

Publication Notice
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Public Comment Period & Public Meeting Notice
Application for State of Iowa CDBG-CV Funds

The City of Iowa City is soliciting public comments on an application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for CDBG-CV funds. City Council will hold a public meeting, accept comments, and consider approval of the application on September 15, 2020 at 7:00p.m. Due to COVID-19 the meeting will be held electronically pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8. For meeting information, visit www.icgov.org/councildocs to obtain a link to participate online via Zoom or for a phone number to call in for an electronic meeting. Providing comment in person will not be an option.

The City of Iowa City anticipates an allocation of \$686,610 in CDBG-CV funds from IEDA through the second round of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CARES Act funding. Funding must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the community's impact of Coronavirus. To receive these funds, the City must submit an application to IEDA identifying proposed projects. The City proposes the following projects in their application:

Project Title: Emergency Housing Assistance Payments

Description: Funds will be used to provide emergency housing assistance payments to households under 80% of the Area Media Income impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes emergency rent, mortgage, and/or utility assistance for a maximum of six months.

Location: Iowa City

Estimated CDBG-CV Allocation: \$390,000 (includes \$57,000 in Activity Delivery Costs)

Project Title: Nonprofit Operational Expenses

Description: Funds will be made available for operational expenses of local nonprofits who serve primarily low- and moderate-income residents to address immediate needs created by the COVID-19 pandemic. This may include advocacy, case management, referrals, service coordination, education, counseling, legal assistance, and funding for staff to implement these activities. Funds will be made available to agencies through a competitive funding round.

Location: Iowa City

Estimated CDBG-CV Allocation: \$296,610 (includes \$48,661 in Activity Delivery Costs)

Projects are necessitated by the COVID-19 impact on the community. All funds will be directed towards activities that benefit low- and moderate-income residents to meet a CDBG national objective. No relocation is expected to take place as a result of these projects.

A copy of the draft application to IEDA is available in accordance with the City's adopted Citizen Participation Plan online at www.icgov.org/actionplan. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, print copies will only be made available upon request to neighborhoods@iowa-city.org or 319-356-5230. Additional information is available by calling 319-356-5230.

A public comment period of five days will begin with the publication of this notice and end on September 15, 2020. Comments on the application for State CDBG-CV funds or other Community Development and Housing needs may be submitted in writing by mail to the Office of the City Clerk at 410 E Washington St, Iowa City, IA 52240 or by email to Erika-Kubly@iowa-city.org. If you require special accommodations or language translation, please contact Erika Kubly at 319-356-5230 or 319-356-5493 TTY prior to the meeting.