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On March 27, 2020, the United States Congress passed The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (H.R. 748; CARES Act). The bill provided \$5 billion for CDBG to rapidly respond to COVID – 19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by it.

Per the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Florissant, MO’s CDBG-CV first round allocation is \$151,584 with a third round allocation of 242,112 for a cumulative amount of all allocations rounds of \$393,696. A Substantial Amendment to the FY2019 Annual Action Plan is required to receive CDBG-CV funding, and while HUD usually requires a thirty (30) day public comment period, in the interest of getting funding to Entitlement Communities swiftly and expediently, they have waived this requirement to allow a public comment period of no less than five (5) days.

The CDBG-CV funds allocated under the CARES Act must be used for a range of eligible activities that prepare for, prevent, and/or respond to COVID-19. The proposed activities must meet at least one of the three National Objectives required by CDBG regulations:

- Benefit low-to-moderate income persons.
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, and
- Meet and urgent need.

The City of Florissant is recommending to allocate the funds as follows:

FY2019	Allocation
Original FY2019 Allocation	\$248,515.00
Programs	
Home Improvement Program	\$173,515.00
Home Improvement Program-Mechanical	\$ 60,000.00
Project I.M.P.A.C.T.	\$ 5,000.00
Public Services	
Mortgage, Rent & Utility Assistance (MRU Assist)	\$ 10,00.00

Proposed FY 2019 Allocation Changes	Allocation
Original FY2019 Allocation	\$ 248,515.00
Administration	
Administration (20%)	\$ 49,703.00
Programs	
Home Improvement Program	\$ 68,812.00
Home Improvement Program-Mechanical	\$ 90,000.00
Project I.M.P.A.C.T.	\$ 30,000.00
Public Services	
Mortgage, Rent & Utility Assistance (MRU Assist)	\$ 10,000.00

CDBG – CV	Allocation
CDBG-CV Allocation – 1 st Round	\$ 151,584.00
CDBG-CV Allocation – 3 rd Round	\$ 242,112.00
TOTAL CUMULATIVE AWARD	\$ 393,696.00
Administration	
Administration (20%)	\$ 78,739.00
Public Services	
Mortgage, Rent & Utility Assistance (MRU Assist)	\$ 142,457.00
Food Bank & Coordinated Entry Funding	\$ 60,000.00
Mobile COVID Testing Clinic	\$ 52,500.00
Programs	
Home Improvement Program - CV	\$ 60,000.00

In addition to and for the purpose of an expedited use of the CDBG-CV funding, the bill eliminates the cap on the amount of funds a grantee can spend on public services, removes the requirement to hold in-person hearings in order to comply with national and local social gathering requirements, and allows grantees to be reimbursed for COVID-19 response activities regardless of the date the costs were incurred.

Public Review

Pursuant to HUD regulations, the City of Florissant’s Citizen Participation Plan and current HUD waivers for grant programs and consolidated plan requirements to prevent the spread of COVID-19, staff published a 5-day comment period and public hearing. Public comments and Council allocation recommendations will be included in the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Specifications:

FY 2019

The City of Florissant will re-allocate \$104,703 from its FY 2019 CDBG Home Improvement Program to provide much needed funding for activities where current funding has been depleted.

Housing Programs:

Home Improvement Program - Mechanical: Assist qualified Florissant residents with the repair/replacement of HVAC units and/or Water Heaters. With the addition of the CARES Act funding, the regular entitlement allocation for FY2020 has been delayed. All existing funds for this program have been expended. The reallocation of funds will allow the program to serve additional residents until the FY 2020 funds are made available.

Project I.M.P.A.C.T.: Assist qualified Florissant residents with the construction of wheelchair ramps, purchase materials and supplies for homes being repaired by volunteer groups, and to help with dumpsters in situations where our residents could be displaced from their homes due to health and safety issues. With the addition of the

CARES Act funding, the regular entitlement allocation for FY2020 has been delayed. All existing funds for this program have been expended. The reallocation of funds will allow the program to serve additional residents until the FY 2020 funds are made available.

Administration: Utilize the CDBG 20% administrative and planning cap to effectively administer CDBG funding to properly and swiftly meet the needs of Florissant residents.

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Public Services:

Mortgage, Rent & Utility Assistance:

Expansion of the City of Florissant's CDBG MRU Assist Program to provide financial assistance for household rent, mortgage or utility assistance up to six months to reduce foreclosures, evictions, utility shutoffs, and to prevent dislocation and homelessness due to the increased need and demand due to the impact of COVID-19. CAASTLC currently holds the FY2019 CDBG MRU Assist contract.

Food Bank & Coordinated Entry Program:

To aid with food & supply relief as well as financial support for COVID related expenses and a Coordinated Entry Program to increase the Program's capacity to serve City residents with basic needs due to increased demand due to the impact of COVID-19.

Mobile COVID Testing Clinic Assistance:

To provide income eligible City of Florissant residents with COVID testing in the effort to prepare for, prevent and/or respond to COVID-19.

Housing Programs:

Home Improvement Program - CV:

Assist qualified Florissant residents with home repair who have experienced financial loss directly related due to COVID. Funding is designed to assist with the increased need and demand due to the impact of COVID-19.

Administration:

Utilize the CDBG-CV 20% administrative and planning cap to effectively administer CDBG-CV funding to properly and swiftly meet the needs of Florissant residents.