REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2022 and 2023 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLANS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that comments are welcomed and encouraged regarding substantial amendments to the City of Vancouver's Annual Action Plan for program years (PY) 2022 and 2023 to reprogram unused Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and cancel a HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) award as described below. The funds to be reprogrammed consist of unused funds from projects that were ended or cancelled.

In accordance with Consolidated Plan requirements at 24 CFR Part 91 Subpart B and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, changes to the Action Plan through this Substantial Amendment are advertised to provide opportunity for public comment.

A summary of the proposed changes:

<u>Activities and amounts to be reprogrammed:</u> **Agency Cancelled Project:** Second Step Housing Acquisition. Returned PY2022 and 2023 HOME, \$300,000

Agency Cancelled Program: Mercy Corps NW Business Assistance Program. Returned PY2023 CDBG \$50,500

Funding Source Changed: Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber Small Business Assistance. Previously awarded City of Vancouver PY2022 CDBG in the amount of \$82,000; now funded with Washington State CDBG-CV2 in the amount of \$82,000.

Funding Source Changed: Proud Ground Buyer-Initiated Land Trust Program. Previously awarded PY2022 HOME in the amount of \$279,000, now funded with \$279,000 PY2022 CDBG to meet HUD CDBG spend down requirement.

Added Funding: Family Solutions Integrated Health Center Improvements. Previously funded with \$250,000 in PY2023 CDBG, requested additional \$25,000 in PY2023 CDBG for construction cost increases, final award \$275,000 PY2023 CDBG.

New Funding: Council for the Homeless Building Acquisition for Homeless Services. Requested \$300,000 in PY2024 CDBG funding, providing \$300,000 in CDBG reprogrammed funding for acquisition to meet HUD CDBG spend down requirement.

Submission of proposed changes to HUD are contingent on the approval by City Council.

Comments about the amendment are welcomed and encouraged and will be accepted from Wednesday, March 13, 2024, through 5 p.m. Thursday, April 11, 2024. Submitted comments will be noted and incorporated into the final document. Comments may be submitted in writing to Samantha Whitley, PO Box 1995, Vancouver, WA, 98668- 1995, by email to <u>samantha.whitley@cityofvancouver.us</u>. or by calling (360) 487-7952 | TTY: (360) 487-8602 | WA Relay: 711.

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