



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN AND DEVELOPMENT (HUD) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG-CV-1) AUTHORIZED BY THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT), AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.

CITY PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS, the CARES Act was signed in to law on March 27, 2020 for the specific purpose of preventing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from the impact arising due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) as stated by HUD; and

WHEREAS, city council resolution no. 20-0417R, adopted May 11, 2020, approved amendment to the FY 2019 annual Action Plan portion of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan to include \$2,147,117 of new CDBG-CV-1 and ESG-CV-1 funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to utilize in response to the COVID-19 emergency; and WHEREAS, the secretary of HUD is authorized to make grants to cities and/or counties to finance local community development programs, approved in accordance with the provisions of Title I of said Act, as well as grants under the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, (the HOME program) and the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended (the Emergency Solutions Grant - ESG - program);

WHEREAS, the city has been notified by HUD that it will receive \$1,427,448 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV-1) program funding, and has held a public hearing and opened a public comment period to receive public comment regarding said funding in accordance with HUD regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to make and submit appropriate documentation to HUD for those projects and corresponding funding levels as set forth below:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS FUNDS (CDBG-CV-1) - FUND 262,
AGENCY 020, OBJECT 5434 PROJECT CD20CD-CV

SUB PROJECT	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT	PROJECT NAME
PUBLIC FACILITIES			
PFAC	TBD	\$36,500	Increasing Food Storage and Freezer Capacity at CHUM Food Shelf-CHUM
PUBLIC SERVICES- NON HOUSING BENEFIT			
PSVC	TBD	\$72,600	Community Health Worker at CAD-Community Action Duluth
PSVC	TBD	\$30,071	Critical technology support for children & families during COVID-19-St Louis County
PSVC	TBD	\$87,247	Healthy Hillside Campaign-Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community

PSVC	6787	\$139,040	Neighborhood Digital Recover and Access Project-Ecolibrium3
PSVC	2805	\$79,516	NYS COVID Response Programming-The Hills Youth and Family Services- NYS
PSVC	1974	\$27,500	Youth Center-Life House, Inc
PUBLIC SERVICES- HOUSING BENEFIT			
PSVC	1226	\$23,707	Narrowing the Tech Gap During a Pandemic-Center City Housing Corp
JOBS CREATED/RETAINED			
ECDV	2412	\$121,377	Computer Support Specialist Job Training-SOAR Career Solutions
BUSINESSES ASSISTED			
ECDV	TBD	\$130,000	Cultural Specific Entrepreneurship Workshop-Family Rise Together
ECDV	2264	\$300,000	Supporting LMI Duluth Small Business Owners During COVID-19- Entrepreneur Fund
PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION			
ADMC	AD01	\$285,488	Program Administration -City of Duluth

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following are hereby designated as the financial resources for the above program:

SOURCE OF FUNDING	
\$1,427,448	TOTAL CDBG-CV FIRST ROUND ALLOCATION
\$1,333,046	ALLOCATED BY THIS RESOLUTION
\$94,402	RESERVE FUNDS FOR EMERGING NEEDS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth and its officials are authorized and directed to assume full responsibility for assuring that its community development program is carried out in full compliance with the provisions of the acts implementing the programs and all regulations of HUD issued pursuant thereto. This authorization shall also apply to existing programs with the city and HUD under the HUD CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, \$94,402 in CDBG CV-1 funds are to be reserved to allow City Staff to further evaluate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and proceed with recommending additional projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate city officials are authorized to execute the appropriate agreements with these agencies upon receipt of HUD funds.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The projects and funding amounts were arrived at after the city conducted public input processes and a request for proposal processes. The Planning and Development Division solicited comments from organizations and residents as related to the needs of COVID-19 and the special HUD allocation of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds. A public hearing was held on May 05, 2020. There was a HUD approved shortened 7-day public comment period from April 28, 2020, to May 04, 2020 and a virtual input

session held on April 20, 2020 to identify community needs related to COVID-19. The recommendations contained in this resolution were developed based on public input, deliberations of the RFP Evaluation Committee, proposal eligibility, and staff recommendations.

