

Proposed Uses of CDBG

Update to CDNR on the Entitlement 2020 and Coronavirus Funds

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Background – Available Funding

- We have \$765,415 for Entitlement (ENT) 2020
 - Implementation period 7/1/2020-6/30/2021
- In April 2020, we received an additional \$450,256
 - Provided as a part of the CARES Act for Coronavirus (CV) response and recovery efforts
 - The CV funds will be submitted as a substantial amendment to our ENT 2019 plan
 - These funds can be used as soon as soon as our ENT2019 amendment is approved
 - Based on HUD's recommended approach to access these funds as quickly as possible

Background – Timeline

- Accepted CDBG ENT20 applications – **complete**
- Convened the Advisory Board – **complete**
- Presenting to the CDNR for input on 5/6/2020

Yet to be completed:

- Publish the following in Advance of the May 18th City Council Meeting:
 - Revised Citizen Participation Plan
 - Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Action Plan to add the additional CV funds
 - Draft 2020 Action Plan
- Target for CC and BoF approval on June 1st
- Submittal to HUD by June 5th (due no later than June 15th, 2020)
 - HUD has 45 days to provide approval once our action plan submittal is received, but they are committed to responding as quickly as possible, especially for the CV funds

Background - Additional CDBG Flexibilities for 2019 and 2020

- HUD has allowed us to revise our Citizen Participation Plan to allow:
 - Virtual public hearings
 - Reduction of public comment period to less than 30 days
 - Note must be at least 5 days
 - We propose at least 15 days
- HUD has provided guidance on a number of waivers to standard CDBG/HOME regulations
- HUD has lifted the Public Service Cap of 15% for ENT years 19 and 20 (including for the additional CV funds)

Needs Assessment:

- Continuation of the previously planned 2020 CDBG activities
 - Cost: \$765,415
- **CV Specific Needs:**
 - Rental Assistance ~ \$250,000
 - Small Business Relief ~ \$250,000
 - Low Barrier Shelter ~ \$100,000
 - Food Access Funds ~ \$100,000

Suggested Funding Approach

- Follow the advisory board recommendations for the ENT 2020 funds
- Use the additional CV funds for:
 - 50%: Rental assistance program
 - 50%: Small business support to microenterprises
 - Exclusively support businesses owned by/employing low-moderate income individuals

Note: additional support of \$340,000 from the city's own emergency allocation is planned to support:

- The two programs above with supplemental funds
- A food relief fund
- The opening of a low-barrier shelter

Details on the Recommended Projects- ENT 20 Public Service

Proj #	Project/Program	Organization	Amount Requested	Recommended Award
	Homelessness			
PS1	Safe Tonight**	Steps	\$32,000	\$26,920
PS2	Expand Housing First in Chitt. County**	Pathways	\$97,000	\$35,000
PS3	Housing Support and Caseworker**	Safe Harbor CHCB	\$112,500	\$0
	Economic Opportunity			
PS4	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program	CVOEO -Chittenden Community Action	\$10,000	\$7,500
PS5	YouthBuild Winterization Training	ReSource Youth Build	\$11,539	\$8,000
	** Two Year Grants	TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$263,039	
	*ESTIMATE	AMOUNT AVAILABLE ENT 20	\$77,420	\$77,420
		DIFFERENCE	(\$185,619)	

Details on the Recommended Projects- ENT20 Development

Proj #	Project/Program	Organization	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount
	Economic Development			
D1	Women's Small Business Program	Mercy Connections	\$38,000	\$38,000
D2	Micro Business Program	CVOEO	\$50,799	\$50,799
	Neighborhood Development			
D3	ONE Community Center	CHT	\$41,956	\$41,956
D4	Dismas Rehabilitation	Dismas	\$22,800	\$22,800
	Housing and Homelessness			
D5	Housing Coop Improvement Program	CHT	\$75,000	\$75,000
D6	Recovery Housing Essex VT	CHT	\$35,000	\$35,000
D7	Domestic Violence Shelter	CHT	\$40,000	\$40,000
		TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$303,555	
	*ESTIMATE	DEV FUNDS AVAILABLE - ENT 20	\$303,555	\$303,555
		DIFFERENCE	(\$0)	\$0

Details on the Recommended Projects- ENT20 CEDO

Project/Program	Organization	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount
Public Service - Econ Opportunity			
Preparing Targeted Populations for Construction Jobs	CEDO	\$60,000	\$40,000
Development - Neighborhood Development			
Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy	CEDO	\$30,000	\$30,000
Burlington Brownfields Program	CEDO	\$39,164	\$39,164
Micro Enterprise Tech Asst. Program	CEDO	\$40,000	\$40,000
Development - Construction			
HIPP	CEDO	\$55,000	\$55,000
CEDO Lead Program	CEDO	\$30,000	\$30,000
	TOTAL REQUESTED	\$257,321	\$237,321
	ENT 20 Funds Available	\$237,321	
	DIFFERENCE	(\$20,000)	

Details on the Recommended Projects- ENT20 CV Funds

Project/Program	Organization	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount
Public Service - Econ Opportunity			
Rental Assistance	CEDO	N/A – new funds as of Apr 2020	\$180,103
Development – Microenterprise Support			
Small Business Assistance	CEDO	N/A – new funds as of Apr 2020	\$180,103
	TOTAL REQUESTED	\$360,205	
	ENT 19 CV Funds Available	\$360,205*	
	DIFFERENCE	\$0	

*We are following our established procedures to allow 20% for Administrative Costs

Details on the Recommended Projects- City's CV Funds

- Source: A portion of the \$1 million Emergency CV allocation
- Proposed Uses of \$340,000:
 - \$70,000: Rental Assistance Support (gaps from CDBG)
 - \$70,000: Small Business Assistance Support (gaps from CDBG)
 - \$100,000: Food Access
 - \$100,000: Support to launch the Low Barrier Shelter
- Program scope and focus still under design

Questions or Feedback?

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