

City of Rocky Mount
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FOR CDBG FY 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
UTILIZING CDBG CARES ACT FUNDS

May 2022

RATIONALE FOR AMENDMENT

“The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” (CARES) Act which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, provides funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) programs. The CARES Act provides for allocations of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant-CV funding to the City of Rocky Mount under the CARES Act, public law 116-136. The total amount of this funding is \$638,048.

The City previously allocated these funds to fund small business assistance and to provide emergency rental and utility assistance to allow residential households to remain stably housed:

- CDBG-CV Economic Development: \$150,000
- CDBG-CV Public Service: \$488,048
 - Utility Assistance: \$409,806
 - Emergency Rental Assistance: \$78,242

The City proposes a revision to its CARES Act funding to fund the following activities that serve City residents impacted by Covid-19.

- CDBG-CV Public Service: \$488,048
 - Utility assistance funding: reduce from \$409,806 to \$42,372
 - Public services funding for transitional housing, homeless prevention, food pantry, and housing counseling: increase to \$367,434
 - Emergency rental assistance: no change; remains \$78,242

PR-15 Summary of the citizen participation process

HUD granted several waivers to program procedures to expedite the use of these funds. These waivers included an ability to amend the Citizen Participation Plan and allow for a shorter timeframe for public display, use of the internet to make the Substantial Amendment available to the public and use of virtual meetings to allow for input and comment. The City of Rocky Mount advertised the Substantial Amendment for CDBG-CV funds on May 8, 2022 and made the Substantial Amendment available to the

public for a period from **May 10, 2022 through June 13, 2022**. A public hearing, both virtual and in-person, was scheduled for June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Comments received: **TBD**

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AP-15 – Resources

The City received \$309,806 under CDBG CV 1 and an additional \$328,242 under CDBG CV3. The sum of \$638,048 is reflected below.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG-CV	HUD	Infrastructure, Services Administration	\$638,048			\$638,048		CARES Act funding for CDBG

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AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	20 CDBG-CV Public Service
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to opportunities; Strengthen fair housing enforcement, operations, and education
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$488,048
	Description	The amended activities include providing services to the public, primarily to benefit low- and moderate-income residents that will include utility assistance (\$42,372); emergency rental assistance (\$78,242); and provision of public services (\$367,434), including transitional housing, homeless prevention, food pantry, and housing counseling to individuals and families impacted by COVID-19.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 60 households will be assisted with utility assistance; at least 16 households with emergency rental assistance; and 500 households will benefit from public services transitional housing, homeless prevention, food pantry, and housing counseling.
	Location Description	The location description is within the City of Rocky Mount.
	Planned Activities	The City of Rocky Mount Department of Community & Business Development will partner with the Department of Business & Collection Services to provide one-time grant for up to six consecutive months of utility assistance to low-to-moderate income households impacted by the loss of income due to COVID-19 pandemic. The maximum amount of utility assistance for per household is \$1,000. Also, the City will partner with a Subrecipient to provide emergency rental assistance grants to income eligible individuals or families economically impacted during COVID-19 pandemic through job loss, furlough, or reduction in hours or pay, residing in the City of Rocky Mount. The Subrecipient will provide up to \$784 in rental assistance per month (Rocky Mount's median gross rent) for a period of no more than six consecutive months (total award not to exceed \$4,704). Critical public services include provision of resources such as transitional housing, homeless prevention, food pantry, and housing counseling assistance to 500 income eligible households.