


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-002	Meeting:	January 13, 2025
	Agenda Item:	38	Roll Call:	25-0056
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Public hearing for approval of the application to Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to prepare for, prevent, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV).

SYNOPSIS:

The State of Iowa received \$9.5 million in CDBG-CV funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Des Moines has fully expended its first allocation from the State and has the opportunity to request more funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2 million

Funding Source: HUD, as passed through IEDA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In the height of the coronavirus pandemic, the City of Des Moines received three (3) rounds of CDBG-CV funds and two (2) rounds of Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG-CV) funds.

Notification of Funding to City	City Council Approval	Description	Amount
04/02/2020	05/04/2020	CDBG-CV, Round 1	\$ 2,231,212
04/02/2020	05/04/2020	ESG-CV, Round 1	\$ 1,108,334
07/31/2020	09/14/2020	CDBG-CV, Round 2	\$ 2,067,124
06/09/2020	11/23/2020	ESG-CV, Round 2	\$ 2,081,414
09/11/2020	03/22/2021	CDBG-CV, Round 3	\$ 1,241,887
		CDBG-CV Subtotal	\$ 5,540,223
		ESG-CV Subtotal	\$ 3,189,748
		Total Funding	\$ 8,729,971

- CDBG-CV Rounds 1 and 3 were directly from HUD. Round 2 was passed through from the State of Iowa. ESG-CV funds were directly from HUD. Additionally, the City received approximately \$11.5 million of Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) from the US Treasury for COVID response.
- Previous activities funded in the first CDBG-CV allocation from IEDA included housing subsistence payments, mental health services, and childcare expansion.
- The proposed use of the CDBG-CV funds is for a pallet shelter village concept for emergency shelter. A public notice was posted to the City's web site with details. A summary of some of the public notice and the project is below.
 - Pallet shelters are non-congregate, separate shelter units.
 - Pallet shelters are made from fiberglass, are secured to the ground, and have a minimum 20-year lifespan.
 - They are movable and re-deployable if needed.
- The need for the project was initially intended as emergency family shelter units. The shelter units will now be for individuals rather than families.
- All activities will take place in the City of Des Moines jurisdiction. The proposed site is 2501 Maury Street, also known as the Chesterfield Community Center site. The location may change if it does not pass HUD's environmental review process.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 23, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1720](#)

Action: [On](#) application to IEDA for CDBG-CV funding, (1-13-25). Moved by Coleman to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 6-0. Absent: Voss.

Date: September 14, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1511](#)

Action: [On](#) application to IEDA for CDBG funds to prepare, prevent, and respond to Coronavirus. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Once the application is accepted and approved, IEDA will forward a grant agreement that will also require City Council approval.

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