

Clark County, Nevada
FIFTH AMENDMENT TO
THE SUBSTANTIAL
AMENDMENT CDBG-CV

Amendment of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)
for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020

The Fifth Amendment of the Clark County Substantial Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan is to revise the CDBG-CV spending plan to fund eligible Emergency Payments (Rents) and Public Facilities (Fire Stations/Equipment) activities. Clark County Community Resources Management (CRM) is proposing to reprogram \$3,646,254.97 of CDBG-CV funds from Rapid Rehousing to Emergency Payments and \$433,349.00 of Public Services funds to Public Facilities activities in response to Covid-19 related housing and health needs including homeless households which are highly vulnerable to poor outcomes.

See revised table below:

CDBG-CV			
JURISDICTION	ACTIVITY	Description	Amount
Clark County	Homeless Services	Provide services in support of a rapid rehousing surge and health/hygiene services in response to Covid-19	\$8,487,534.03
	Emergency Payments	Provide limited time rental assistance in response to Covid-19 related housing needs	\$3,646,254.97
	Administration	Staff support to administer the funds effectively and maintain compliance with federal regulations	\$1,444,497.00
Boulder City	Public Facilities	Emergency Center Upgrades and Logistic Center/Consolidated Staging Area to purchase and install a metal warehouse next to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to centralize pandemic logistics storage	\$433,349.00
Mesquite	Public Facilities	Emergency Response Services for Fire Station 1; includes Emergency Medical Services (EMS) power loads, ventilators, ambulance, EMS gurney, and heart monitor	\$433,349.00
Total			\$ 14,444,984.00

CDBG-CV Provisions

This funding is intended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including activities within entitlement and non-entitlement communities, based on public health needs, risk of transmission of coronavirus.

To expedite grantees' use of CDBG-CV funds, HUD is waiving the requirements at 42 U.S.C. 12705(a)(2) to the extent it requires updates to the housing and homeless needs assessment, housing market analysis, and strategic plan and 24 CFR 91.220 and 91.320 to the extent the action plan is

limited to a specific program year to permit grantees to prepare substantial amendments to their most recent annual action plan. Grantees must identify the proposed use of all funds and how the funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has also waived 24 CFR 91.505, reducing the number of public notice days to a minimum of 5, to facilitate the use of the CDBG-CV funds to the extent necessary to require submission of the substantial amendment to HUD for review in accordance with 24 CFR 91.500.

The CARES Act removes the statutory 15% cap on the amount of a jurisdiction's CDBG allocation that can be used for "public services," which the provision of rental or utility payment assistance would normally be considered. The Act limits the exemption from the 15% cap to "activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus". The Act also states that a jurisdiction's FY19 and FY20 CDBG allocations are also free from the 15% public-service cap.

CDBG-CV grants are subject to the requirement that 70% of funds are for activities that benefit Low and Moderate Income (LMI) persons.

80% of CDBG-CV funds must be expended by the end of the third year of the six-year period of performance.

The receipt and expenditure of program income that is generated by the use of CDBG-CV funds will be treated as annual formula CDBG program income.

CDBG-CV grants are subject to all environmental review requirements outlined in 24 CFR Part 58 as well as Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements imposed by section 110(a) of the HCD Act.

CDBG-CV grantees are subject to the requirement that prevents the duplication of benefits that is caused when a person, household, business, or other entity receives financial assistance from multiple sources for the same purpose, and the total assistance is more than the total need.

CDBG-CV Application Procedure

HUD has allowed for an expedited citizen participation procedure in which virtual public hearings are utilized and a public comment period of no less than 5 days is permitted.

Per the Declared Emergency Citizen Participation Plan, applications will be reviewed by a group of county employees from several departments and all recommendations will be taken to the Board of County Commissioners for public comment and approval.

The County will consult with the two cities participating in its Urban County CDBG program, the City of Boulder City and the City of Mesquite to identify projects to be funded with CDBG-CV funds.

The Citizen Participation Plan FY2020-2024 is available at:https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/residents/assistance_programs/community_resources_management/citizen_participation.php

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Fifth Amendment of the Substantial Amendment and CDBG-CV was posted for a five-day public comment period in the Las Vegas Review-Journal on August 15, 2022, through August 20, 2022. The Amendment was also posted on Clark County's website.