Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV)

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AGENDA

• CDBG-CV funding overview
• Update on public input
• Overview of draft application
• Request for board action:
  1. Hold the public hearing
  2. Consider Resolution Approving Submittal of State CDBG-CV Application
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)
$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)
APPLICATION PROCESS

Activities completed so far:
• Initial public hearing held at September 15 Commissioners Meeting
• Approved “Citizen Participation Plan”
• Received input from the public about what activities to apply for
• Drafted application

Next steps:
• Hold second public hearing tonight
• Approve resolution authorizing application
• Submit application to the state once minutes from tonight's meeting are approved (scheduled for October 20)
PUBLIC INPUT

13 residents provided public comment. Some provided more than 1 priority.

• Housing/Utility Assistance – 7
• Food Distribution – 3
• Business Assistance – 2
• Testing – 1
• Other – 7 (tiny home community, nurse assistance, personal protective equipment on buses, healthcare assistance, farmers market, substance abuse, purchase of disinfection equipment)
Public Service Category: **Subsistence Payments**

Emergency rent/mortgage and utility payments on behalf of individuals who have experienced income loss as a result of COVID
- rent/mortgage payments focused on eviction/foreclosure prevention
- utilities include internet access payments
RATIONALE

• Subsistence payments top need expressed via public input
• Community need related to rent, mortgage and utility assistance
• In-house capacity to quickly and effectively deliver this activity and administer CDBG funds using existing business processes
• Ability to access other funding sources for needs including internet access assistance and small business assistance
PROPOSED STRUCTURE

• Lead department = Health and Human Services (HHS)
• Responsible for Activity Delivery & Grant Administration

• Activity Delivery: Promote the program; Receive applications; Determine eligibility; Approve subsistence payments & internet access payments; Processing payments to suppliers (landlords, mortgage companies, internet service providers)

• Grant Administration: Grant reporting; Financial Management; Reports to Board of Commissioners; Audit compliance
## Proposed Budget

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