

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO FY 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO ALLOW FOR
CDBG-CV and ESG-CV

Rationale for Amendment

“The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act,” CARES Act which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, provides funds through the CDBG, ESG and HOPWA programs. The CARES Act provides for allocations of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

Washington County will receive supplemental CDBG-CV in the amount of \$3,690,525 and supplemental ESG-CV funding in the amount of \$1,752,365. The County expects to spend its CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding as follows:

- Public Services \$750,000 (CDBG-CV)
- Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance \$500,000 (CDBG-CV)
- Unallocated \$2,190,525
- Administrative \$250,000 (CDBG-CV)
- Emergency Shelter Operations \$184,000 (ESG-CV)
- Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing \$1,200,000 (ESG-CV)
- Unallocated \$193,129 (ESG-CV)
- Administrative \$175,236 (ESG-CV)

PR-15 Summary of the citizen participation process

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted several waivers to program procedure to expedite the use of these funds. These waivers included an ability to amend the Citizen Participation Plan and allow for a much shorter timeframe for public display, use of the internet to make the Substantial Amendment available to the public, and use of virtual meetings to allow for input and comment. Washington County advertised and made the Substantial Amendment available to the public on January 1, 2021, for a period of 5 days and held a virtual public hearing on January 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. There were X participants in the meeting.

Comments received:

SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|-------------------------|------------|----------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 1 | Provide Public Services | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Homeless Special Needs | County-Wide | Provide Public Services | CDBG: \$1,250,000 | Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Persons Assisted: Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Households Assisted: |

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
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| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| Other-ESG-CV | Public-federal | Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing | \$1,752,365 | | | \$1,752,365 | Supplemental assistance to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus | |

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---|-----------------------|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| CDBG-CV | public - federal | Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services | \$3,690,525 | 0 | 0 | \$3,690,525 | Supplemental assistance to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. | |

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives – 91.420, 91.220(c)(3) & (e)

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|-------------------------|------------|----------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1 | Provide Public Services | 2020 | 2024 | Non-Homeless Special Needs | County-Wide | Provide Public Services | CDBG: \$1,250,000 | Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Persons Assisted: 400 Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Households Assisted: 100 |

AP-38 Project Summary

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| 1 | Project Name | ESG-CV |
| | Target Area | Countywide |
| | Goals Supported | Provide Homeless Housing and Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Provide Homeless Housing and Services |
| | Funding | ESG-CV: \$1,752,365 |

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| | Description | Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing expenses include rental assistance, rental arrears, utility assistance and utility arrears for homeless individuals and families or households at-risk of experiencing homelessness. Emergency Shelter operations include expenses related to ensuring proper social distancing measures in the shelter and the use of hotel/motel services when no appropriate shelter is available. Administrative expenses include staff time to administer and implement the program in accordance with federal regulations. As additional needs are identified, the County will allocate the remaining unallocated funds to eligible ESG activities that prevent, prepare for and/or respond to coronavirus. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 66 households will receive emergency shelter services; 150 Households Homeless Prevention 48 Households Rapid Re-Housing |
| | Location Description | Countywide |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be used to support emergency shelter operations, homeless prevention and rapid rehousing assistance to persons and families that are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Emergency Shelter Operations \$184,000 Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing \$1,200,000 Unallocated \$193,129 Administrative \$175,236 |
| 2 | Project Name | Public Services |
| | Target Area | Countywide |
| | Goals Supported | Provide Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Enhance Public Services |
| | Funding | Other-CDBG-CV: \$750,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be made available to provide health services, food delivery services and laundry service to seniors, disabled and low-mod-income persons in the County that are practicing social distancing and/or quarantining as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 400 persons are expected to benefit |
| | Location Description | Countywide |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be made available to provide health services, food delivery services and laundry service to seniors, disabled and low-mod-income persons in the County that are practicing social distancing and/or quarantining as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| 3 | Project Name | Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance Program |
| | Target Area | Countywide |
| | Goals Supported | Provide Public Services |
| | Needs Addressed | Enhance Public Services |
| | Funding | Other-CDBG-CV \$500,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be used to provide rental, mortgage, and utility assistance to Low to Moderate income families facing eviction, foreclosure or utility shutoffs and arrears resulting from COVID-19 related income loss. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | Approximately 100 low-mod households will benefit from the proposed activities. |
| | Location Description | County-wide |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be used to provide rental, mortgage, and utility assistance to Low to Moderate income families facing eviction, foreclosure or utility shutoffs and arrears resulting from COVID-19 related income loss. |
| 4 | Project Name | Unallocated |
| | Target Area | Countywide |
| | Goals Supported | |

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| | Needs Addressed | |
| | Funding | Other-CDBG-CV \$2,190,525 |
| | Description | Funds will be reserved for eligible activities to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. The County will take stock of changing and emerging needs resulting from the pandemic and will detail specific activities in future substantial amendments. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | County-wide |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be reserved for eligible activities to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. The County will take stock of changing and emerging needs resulting from the pandemic and will detail specific activities in future substantial amendments. |
| 5 | Project Name | Administration |
| | Target Area | Countywide |
| | Goals Supported | Planning/Administration |
| | Needs Addressed | Planning/Administration |
| | Funding | Other-CDBG-CV: \$250,000 |
| | Description | Funds will be made available to administer the CDBG-CV funding. |
| | Target Date | 9/30/2022 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | N/A |
| | Location Description | Countywide |
| | Planned Activities | Funds will be made available to administer the CDBG-CV funding. |