

**NOTICE TO APPLY FOR CARES ACT CDBG FUNDS (CV3-CDBG) TO ADDRESS PREVENT, PREPARE FOR, AND RESPOND TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19).**

**Applications being taken thru November 30, 2020.**

**From:** Lisa Farris, CDBG Grant Administrator  
**To:** Nonprofit Organizations, Agencies affected by COVID 19  
**Subject:** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
Notice to Apply for 2020 CV3-CDBG Grant Funds.

The City of Idaho Falls is expecting to receive \$257,585 in the third round of FY2020 CV-3 CDBG grant funds from the federally funded CDBG Program available through Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The City of Idaho Falls is issuing this *Notice to Apply* to interested organizations and agencies providing direct services to low- and moderate-income individuals, including elderly and disabled persons, affected by COVID 19.

In order to receive these funds, the City completed a Substantial Amendment to their *FY2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action and Citizen Participation Plan(s)*. Some HUD guidelines have been modified in order to assist those agencies and individuals that have been directly affected by COVID 19. Some changes to current HUD guidelines include: The 15% cap on public services being suspended, 5-day public comment period replacing 30-day public comment period, eliminates in-person public hearings and allows virtual hearings, suspends in-person public hearings and allows grantees the option of holding virtual hearings. New guidelines also allow HUD to waive further program requirements (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment).

**All applications must include a detailed project scope and description that demonstrates how the funds will be used, who will benefit, and how the use of funds will address, prepare and or prevent COVID 19. Application must include a DUNs number, Tax ID number, or Employee ID number, and contact person/information.**

Examples of CV3-CDBG projects and activities for consideration include: temporary financial assistance to renters and homeowners who, as a result of financial hardships caused by the coronavirus, are struggling to meet their monthly rent or mortgage obligations and may include encouraging and providing assistance to public housing authorities, affordable housing owners, landlords, and recipients of federal grant funds in minimizing evictions and foreclosures.

Examples also include communities with businesses not reopening such as: the arts, entertainment, recreation (leisure), accommodation and food services (hospitality) and assistance to communities where the employees of the closed and struggling businesses live. Also included are provisions of new or quantifiably increased public services such as job training to expand the pool of health care workers /technicians, testing, diagnosis, equipment, supplies, and materials necessary to carry out a public service, deliver meals on wheels to quarantined individuals or individuals that need to maintain social distancing due to medical vulnerabilities.

Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, installation of public works facilities, and site or other improvements.

Includes assistance to businesses, including Special Economic Development Assistance. Planning, Capacity Building, and Assistance *Entitlement Cities (only)*. Data gathering, studies, analysis, preparation of plans and identified actions that will implement such plans.

**Provided is a tentative schedule of upcoming meetings:**

11-22-20 thru 11-30-20	Published Notice to Apply for CV1-CDBG \$257,585 (allows up to 8 days to submit applications);
12-01-20	Review all applications for criteria, needs, and priorities;
12-10-20	Virtual public hearing of proposed activities-Grant Administrator (no applicants);
12-10-20 to 12-15-20	Hold 5-day public comment and consider comments;
12-17-20	Council Meeting for Resolution;
12-18-20 to 12-22-20	Submit amendment to HUD for final approval.

**Applications may be mailed, provided in a pdf and emailed, or delivered to:**

City of Idaho Falls, Lisa Farris, Grant Administrator  
680 Park Avenue Idaho Falls, ID 83402

**Email address to send pdf version** [LFarris@idahofallsidaho.gov](mailto:LFarris@idahofallsidaho.gov). Questions are being taken in the office or by calling 208-612-8323. Information regarding the CV CDBG grant process or status may be found on the City/CDBG webpage at [www.idahofallsidaho.gov](http://www.idahofallsidaho.gov). City/CDBG webpage is accessed by going into the Community Services Department, then into the Planning Division, then selecting CDBG.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis the state has reverted back to Stage 2 of the Stay Healthy Order, avoidance of public gatherings of up to 10 attendees is recommended. The City of Idaho Falls hereby provides reasonable means for citizens to participate in the above-noticed and has identified the following methods of participation in official City processes, including this meeting. 1. Via Livestream on the Internet: The public may view the meeting at [www.idahofallsidaho.gov](http://www.idahofallsidaho.gov) 2. Email: Public comments may be shared with the Mayor and members of the City Council via email at any time. Electronic addresses for elected officials are located at <https://www.idahofallsidaho.gov/398/City-Council> 3. Written Public Comments: The public may provide written comments via postal mail or email sent to the City Clerk at [Hampton@idahofallsidaho.gov](mailto:Hampton@idahofallsidaho.gov) to be distributed to the members of the Council and to become a part of the official public record. Written public comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 15, 2020.

*Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the City of Idaho Falls, should contact the department sponsoring the event or the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator Lisa Farris at 208-612-8323. The request should be made as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for a City Council Meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (208)384-3817 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the start of the meeting.*

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