



Macomb  
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**Urban County of Macomb**

**Community Development Block Grant**

**Substantial Amendment – Executive Summary**

**Program Year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

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## Program Year 2019 Substantial Amendment

On March 27, 2020, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). As part of the Act, entitlement communities were awarded supplemental Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant funds known as CDBG-CV and ESG-CV to be used in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The County received its first round CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding in April 2020. Subsequent allocations were later announced and the County was allocated additional funding under ESG-CV2 and CDBG-CV3. Macomb County was not awarded funds under CDBG-CV2.

Macomb County is amending its 2019 Annual Action Plan, covering the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, to program the CDBG-CV3 and ESG-CV2 funds. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued waivers of certain regulatory requirements related to amendments to the Plan. The waiver reduced the 30-day public comment period to no less than five (5) days.

### CDBG-CV3

Macomb County has been allocated \$1,530,725 in CDBG-CV3 funding through the CARES Act. CDBG-CV3 must be used to for the prevention of, preparation for, and responding to the coronavirus pandemic. Activities must also comply with an eligible CDBG National Objective. Staff recommends that the CDBG-CV funds be programmed as follows and discussed in detail below:

Activity Name	2019-2020 CDBG-CV3 Program Budget	CARES Act Substantial Amendment CDBG-CV3	Final 2019-2020 CDBG-CV 3 Program Budget	Goal Outcomes
COVID-19 Rent and Utility Assistance Program	\$0	\$1,224,580	\$1,224,580	306 Low/Mod Households Supported
CDBG-CV Program Administration	\$0	\$306,145	\$306,145	Program Administration
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,530,725</b>	<b>\$1,530,725</b>	

**COVID-19 Rent and Utility Assistance Program** - A new program that will provide rental and/or utility assistance to low- to moderate-income households located within the jurisdiction of the Urban County CDBG program. The assistance will be available for up to six (6) consecutive months and the payments will go directly to the landlord and/or utility provider. This activity will be administered by Macomb Community Action (MCA). If MCA is unable to administer the program, an alternate service provider will be procured.

**CDBG-CV – Program Administration** - Up to twenty (20) percent of a recipient's allocation can be used for administrative activities. These include general management, oversight, and coordination; reporting on the program; the costs of providing training on CDBG-CV requirements and attending HUD-sponsored trainings; the costs of preparing and amending the Annual Action Plan, and CAPER; and the costs of carrying out environmental review responsibilities. This activity will be administered by Macomb Community Action.

### ESG-CV2

Macomb County has been allocated \$801,422 in ESG-CV2 funding through the CARES Act. ESG-CV2 funded activities must serve the needs of the homeless population in Macomb County related to the prevention of, preparation for, and responding to the coronavirus pandemic. Staff recommends that the ESG-CV2 funds be programmed as follows and discussed in detail below:

Activity Name	2019-2020 ESG-CV2 Program Budget	CARES Act Substantial Amendment ESG-CV2	Final 2019-2020 ESG-CV2 Program Budget	Goal Outcomes
COVID-19 Emergency Shelter	\$0	\$721,280	\$721,280	300 Persons
ESG-CV Program Administration	\$0	\$80,142	\$80,142	Program Administration
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$801,422</b>	<b>\$801,422</b>	

**COVID-19 Emergency Shelter** - Funding for this activity will benefit MCREST which has volunteered to expand their program to assist the clients that were formerly served through the Macomb County Warming Center. Prior to COVID-19, MCREST and the Macomb County Warming Center housed their clients in Macomb County churches on a rotating basis. Due to COVID-19 most churches are unable to host clients from either program. As a result, MCREST altered their program to house clients in a motel. The Macomb County Warming Center was unable to find a suitable alternative. Since no appropriate emergency shelter is currently available for Warming Center clients, MCREST may use ESG-CV2 funds for hotel or motel housing related costs, including case management, for those clients.

**ESG-CV – Program Administration** - Up to ten (10) percent of a recipient's allocation can be used for administrative activities. These include general management, oversight, and coordination; reporting on the program; the costs of providing training on ESG-CV requirements and attending HUD-sponsored ESG trainings; the costs of preparing and amending the ESG-CV and homelessness-related sections of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and CAPER; and the costs of carrying out environmental review responsibilities. This activity will be administered by Macomb Community Action.

### **REVIEW PROCESS**

Macomb County will undertake an expedited review process in order to ensure that the CDBG-CV3 and ESG-CV2 funds can be programmed as soon as possible. The CARES Act loosened certain procedural requirements by providing a waiver of the standard 30 day comment period. The waiver allows a comment period of no less than 5 days in order to program the funding quickly and efficiently.

The 5-day comment period will begin on November 1, 2020 and end at 4:30 pm on November 6, 2020. Public comments may be submitted to Stephanie Burgess, Program Manager, at [stephanie.burgess@macombgov.org](mailto:stephanie.burgess@macombgov.org). All comments received will be included in the substantial amendment that is submitted to HUD. The Macomb County Board of Commissioners will consider the Substantial Amendment on November 19, 2020. Following the completion of these steps, the Substantial Amendment will be submitted to HUD.