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**Urban County of Macomb**

**Community Development Block Grant**

**Substantial Amendment – Executive Summary**

**Program Year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

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## Program Year 2019 Substantial Amendment

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 and Emergency Solutions Grant funds known as CDBG-CV and ESG-CV to be used in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Macomb County is amending its 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, covering the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, to program the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds. This Executive Summary provides an explanation of the Substantial Amendment.

### **CDBG-CV Funds**

Macomb County has been allocated \$1,110,240 in CDBG-CV funding through the CARES Act. CDBG-CV 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. Staff recommends that the CDBG-CV funds be programmed as follows and discussed in detail below:

Activity Name	2019-2020 CDBG-CV Program Budget	CARES Act Substantial Amendment CDBG-CV	Final 2019-2020 CDBG-CV Program Budget	Goal Outcomes
COVID-19 Microenterprise Business Grant Program	\$0	\$750,000	\$750,000	75 Low/Mod Businesses Supported
COVID-19 Rent and Utility Assistance Program	\$0	\$140,192	\$140,192	70 Low/Mod Households Supported
CDBG-CV Program Administration	\$0	\$220,048	\$220,048	Program Administration
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,110,240</b>	<b>\$1,110,240</b>	

**COVID-19 Microenterprise Business Grant Program** - A new program that will be deployed by the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development in cooperation with Macomb Community Action. This grant program will provide financial stabilization support for 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 meets the national objective of Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC) as the financial assistance will benefit microenterprise owners who are low- to moderate-income. The assistance to each microenterprise will not exceed \$10,000 and the terms will be a grant.

**COVID-19 Rent and Utility Assistance Program** - A new program that will provide rental and/or utility assistance to 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 and the payments will go directly to the landlord and/or utility provider. This activity will be administered by Macomb Community Action.

**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.

### **ESG-CV**

Macomb County has been allocated \$541,486 in ESG-CV funding through the CARES Act. ESG-CV funded activities must serve the needs of the homeless population in Macomb County related to the prevention of, preparation for, and responding to the coronavirus pandemic. Staff recommends that the ESG-CV funds be programmed as follows and discussed in detail below:

Activity Name	2019-2020 ESG-CV Program Budget	CARES Act Substantial Amendment ESG-CV	Final 2019-2020 ESG-CV Program Budget	Goal Outcomes
COVID-19 Homelessness Prevention	\$0	\$240,950	\$240,950	44 Households
COVID-19 Rapid Rehousing	\$0	\$130,154	\$130,154	55 Households
COVID-19 Shelter Operations	\$0	\$106,794	\$106,794	1,426 Persons
COVID-19 HMIS	\$0	\$9,440	\$9,440	Data Collection
ESG-CV Program Administration	\$	\$54,148	\$54,148	Program Administration
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$541,486</b>	<b>\$541,486</b>	

**COVID-19 Homelessness Prevention** - Housing relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to prevent the individual or family from moving to an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation. This activity will be administered by Community Housing Network and MCREST.

**COVID-19 Rapid Rehousing** - Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. This activity will be administered by Turning Point and/or Macomb Community Action.

**COVID-19 Shelter Operations** - Shelter Operations, including maintenance, rent, repair, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter. Where no appropriate emergency shelter is available for a homeless family or individual, eligible costs may also include a hotel or motel voucher for that family or individual. Funding for this activity will benefit MCREST, Turning Point, and Salvation Army MATTS.

**COVID-19 HMIS** – A Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. This activity will be administered by the Macomb Homeless Coalition.

**ESG-CV – Program Administration** - Up to ten (10) 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 ESG-CV requirements and attending HUD-sponsored ESG trainings; the costs of preparing and amending the ESG-CV and homelessness-related sections of the Consolidated Plan, 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 June 15, 2020 and end at 4:30 pm on June 19, 2020. Public comments may be submitted to Stephanie Burgess, Program Manager, at [stephanie.burgess@macombgov.org](mailto:stephanie.burgess@macombgov.org). All comments received will be included in the substantial amendment that is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Macomb County Board of Commissioners will consider the Substantial Amendment on June 25, 2020. Following the completion of these steps, the Substantial Amendment will be submitted to HUD.