



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

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To: City Council

From: Community Development Department

Council Meeting Date: October 5, 2020

Re: Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Round 3 Funding Update

Executive Summary

This memo provides an update on the City of Columbia's Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Round 3 CDBG funding allocations.

Discussion

The City of Columbia will be receiving \$737,588 in additional Round 3 CDBG-CV fund authorized through the CARES Act. The CARES Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020 in direct response to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. CDBG-CV funding must be allocated for activities that directly address the impacts of COVID-19. The legislation included \$5 billion in CDBG-CV funding to be allocated in 3 rounds as follows:

Round 1: \$2 billion traditional formula allocation to entitlement jurisdictions

Round 2: \$1 billion to states based upon HUD determined formula for the impact of COVID-19

Round 3: \$2 billion to entitlement jurisdictions based upon the impact of COVID-19

The City of Columbia received \$573,473 in Round 1 CDBG-CV funds. Both City Council and HUD previously approved the City's Round 1 CDBG-CV funding allocation plan. City Council also previously approved amending FY 2019 and FY 2020 CDBG and HOME funding to assist with additional responses to the impact of COVID-19 and long term recovery efforts. A comprehensive list of previously approved CDBG-CV, FY 2019/2020 CDBG and HOME funding allocations for response to the impacts of COVID-19 are as follows:

Category	Activity	CDBG-CV	FY 2019 CDBG	FY 2020 CDBG	FY 2020 HOME	Total
Housing & Homelessness	Rent and Mortgage Assistance	\$270,000				\$270,000
	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance				\$300,000	\$300,000
	Homelessness, shelter & quarantine	\$70,000				\$70,000
Small Business Assistance	Microenterprise Recovery Loan Program	\$175,000	\$90,000			\$265,000
	Small Business Recovery Loan Program			\$400,000		\$400,000
	Administration	\$58,473				\$58,473
Total		\$573,473	\$90,000	\$400,000	\$300,000	\$1,363,473

Round 2 HUD allocations provided \$17,913,300 in CDBG-CV funds to the state of Missouri. The federal legislation does allow these funds flowing through the state to be allocated to entitlement jurisdictions such as the City of Columbia, however the State has not yet released any information on process or funding priorities.



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Round 3 CDBG-CV allocation for the City of Columbia is \$737,588. Housing Programs Division (HPD) staff plans to conduct additional methods of public engagement to ensure funding recommendations are shaped by community driven priorities. The proposed public engagement process would begin with a public hearing at the October 21st Housing and Community Development (HCDC) meeting to obtain public feedback on housing and community development needs related to the impact of COVID-19. HPD staff also plan to administer an additional survey on funding priorities for Round 3 CDBG-CV funding throughout October and November. The survey will include a rating of priorities and needs that are also eligible uses of CDBG-CV funding. Staff also plans to use local community volunteers to conduct a series of virtual public engagement sessions tentatively scheduled for October 28th and 29th.

Staff has formulated the following potential timeline for developing funding recommendations and Round 3 CDBG-CV funds being available for expenditure.

October 5th: Council report for funding process considerations

October 11th: Public Hearing notice HCDC

October 21st: HCDC Public Hearing: CDBG-CV funding priorities

October 28th or 29th: Public Engagement Focus Groups

November 18th: HCDC Meeting: Consideration of RFP(s) to be Released

December 7th: Council Report and Update on RFP Approach and Funding Priorities

December 16th: HCDC Meeting: Funding Recommendations

January 4, 2021: Council Consideration of Allocation Plan for CDBG-CV Round 3

January 5, 2021: CDBG-CV Round 3 Plan Submission to HUD

February 4, 2021: Estimated date of HUD approval

March 1, 2021: Estimated project agreement for Council consideration for projects exempt or categorically excluded and not subject to NEPA and 24 CFR Part 58 Environmental Review Procedures

April 5, 2021: Estimated project agreement for Council consideration for projects subject to NEPA and 24 CFR Part 58 Environmental Review Procedures

May 3, 2021: Estimated project agreement for Council consideration for projects subject to NEPA and 24 CFR Part 58 Environmental Review Procedures and requiring full environmental assessment.

Housing Programs Division staff are also still meeting with the Emergency Support Function (ESF) 14 group formulated under the County Emergency Operations Plan to continue planning and support efforts for long term recovery. HUD guidance encourages CDBG staff coordination with local response efforts and local public health departments. ESF-14 will continue to serve as a formal mechanism to meet this requirement and ensure collaboration across funding sources, and up to date long term recovery needs data. HPD staff will also continue to maintain contact and coordination with COMO Helps to align efforts and ensure effective coordination of funding allocations.



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Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Economy

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

Date	Action
July 6, 2020	Council approval of Round 1 Funding Allocation Plan within an Amendment to the City's FY 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Suggested Council Action

Review the report and provide considerations for staff and the Housing and Community Development Commission.