



# 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)



# 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)



# 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)



# PROPOSED ACTIVITY

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

\$814,584	Subsistence Payments
\$60,416	Activity delivery
\$25,000	Grant administration
<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>Total</b>



# REQUESTED BOARD ACTIONS

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