



# 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

