


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>25-205</b>	Meeting:	<b>May 19, 2025</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>52</b>	Roll Call:	<b>25-0785</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director</b>		

### 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 specifically for shelter operations.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$456,000

Funding Source: HUD, as passed through IEDA

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In the height of the coronavirus (CV) 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
<b>Total Funding</b>			<b>\$ 8,729,971</b>

- 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.
- Previous activities funded in the first allocation from IEDA included housing subsistence payments, mental health services, and childcare expansion.
- In the application to IEDA, it states that the public hearing must include the following nine (9) items:

1. Need for the CDBG-CV project-

Many emergency shelters serving persons experiencing homelessness statewide are experiencing financial strain, especially during the current environment of federal funding uncertainty. Part of this strain was caused by the long-term effects of COVID 19, including the increase of individuals and families needing emergency shelter as they navigate economic hardships worsened by the pandemic.

2. Description of the CDBG funded project & activities-

Four (4) eligible emergency shelters will be granted operations funding. Eligible agencies were determined by the State of Iowa, and included shelters that:

- Have an existing contract with the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) with one or more homelessness assistance programs;
- Serves a general population of persons experiencing homelessness (individuals, youth, and/or families) without restrictions for specific subpopulations; and
- Is currently in good standing with IEDA and IFA.

3. The amount of CDBG funds for the project-

The total request will be \$456,000; \$450,000 is directly for subrecipient agreements and \$6,000 is for City staff time to administer the agreements, also known as Activity Delivery Costs (ADCs). Please see budget breakdown below.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Amount of Funds</b>	<b>ADC per Activity</b>	<b>National objective</b>
1 Central Iowa Shelter & Services	300,000	1,500	Low- to moderate-income (LMI) persons assisted
2 Catholic Council for Social Concern, Inc. DBA Catholic Charities	50,000	1,500	
3 Families Forward (fka Hawthorn Hill)	50,000	1,500	
4 Youth and Shelter Services	50,000	1,500	
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	

4. Estimated amount of CDBG assistance that will benefit low-and moderate-income persons-

All CDBG assistance is expected to benefit low-and moderate-income persons. The national objective for each proposed activity is targeted to low- and moderate-income (LMI) clientele. Due to the nature of the project, providing emergency shelter to homeless individuals or families, the clientele are presumed to be LMI. Clients will usually be referred from the coordinated entry process.

5. The location of project activities-

All activities will take place in the City of Des Moines jurisdiction at the specific shelter locations.

6. Any relocation that will have to take place because of the CDBG project-

No relocation will take place because of the CDBG project.

7. City/County contact information for residents to contact with concerns or complaints regarding the project-

Residents may submit concerns or complaints to the City Clerk's Office, Des Moines City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, 1st Floor, Des Moines, IA 50309, or email: [cityclerk@dmgov.org](mailto:cityclerk@dmgov.org) by May 19, 2025.

8. Community Development and Housing Needs of low to moderate persons in the City and any planned or potential activities to address these needs.

As mentioned above, the primary use of the funds will be to address emergency shelter operations especially for individuals or families or households presumed to have no or low income.

9. Other Community Development and Housing needs and any planned or potential activities to address these needs.

The City may use some of its annual entitlement allocations of CDBG or ESG toward the projects and activities, especially for ongoing operations. The City will also be receiving an allocation of ESG funds in response to the natural disasters that occurred in May 2024, known as ESG RUSH funding, that may be applied to the projects as well.

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: May 5, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-0657](#)

Action: [On](#) application to IEDA for Community Development Block Grant Funds to prepare, prevent and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV), (5-19-25). Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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