

City of Poughkeepsie Community Development Block Grant COVID (CDBG-CV) 2019 Action Plan Substantial Amendment CV3

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In the first round of CARES Act funding, \$490,225 was made 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). A substantial amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan was completed to allocate these funds to microenterprise stabilization grants, child care grants, rent assistance program, rental assistance navigation, and essential goods and food distribution. The City has received a second round of CDBG-CV funds totaling \$473,819. This additional funding requires a second substantial amendment to the City's 2019 Annual Action Plan to allocate these funds.

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 is releasing the proposed plan for a seven (7) day comment period from **Monday, March 29, 2021 to Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.** A virtual public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, April 7, 2021 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, April 2, 2021 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 \$473, 819 in CDBG-CV funds:

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	3/1/2021
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 Public Service Support
Goals Supported	Public Services – City of Poughkeepsie
Needs Addressed	Public Services
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$373,819
Description	Funding to support a variety of public service agencies in the City of Poughkeepsie focused on preventing, preparing and responding to the coronavirus.
Target Date	3/1/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the activity	1000+
Location Description	City of Poughkeepsie