442 in unallocated prior year FY 2018 funds to public services projects to address the effects of the coronavirus. This funding can be allocated to public services because the CARES Act lifted the public service cap for 2019 and 2020 plan years. A total of \$506,934 will be allocated to the following projects:

Public Service Grants	
Childcare	\$150,000
Emergency Financial Assistance	\$206,934
Legal Assistance	\$150,000
Total Reallocated Funding	\$506,934