FY20 CARES Act CDBG Public Hearing
July 29, 2020
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CARES Act

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) signed into law on March 27, 2020.

- HUD is making $3.064 billion available through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs.
CARES Act - HUD

• COVID-19 related funding to numerous HUD programs

• Key HUD Programs:
  • Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) - $4 Billion
  • Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - $5 Billion
  • Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) - $65 Million

• Formula-based grants distributed to HUD-funded jurisdictions

• ESG & CDBG will have additional allocations

• HUD guidance and waivers
DSHA Substantial Amendment Process

• May 18, 2020 – Substantial Amendment Public Hearing

• Citizen Participation Plan
  • HUD allowing waivers for jurisdictions and states to hold shortened public comment periods (5 days) and to hold virtual public hearings

• Substantial Amendment
  • The following items related to the CARES Act triggered the need for a Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan
    • Addition of a goal or activity not originally described in the plan;
    • Change in Methods of Distribution;
    • Significant changes in funds allocated to program components; and
    • Receipt of any additional federal funds
Prioritization of Funds

• DSHA met with the other Delaware Entitlement Jurisdictions to determine a statewide priority for CARES Act dollars

• Determination that the most immediate needs are for:
  • Non-congregate sheltering for homeless and vulnerable individuals
    • Associated services while sheltered, such as case management and food
  • Rapid rehousing financial assistance and case management to assist with transition from non-congregate shelter to permanent housing
  • Homeless Prevention
Prioritization of Funds

• Adding Priority Need and Goal to Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan:

• COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Prevention

SUBSISTENCE PAYMENTS (RENTAL, UTILITY AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE)

HOTEL/MOTEL VOUCHERS

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

LEGAL SERVICES

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROJECTS: OPERATIONAL SUPPORT/ESSENTIAL SERVICES & EXPANDED STAFF

RAPID REHOUSING

ADMINISTRATION
### DSHA CARES Act Allocation

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)

• **Eligible COVID-19 Relief Related Public Services:**
  - Homeless Services: Emergency sheltering vouchers for homeless persons to stay in hotels/motels.
  - Homelessness Prevention Services: Up to three months rental and/or utility assistance for low- and moderate-income households who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19.
  - Legal Services: Related to COVID-19 for homeless and low- and moderate-income households.
  - Senior/Elderly Food Programs: Food Purchase, Delivery, New Staff
  - Medical and Health Services: Supplies, Materials, Equipment, Operating Costs, and New Staff
  - COVID-19 Supplies, Materials, and New Staff
  - Other Essential Services: Will be considered on a case by case basis to determine eligibility
### Sussex County CDBG-CV

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Application Process & Eligibility

• Eligible Applicants:
  • Units of local government and non-profits

• Eligible Public Service Activities & Maximum Funding Requests
  • Hotel/Motel Vouchers - $627,767 (DSSC only)
  • Subsistence Payments - $150,000
  • Health Related Supportive Services - $50,000
  • Food & Food Delivery - $50,000
  • Legal Services - $50,000
Application Process & Eligibility

• Examples of Eligible Activities
  • Legal Services
    • Counseling to help prevent or settle disputes between tenants and landlords
  • Health Related Supportive Services
    • Hand washing/sanitation stations and portable showers
  • Food Delivery
    • Food delivery to homeless individuals/families staying in hotels/motels
  • Subsistence Payments
    • 1-3 months emergency payments of rent, mortgage and utilities to prevent disconnect or prevent eviction
  • Hotel/Motel Vouchers
    • Room rentals provided to homeless persons to provide safe, stable, temporary shelter and the ability to maintain social distancing
Application Process & Eligibility

• **Approved project expenses may be eligible for retroactive reimbursements back to April 4, 2020**

• The public service activity MUST
  • Provide a new service for coronavirus needs; or
  • Provide a quantifiable increase in the level of service for Coronavirus needs above that which has been provided by the unit of local government
Sussex County Timeline

- Public Comment: July 24 – July 31
- Application Posting: August 10
- Application Due Date: August 24
- Environmental Review
- Funding Award and Disbursement: September 2020
Sussex CDBG-CV Public Comment

- Public Comment begins Friday, July 24, 2020 and ends Friday, July 31, 2020
- Written comments may be addressed to: Brandy Nauman, Fair Housing Compliance Officer, CD&H Department, P.O. Box 589, Georgetown, DE 19947, or bnauman@sussexcountyde.gov
- Written comments accepted until 4:30 pm on July 31, 2020
Today’s presentation, application, and DSHA’s Substantial Amendment documents can be found on the County’s website: www.sussexcountyde.gov/public-notices-and-meetings