

City of Poughkeepsie Community Development Block Grant COVID (CDBG-CV) 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act made \$490,225 available to the City of Poughkeepsie under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV). These funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). The additional supplemental funding through the CARES Act requires a substantial amendment to 2019 Annual Action Plan. The City expects a second additional allocation of CDBG-CV funds from the CARES Act at a later date which will require another amendment. Comments submitted for this amendment will also help inform the allocation for this second allocation.

Amended Citizen Participation Process

Due to COVID-19, the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued guidance allowing amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan requirements provided no fewer than five days are provided for public comment, and reasonable notices and the opportunity to comment are given. The City has used a variety of mechanisms to solicit input from various individuals and entities to develop this substantial amendment. These included, but are not limited to, telephone or personal interviews, surveys, conference calls, and internet-based meetings. The City is releasing the proposed plan for a seven (7) day comment period from Thursday, September 10, 2020 to Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. A virtual public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Persons interested in attending the virtual public hearing can e-mail jgreenwald@cityofpoughkeepsie.com or call 845-451-4046 for registration information. Persons requiring special assistance to attend the hearing, such as sign and foreign language interpreters, must contact Jaclyn Greenwald at (845) 451-4046 or jgreenwald@cityofpoughkeepsie.com by noon on Friday, September 18, 2020 so assistance can be arranged.

Written comments may be submitted via the following methods:

E-mail – jgreenwald@cityofpoughkeepsie.com

Mail – City of Poughkeepsie Office of Social Development, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12601

The City will include a summary of the public comments and responses in the submittal to HUD.

Proposed Use of CDBG-CV Funds

The following chart shows the proposed use of the \$490,225 in CDBG-CV funds:

Project Name	City of Poughkeepsie CDBG Consortium Micro-Enterprise Stabilization Grant
Goals Supported	Economic Development – City of Poughkeepsie
Needs Addressed	Economic Development
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$200,000
Description	Business stabilization grants of up to \$10,000 for micro-enterprises (5 or fewer employees) negatively impacted by COVID-19. Businesses must meet one of HUD’s low and moderate (low/mod) income eligibility criteria which include: low/mod business owner; retain or create job held by a low/mod person; or be located in and benefit a low/mod area as defined by HUD .
Target Date	10/1/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the activity	20 businesses
Location Description	City of Poughkeepsie
Project Name	City of Poughkeepsie COVID-related Child Care Support
Goals Supported	Public Services – City of Poughkeepsie
Needs Addressed	Child Care
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$100,000
Description	Funding to subsidize childcare costs for low and moderate income households negatively impacted by COVID-19 to allow parents and/or guardians to return to work or school.
Target Date	10/1/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the activity	20 families
Location Description	City of Poughkeepsie
Project Name	City of Poughkeepsie CDBG-CV COVID Rental Assistance Program
Goals Supported	Public Services – City of Poughkeepsie
Needs Addressed	Eviction Prevention and Housing Security
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$100,000
Description	Funding to support tenants who have been negatively impacted by COVID to receive rental assistance grants in order to prevent eviction and to provide housing security. Priority will be given to the following households: extremely low-income households; limited English proficiency; limited technology skills and access; and most at risk of homelessness.
Target Date	10/1/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the activity	20 families
Location Description	City of Poughkeepsie

Project Name	City of Poughkeepsie CDBG-CV COVID Essential Goods and Food Assistance Program
Goals Supported	Public Services – City of Poughkeepsie
Needs Addressed	Essential Goods and Food Distribution
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$40,225
Description	Funding to support the distribution of essential supplies including goods, personal protective equipment, and food to individuals and families at risk and with limited resources during the height of the pandemic.
Target Date	3/27/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the activity	100
Location Description	City of Poughkeepsie
Project Name	City of Poughkeepsie CDBG-CV COVID Testing Facility
Goals Supported	Public Services – City of Poughkeepsie
Needs Addressed	Facilitate and Expedite Testing in High Risk Communities
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$30,000
Description	Funding to support a COVID Testing Facility in order to make testing readily available to individuals and families residing in high risk communities.
Target Date	11/1/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the activity	100
Location Description	
Project Name	City of Poughkeepsie COVID Rental Assistance Navigator
Goals Supported	Public Services – City of Poughkeepsie
Needs Addressed	Homelessness
Funding	CDBG-CV : \$20,000
Description	Funding to support housing navigators to assist tenants negatively impacted by COVID access rental assistance from various programs including but not limited to the NYS COVID Rental Relief Program. Priority will be given to the following households: extremely low-income households; limited English proficiency; limited technology skills and access; and most at risk of homelessness.
Target Date	10/1/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the activity	50
Location Description	City of Poughkeepsie