

Public Hearing HUD Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment

ADDING HUD CARES ACT FUNDS

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

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Major Changes to HUD Funding Plan

- Adding new COVID-19 funding to the plan
- Adding new activities
- Amending existing Citizen Participation Plan to include 5-day comment period and virtual meetings
- Applying available waivers to lift caps on CDBG and HOME funding for public services, CHDOS and administration



CARES Act Funding

TOTAL: \$8,259,408

CDBG-CV **\$1,610,805**

- Populations at or below 80% of AMI
- Public services that support mitigating C-19 spread
- Housing activities related to C-19

CDBG FY21 **\$535,998**

- Reallocating FY21 CDBG funds previously set aside for public facility improvements

ESG-CV **\$6,648,603**

- Services for homeless or at-risk of homelessness
- Shelter, outreach, rapid re-housing subsidies, homeless prevention



Funding Priorities Framework

- ✓ **CARES Act focus on addressing COVID-19**
- ✓ **Plan links to COB homeless strategies**
 - ✓ Respite and Rapid ReHousing – supported by 1000 Person Plan
 - ✓ Create additional Permanent Housing – hotel purchase
- ✓ **Plan looks at COB COVID-19 response gaps for vulnerable populations**
 - ✓ Mitigate COVID-19 spread by supporting existing shelters
 - ✓ Focused Equity Testing – prioritizes homeless and other vulnerable populations



Berkeley Respite Program

\$2.1 million


- **Safe housing for homeless individuals**
 - 65 years and older, or
 - medically fragile and high-risk
- **Participants are identified by outreach teams in Berkeley**
- **Three locations:**
 - 701 Harrison Street -- 10 RVs
 - 1281 University Avenue -- 8 RVs
 - 1654 5th Street – 4-bedroom house
- **Contract with BFHP**
 - **Services include 3 meals/day, wellness checks, nursing services, mental health supports, linkage to health care**
- **18-month program**



Medium-Term Rental Subsidies

\$2.6 million

- 100-Day Challenge -- house 400 clients from Project RoomKey Hotels countywide
- \$2.1 million for Rapid Re-housing for 44 Berkeley clients in the North County Safer Ground Hotels
 - Abode to provide services
 - All households in the Berkeley Respite Program
 - Also use PLHA funds



Increased Shelter Costs Due to COVID-19

\$897,360

Berkeley shelters now open 24 hours per day

- Additional costs for:
 - Meals
 - Additional cleaning
 - Purchasing Personal Protective Equipment
 - Staffing, including hazard pay

- Average 20% cost increases over pre-COVID-19



Convert STAIR to Non-Congregate Shelter

\$412,640

- Modify the STAIR navigation center physical layout
- Eliminate congregate sleeping dorms
- Install up to 30 pallet shelters
- Purchase community room and office trailers to enable improvements to mitigate COVID-19 spread
- Improvements to better accommodate individuals with mobility impairments



Focused Equity Testing Strategy

\$1.25 million

- **Amplify and standardize current mobile testing program**
- **Testing and follow up support:**
 - seniors
 - People of color with highest COVID prevalence
 - unhoused
 - shelter workers
- *We estimate the need for 12,000 tests with up to 10,000 individuals at highest risk of severe complications from COVID-19 infection*



Hotel Purchase / Rehabilitation

\$574,642

- Project HomeKey – State of CA Funding
- Alameda County partnership with COB to purchase and renovate a Project Roomkey hotel in Berkeley
- Use as future permanent supportive housing for unhoused
- CDBG-CV and CDBG FY21 funds for acquisition and/or rehabilitation
- This is an estimate – actual funded needed may be different

Administration

\$1 million (12%)

- \$500,000 each year for 2 years
- Senior Management Analyst
 - Fiscal tracking, monitoring and reporting for CARES Act funds
- CSSIII
 - existing position currently funded through the Shelter Plus Care (S+C)
 - Duties shifted to COVID-19 response, no longer eligible for S+C funding
 - S+C savings will be used for housing subsidies
- Community Services Specialist II
 - Work with community partners in our COVID response
 - Support Admin and Fiscal requirements

REVENUES	ESG-CV	CDBG-CV	CDBG FY21
Allocated for Program	\$ 5,983,743	\$ 1,288,644	\$ 535,998
Allocated to Administration	\$ 664,860	\$ 322,161	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 6,648,603	\$ 1,610,805	\$ 535,998
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	ESG-CV	CDBG-CV	CDBG FY21
Berkeley Respite Program	\$ 2,076,164		
Increased Shelter Costs Due to COVID	\$ 897,360	\$ -	\$ -
STAIR Conversion to Non-Congregate	\$ 412,641	\$ -	\$ -
Targeted Equity Testing Strategy	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000	
Hotel Purchase		\$ 38,644	\$ 535,998
Rental Subsidies-Safer Ground/Respite	\$ 2,597,578	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$ 664,860	\$ 322,161	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 6,648,603	\$ 1,610,805	\$ 535,998



Recommendation

1. Accept CARES Act Funding
2. Allocate HOME Funds as follows:
 - Up to 10% for Community Housing Development Organizations
 - Up to 25% for Administration
 - Remainder to the Housing Trust Fund
3. Allow City Manager to execute agreements and amendments
4. Submit the Revised Consolidated and Annual Action Plans to HUD
5. Adopt the Revised Citizen Participation Plan