CDBG-CV

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - CORONAVIRUS

• Federal funds authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)
• Managed through US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
• Administered by North Carolina Dept. of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division (REDD)
FUNDING & ELIGIBILITY

• $27.5 million available across North Carolina
• To be awarded by application on first-come, first served basis beginning September 1, 2020
• Maximum award amount is $900,000 (no minimum) for a 30-month project period
• Available to non-entitlement communities (incorporated municipalities under 50,000 and counties under 200,000 in population)
• Buncombe County’s eligibility is based on excluding the incorporated City of Asheville (funding would not be used within City limits)
STATE GOALS

• Activities that prepare, prevent or respond to the health and economic impacts of COVID-19, including at least one of the following:
  • Support families and communities through telehealth support and other public services
  • Protect the most vulnerable and high-risk populations
  • Assist small businesses with economic recovery
  • Address testing, tracing, and trends
ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

• **Public Service:** subsistence payments to prevent evictions and utility disconnection; food distribution; testing and diagnosis; employment training for health care workers; broadband and communications

• **Public Facilities:** broadband services and enhancing internet access that supports increased connectivity to schools, jobs, and healthcare; building rehabilitation or improvements to support activities such as repurposing buildings into patient treatment centers

• **Economic Development:** financial assistance to businesses with 100 or fewer employees, including microenterprises; support businesses that manufacture medical supplies, and to help small businesses impacted by COVID-19 create and retain jobs
OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

• Activities must meet HUD regulations for eligibility (e.g. low to moderate income, job creation)
• May not include ineligible activities (e.g. small business loans)
• Administrative costs are limited to 10% of the award total
• No matching funds are required
• Award is subject to Code of Federal Regulations, including subrecipient compliance
PROPOSED APPLICATION SCHEDULE

• August: Funding availability announced
• September 1: Applications opened
• September 15: Public hearing on project design
• October 20: Public hearing on grant application and board approval of application
• November-December: Award notification
• January: Implementation, including Board budget amendment
CDBG CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

• Requires Board approval
• Outlines mechanisms for public involvement in County CDBG grants, including:
  • Public hearings
  • Individual comment, complaint or inquiry
  • Participation on advisory committee, if formed
• Describes how public information is distributed and maintained for public inspection
REQUESTED BOARD ACTIONS

• Adopt the Resolution to Approve CDBG Citizen Participation Plan
• Then hold the public hearing on the project design