

NOTICE TO APPLY FOR BALANCE OF CARES ACT CDBG FUNDS (CV1 CDBG) TO ADDRESS PREVENT, PREPARE FOR, AND RESPOND TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19). Applications taken through 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 balance of 2020 CV1-CDBG Grant Funds.

The City of Idaho Falls received \$250,072 in the first round of FY2020 CV CDBG grant funds from the federally funded CDBG Program available through Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To date, the City has allocated \$153,303.2 of CV1-CDBG funds towards projects and activities that prevent, address, and assist with COVID 19/Infectious Disease.

With the balance of CV1- CDBG funds (\$94,768.8) the City of Idaho Falls is issuing this Notice to Apply to interested organizations/agencies providing direct services to low/moderate income (LMI) individuals, including elderly and disabled persons, affected by COVID 19.

In order to receive CV1-CDBG allocations, the City submitted 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,

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 possible eligible activities to support infectious disease response include new or quantifiably increased public services. Examples: Carry out job training to expand the pool of health care workers /technicians that are available to treat disease within a community; Provide testing, diagnosis, or other services at a fixed or mobile location; Increase the capacity and availability of targeted health services for infectious disease response within existing health facilities; Provide 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. Examples - Construct a testing/diagnosis or treatment facility; Acquire and Rehabilitate, or construct a group living facility that may be used to centralize patients undergoing treatment; Rehabilitate a commercial building or closed school building to establish infectious disease treatment clinic, e.g., by replacing the HVAC system.

Assistance to Businesses, including Special Economic Development Assistance. Provisions of assistance to private, for profit entities, when appropriate to carry out an economic development project. Examples: Provide grants or loans to support new businesses or business expansion to create jobs and manufacture medical supplies necessary to respond to infectious disease; Avoid job loss caused by business closures related to social distancing by providing short-term working capital assistance to small businesses to enable retention of jobs held by low-and moderate-income persons; Provide technical assistance, grants, loans, and other financial assistance to establish, stabilize, and expand microenterprises that provide medical, food delivery, cleaning, and other services to support home health and quarantine.

Planning, Capacity Building, and Assistance *Entitlement Cities (only)*. Data gathering, studies, analysis, and preparation of plans and identified actions that will implement such plans.

Provided is a tentative schedule of the process and meetings:

11-22-20 thru 11-30-20	Published Notice to Apply for CV1-CDBG \$94,768.8 (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. 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. 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 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 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. **To Print Sunday, Nov 22, 2020***