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Urban County of Macomb

Community Development Block Grant

Substantial Amendment – Executive Summary

2019 Program Year – CARES Act Amendment #3

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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 funds to be used in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The County received its first round CDBG-CV funding in April 2020. The County was allocated additional funding under CDBG-CV3. Macomb County was not awarded funds under CDBG-CV2. To date, the total combined CDBG-CV award to the Urban County of Macomb is \$2,640,965. CDBG-CV funds 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.

Macomb County is amending its 2019 Annual Action Plan to reallocate CDBG-CV funds from a rent and utility assistance program to a program to that provides eligible homeowners with assistance to pay their mortgage. Additionally, unused funds from the Microenterprise Assistance program will be reallocated to the emergency mortgage assistance program.

Activity Name	CDBG-CV Program Budget	Amended CDBG-CV Program Budget	Goal Outcomes
COVID-19 Rent and Utility Assistance Program	\$1,364,772	\$0	N/A
COVID-19 Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program	\$0	\$1,864,772	350 Low/Mod Households Supported
COVID-19 Microenterprise Assistance Program	\$750,000	\$250,000	25 Businesses Supported
CDBG-CV Program Administration	\$526,193	\$526,193	Program Administration
Totals	\$2,640,965	\$2,640,965	

COVID-19 Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program - A new program that will provide mortgage payment assistance to eligible low- to moderate-income households located within the jurisdiction of the Urban County CDBG program. The assistance will be available for up to three (3) consecutive months (2 months past due balance and payment for the current month). Total assistance provided to each eligible household will not exceed \$6,000. Payments will go directly to the mortgage lender. 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.

COVID-19 Microenterprise Business Grant Program -This grant program provided financial stabilization support to microenterprise businesses located within the jurisdiction of the Urban County CDBG program. A microenterprise is defined as a commercial business with five or fewer employees, one which owns the business. The program met the national objective of Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC) as the financial assistance benefited microenterprise owners who are low- to moderate-income. The assistance to each microenterprise did not to exceed \$10,000 and was based on eligible reimbursable costs.

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.

REVIEW PROCESS

Macomb County will undertake an expedited review process in order to ensure that the CDBG-CV 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 February 1, 2021 and end at 4:30 pm on February 5, 2021. Public comments may be submitted to Stephanie Burgess, Program Manager, at 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 February 18, 2021. Following the completion of these steps, the Substantial Amendment will be submitted to HUD.