

City of Lakewood
FY19 Annual Action Plan CARES Act Amendment Summary

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, enacted March 27, 2020, authorized \$2.2 trillion for stimulus measures intended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic including \$3.064 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding administered by the U.S. Department of Planning & Urban Development (HUD).

In order to access CARES Act CDBG-CV (\$1,186,886) and ESG-CV (\$601,062) funding allocations the City of Lakewood has amended, in accordance with the city's HUD-approved Citizen Participation Plan, the following sections of its FY19 Annual Action Plan.

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Following careful assessment of emerging pandemic-related community needs and consultation with elected officials, city staff, and a variety of external stakeholders, Lakewood will utilize CARES Act CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as follows.

Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Response(CDBG-CV)

- Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance (\$465,871)
- Small Business Assistance (\$465,871)
- Emergency Food Assistance (\$105,145)
- Program Planning & Administration (\$105,000)

Emergency Solutions Grant-Coronavirus Response (ESG-CV)

- Homelessness Prevention Assistance (\$541,062)
- Program Planning & Administration (\$60,000)

AP-12 Citizen Participation

Introduction

HUD's April 9, 2020 memo titled *CARES Act Flexibilities for CDBG Funds Used to Support Coronavirus Response* described the following citizen participation process modifications designed to expedite the availability of CARES Act funding to those adversely and directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- grantees may amend citizen participation plans to establish expedited procedures to draft, propose, or amend consolidated plans;
- expedited procedures must include notice and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than 5 days;
- the 5-day period can run concurrently for comments on the action plan amendment and amended citizen participation plans;
- grantees may meet public hearing requirements with virtual (vs. in-person) public hearings if: 1) national/local health authorities recommend social distancing and limiting public gatherings for public health reasons; and 2) virtual hearings provide reasonable notification and access for citizens in accordance with the grantee's certifications, timely responses from local officials to all citizen questions and issues, and public access to all questions and responses.

Lakewood requested and received HUD waivers associated with these modifications then integrated them into its CARES Act Amendment Citizen Participation Process as follows.

Legislation

On April 23, 2020 Lakewood City Council passed two pieces of legislation. The first authorized the Mayor to submit the FY19 Annual Action Plan CARES Act Amendment to HUD. The second approved the city's amended Citizen Participation Plan.

Public Notice

On Thursday, April 24, 2020 a Public Notice posted to Lakewood's website informed residents regarding the following topics.

- Lakewood's CDBG-CV (\$1,186,886) and ESG-CV (\$61,062) allocations;
- proposed CARES Act Amendment to Lakewood's FY19 Annual Action Plan;
- proposed amendments to the Lakewood's Citizen Participation Plan described above;
- issuance of draft versions of CARES Act Amendment and amended Citizen Participation Plan for public review and comment via the city's website for 5 days (April 27-May 1, 2020,) and;
- virtual Public Hearing on April 30, 2020 conducted for the purpose of soliciting citizen input regarding these documents and proposed uses for CARES Act CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding that prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public Hearing

On April 30, 2020 Lakewood's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) conducted a virtual Public Hearing via GoToMeeting concerning the FY19 Annual Action Plan CARES Act Amendment; modifications to Lakewood's Citizen Participation Plan; and proposed CDBG-CV and ESG-CV budgets and activities. Both documents were unanimously approved. The meeting platform enabled citizens to interact with committee members and city staff in real time via phone and email during the hearing.

AP-15 Expected Resources

Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV)

The City of Lakewood anticipates receiving Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) funding in the amount of \$1,186,886.

Emergency Solutions Grant-Coronavirus Response (ESG-CV)

The City of Lakewood anticipates receiving Emergency Solutions Grant-Coronavirus Response (ESG-CV) funding in the amount of \$601,062.

AP-35 Projects

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| 1 | Project Name | CDBG-CV Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance |
| | Target Area | City of Lakewood |
| | Goals Supported | Provide Needed Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs |
| | Funding | CDBG-CV: \$465,870 |
| | Description | Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance for households earning less than 51-80% of the Area Median Income. |
| | Target Date | 12/31/2020 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | An estimated 150 income-eligible households adversely and directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic will benefit from this activity. |
| | Location Description | Citywide |
| | Planned Activities | Please refer to the Project Description above. |
| 2 | Project Name | CDBG-CV Small Business Assistance |
| | Target Area | City of Lakewood |
| | Goals Supported | Increase Economic Opportunities |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development |
| | Funding | CDBG-CV: \$465,870 |
| | Description | Financial assistance for Lakewood small businesses adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| | Target Date | 12/31/2020 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | An estimated 150-200 businesses adversely and directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic will benefit from this activity. |
| | Location Description | Citywide |
| | Planned Activities | Please refer to Project Description above. |

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| 3 | Project Name | CDBG-CV Emergency Food Assistance |
| | Target Area | City of Lakewood |
| | Goals Supported | Provide Needed Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs |
| | Funding | CDBG-CV: \$105,145 |
| | Description | Support for Lakewood Community Services Center's (LCSC) Emergency Food Program which has seen a steep increase in demand during the COVID-19 pandemic. CDBG-CV funds will be utilized to increase staff capacity; purchase food, supplies, and personal protective gear; and transition the agency's service delivery model from pick-up to delivery. |
| | Target Date | 12/31/2020 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | An estimated 15,000 households adversely and directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic will benefit from this activity. |
| | Location Description | Citywide |
| | Planned Activities | Please refer to Project Description above. |
| 4 | Project Name | CDBG-CV Program Planning & Administration |
| | Target Area | City of Lakewood |
| | Goals Supported | Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Increase Economic Opportunities Provide Needed Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development |
| | Funding | CDBG-CV: \$150,000 |
| | Description | Eligible CDBG-CV program planning & administration costs. |
| | Target Date | 12/31/2020 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Not applicable. |
| | Location Description | Citywide |
| | Planned Activities | Please refer to the Project Description above. |

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| 5 | Project Name | ESG-CV Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance |
| | Target Area | City of Lakewood |
| | Goals Supported | Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness |
| | Needs Addressed | Homelessness |
| | Funding | ESG-CV: \$541,062 |
| | Description | Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance for households earning less than 50% of the Area Median Income. |
| | Target Date | 12/31/2020 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | An estimated 150-200 households adversely and directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic earning less than 50% of the Area Median Income will benefit from this activity. |
| | Location Description | Citywide |
| | Planned Activities | Please refer to the Project Description above. |
| 6 | Project Name | ESG-CV Program Administration |
| | Target Area | City of Lakewood |
| | Goals Supported | Reduce Homelessness and At-Risk Homelessness |
| | Needs Addressed | Homelessness |
| | Funding | ESG-CV: \$60,000 |
| | Description | Supports eligible program administration costs. |
| | Target Date | 12/31/2020 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | An estimated 150-200 households adversely and directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic earning less than 50% of the Area Median Income will benefit from this activity. |
| | Location Description | Citywide |
| | Planned Activities | Please refer to the Project Description above. |