June 1, 2020

CARES Act CDBG-CV Notice of Funding Availability

Johnson County will receive a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136 signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020 in response to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis. The CARES Act will provide $631,737 in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding to Johnson County through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This funding opportunity excludes the cities of Overland Park, Lenexa and Shawnee who will receive their own allocation of funding from the CARES Act as entitlement communities. The City of Olathe is a member of the Urban County and will receive a percentage of the Johnson County CARES Act allocation and utilize the County application materials.


Johnson County is requesting applications from eligible entities including cities in the Urban County, County Departments and Non-profit 501(c)(3) and Faith-based Agencies for participation in the CDBG-CV program for the period of March 1, 2020, through September 30, 2022. Funds may be used for a wide range of eligible CDBG activities that must be associated with the prevention, preparation and response to COVID-19. All eligible activities must meet a CDBG national objective. CDBG-CV funding is limited. Applicants are asked make requests reasonable and for the amount that their entity has the capacity to administer and eligible persons to assist.

A full list of eligible CDBG allowable expenses can be found in 2 CFR Part 200 and Title 24 of Federal Regulations, Part 570. Activities may be existing programs, or new services provided because of COVID-19. The duplication of benefits is not allowed, and grant funds cannot be used to pay for costs if another source of financial assistance (e.g., local, Federal, non-profit) is available to pay for the costs. A community needs assessment identified the following priorities for CDBG-CV funding; all eligible applications will be considered, but the following will be prioritized.

- Emergency Assistance (example: food, rent, utility, mortgage assistance)
- Healthcare/Personal Protective Equipment
- Childcare Services

CDBG-CV funding will be provided on a cost reimbursement basis. Eligible expenditures used to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19 incurred as of March 1, 2020 and paid for with nonfederal funds may be eligible for reimbursement. Recipients will be required to maintain accurate records demonstrating household eligibility and the relationship to COVID-19.
Application Timeline

Application Training .............................................….…  Available on Website
Application Posting .............................................….…  June 1, 2020
Applications Due to Johnson County or Olathe...............…… July 1, 2020
Evaluation and Rating of Applications ……………………..… July 2020
Program Year begins........................................…………...  March 1, 2020
Final reimbursement requests due to Johnson County…….…… August 31, 2022
Program Year ends........................................…………...  September 30, 2022

Applications will be reviewed by members of the Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for Johnson County Applicants and by the Olathe Rating Team for the City of Olathe Applicants. The Rating Teams will utilize the following criteria to score applications and make funding decisions. Additional information on scoring can be found in the CDBG-CV Application Instructions provided.

- Need (30 points)
- Project Impact (20 points)
- Budget (20 points)
- Performance Measures (30 points)
- Priority Need Project (10 points)

Johnson County reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to award all, a portion, or none of the available CDBG-CV funding, and may reject any and all proposals based on the quality and/or merits of the proposals, or when it is determined to be in the public interest to do so. Furthermore, Johnson County may extend deadlines and timeframes, as needed.

Complete hard copy and electronic application packets will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on July 1, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted or eligible for funding.

The CDBG-CV Application, Application Instructions, Application Handbook and Training PowerPoint are available on the Johnson County Community Development website at: https://jocogov.org/dept/community-development/community-development-block-grant-cdbg. It is highly recommended that applicants review all materials provided prior to applying.

If you have questions concerning the CDBG-CV program, for Johnson County questions please contact Viki Schmidt, CDBG Coordinator or Jenni Miller, Assistant Grants Manager at cdbg@jocogov.org. For City of Olathe CDBG-CV questions please contact Carroll Ramseyer at CRMseyer@OLATHEKS.ORG.