Source of Funds

\$1,427,428 in HUD CDBG-CV Funds

The resolution, in addition to authorizing application for grant funds and administration of same when received, also takes the following actions:

(a) Allocates funds by project for the CDBG-CV-1 Allocation.

(b) Authorizes contracts for the activities upon receipt of the funding contract and completion of the environmental review process.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

CV-1-PF-01

Project Name: Increasing Food Storage and Freezer Capacity at CHUM Food Shelf-CHUM

Project Summary: Purchase a freezer to increase the capacity to double the cooler and freezer capacity due to increase need due to COVID-19

Goal: One (1) Freezer/Cooler Combo

Amount Recommended: \$36,500

PUBLIC SERVICES

CV-1-PS-01

Project Name: Community Health Worker at CAD-Community Action Duluth

Project Summary: Hire a Community Health Worker at CAD to assist individuals dealing with impacts from COVID-19

Goal: 150 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$72,600

CV-1-PS-02

Project Name: Critical technology support for children & families during COVID-19-St Louis County

Project Summary: Purchase phones and chromebooks for children and families affected by COVID-19

Goal: 75 families will receive phones with data plans and 32 families will receive Chromebooks

CV-1-PS-03

Project Name: Healthy Hillside Campaign-Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community

Project Summary: Outreach and Communication to households in the Hillside Neighborhood to increase engagement with people affected by COVID-19

Goal: Hillside Census Tract(s) , approximately 16,000 people

Amount Recommended: \$79,516

CV-1-PS-04

Project Name: Neighborhood Digital Recover and Access Project-Ecolibrium3

Project Summary: Installing equipment to provide free neighborhood-based wifi in Lincoln Park and hire a Technologist to oversee the process, this project will reduce the technology gap that has negatively affected households due to COVID-19

Goal: Public Service- Lincoln Park Census Tracts, approximately 5000 people

Goal: Public Facilities- Wireless Equipment

Amount Recommended: \$139,040

CV-1-PS-05

Project Name: NYS COVID Response Programming-The Hills Youth and Family Services- NYS

Project Summary: Provide additional staffing and equipment to meet the increased demand for care to families impacted by COVID-19

Goal: 50 youth

Amount Recommended: \$79,516

CV-1-PS-06

Project Name: Youth Center-Life House, Inc

Project Summary: Provide additional staffing and food to meet the increase demand for care to homeless and at-risk youth impacted by COVID-19

Goal: 300 youth

Amount Recommended: \$27,500

CV-1-PS-07

Project Name: Narrowing the Tech Gap During a Pandemic-Center City Housing Corp

Project Summary: Purchase computers and associated equipment to increase technology access for families affected by COVID-19.

Goal: 90 People

Amount Recommended: \$23,707

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CV-1-ED-01

Project Name: Computer Support Specialist Job Training-SOAR Career Solutions

Project Summary: Increase programming to provide employment training and computer skills to people

impacted by COVID-19

Goal: 20 people

Amount Recommended: \$121,377

CV-1-ED-02

Project Name: Cultural Specific Entrepreneurship Workshop-Family Rise Together

Project Summary: Providing technical and service support to LMI businesses; focusing on women and minority owned entrepreneurs who were impacted by COVID-19

Goal: 24 businesses

Amount Recommended: \$130,000

CV-1-ED-03

Project Name: Supporting LMI Duluth Small Business Owners During COVID-19- Entrepreneur Fund

Project Summary: Provide technical and service support to LMI businesses impacted by COVID-19

Goal: 200 LMI Small Business Owners

Amount Recommended: \$300,000

ADMINISTRATION

CV-1-AD-01

Project Name : Program Administration-City of Duluth

Project Summary: Administration of the CDBG CV-1 funds

Goal: Administration

Amount Recommended: \$285,488