NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO ABINGTON TOWNSHIP'S FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, INCLUSION OF CARES ACT FUNDING, AND AMENDMENT TO THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM, prevailing time, at the following address: https://zoom.us/j/91302400558 or Telephone:(929)436-2866. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate residents in order for them to participate in the virtual public hearing, please call Ms. Kimberly Hamm, MBA, Director of Community Development, at (267) 536-1000 to make those arrangements or by email at khamm@abingtonpa.gov. Any person requiring an interpreter should contact Ms. Hamm at least five-(5) calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. In addition, hearing-impaired persons may call Pennsylvania Relay at 711. Cualquier persona que no habla Inglés que deseen asistir a la audiencia pública deben comunicarse con el Sra. Hamm cinco-(5) días calendario antes de la reunión y un intérprete de lenguaje se proporcionará.

The purpose of this public hearing is to present substantial amendments to the Township of Abington's FY 2019 Annual Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. In accordance with the CDBG programs regulations, the Township is allowed to make substantial amendments to its Annual Plans and Budgets in accordance with the Township's Citizen Participation Plan. The Township has determined that it is necessary to amend the previously approved CDBG program budget for FY 2019 and to include CDBG-CV funding granted to the Township through the CARES Act. This is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the Township's Citizen Participation Plan since the following applies: (a.) a proposal to undertake a new activity, using funds from any program covered by the Five Year Consolidated Plan (including program income received from previous year's funds), and activities not previously described in the annual action plan; (e.) deletion or elimination of a previously approved activity; and (f.) a change of 50% of more of a line item amount of an approved activity, either increased or decreased. Additionally, the Township is amending its Citizen Participation Plan to include language concerning policies during the declaration of an emergency and expedited public comment procedures.

The amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan will include:	
FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING	\$6,423
SMALL BUSINESS FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM	\$23,000
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	\$190,000
PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS	\$120,000
TOTAL REALLOCATED FY2019 FUNDS	\$325,000
CDBG-CV HOUSEHOLD DIRECT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$325,000
CDBG-CV SMALL BUSINESS FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM	\$325,000
CDBG-CV FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE	\$90,000
CDBG-CV ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$30,975
TOTAL CDBG-CV FUNDS	\$770.975

In accordance with the regulations and requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), these plans will be on public display for a period of five (5) days, beginning Monday, March 22, 2021 until Friday, March 26, 2021 at the following location:

(www.abingtonpa.gov/departments/community-development-dept). Copies of the amendment will be available by email, as well, by emailing khamm@abingtonpa.gov. Written or oral comments will be accepted until Friday, March 26, 2021. Comments can be made in writing to Ms. Kimberly Hamm, MBA, Director of Community Development, Township of Abington, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001; via email to khamm@abingtonpa.gov; or by phone at (267) 536-1019. Persons with hearing and/or speech impairments may contact the Township via 711.

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present testimony concerning the proposed amendments to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan.

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary Township of Abington Publish: March 18, 2021