



CITY OF DOUGLAS, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
2019-2023 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CDBG-CV3 Funding

Background

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified the City of Douglas that it will receive an allocation of \$98,938 of the third tranche of Community Development Block Grant Program –Coronavirus Response funds (CDBG-CV3) to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis.

The City of Douglas’s federal Annual Action Plan details the funding strategy for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program each year. The Annual Action Plan implements a jurisdiction’s multi-year Consolidated Plan and is developed through significant citizen participation, analysis, and planning. The CDBG-CV3 funds will be incorporated into the City’s 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan through a Substantial Amendment.

Funding Requests

Below is a summary of the proposed budget provided by the Housing Department as of December 4, 2020.

Project Name: City COVID-19 Related Costs (\$16,250)

National Objective: Urgent Need

Project Description: Reimbursement for the City of Douglas’s eligible Covid-19 related costs – 25% of costs NOT reimbursed by the Federal Government

Project Name: Public Services – COVID-19 Activities (\$77,183)

National Objective: Low- and Moderate-Income populations (Limited Clientele)

CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Services

Project Descriptions:

- Public Services - CARES Act – \$50,183 – 293 Persons Assisted - Public service grants to local area non-profit agencies to prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19. Agencies include:
 - St. Vincent de Paul (\$20,000) – Rent/mortgage/utilities assistance
 - CCHCI – Covid-19 testing and/or vaccine expenses (\$17,793)
 - DARC/DAFB – Food assistance (\$10,000)
 - United Way Subrecipient Fees (\$2,390)
- Local Holiday Food Drive - \$9,000 – 180 Persons Assisted - Local holiday food drive expenses for low-income households and/or households negatively impacted by Covid-19



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- Youth Activity Fund – \$8,000 - 160 Persons Assisted – Funds to cover registration fees for low-income youth to participate in organized sports activities
- Virtual Learning Assistance - \$10,200 - 50 Persons Assisted - Virtual learning assistance to local schools - laptops, hotspots, and to subsidize payments of internet bills for low-income household with school-age children

Project Name: Planning and Administration (\$5,505)

National Objective: LMI – Limited Clientele

CDBG Eligible Activity – Planning and Administration

Project Administration: Administration of CDBG funds.

Public Process

The City of Douglas held a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the City’s 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and 2019/2020 Annual Action Plan. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this public meeting took place via teleconference/virtual with the Mayor and City Council on October 28, 2020.

The purpose of said hearing was to educate City officials and residents on the program and to receive input on the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV3) funds.

The City of Douglas will provide a public notice in the newspaper advertising a 5-day public comment period as part of the Citizen Participation Plan requirements. In order for timely response to the COVID-19 emergency, HUD has reduced the required public comment period to 5 days.

The City of Douglas will accept public comment during the five (5) day public comment period beginning on December 4, 2020 through December 9, 2020. Citizens are asked to provide comment on the Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and 2019/2020 Annual Action Plan and the proposed use of CDBG-CV3 funds.

A copy of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan, 2019/2020 Action Plan, and draft of the CDBG-CV3 Substantial Amendment Summary will be made available to review and posted on the City’s website, www.douglasaz.gov, beginning on December 4, 2020. Public comments can be e-mailed to the Housing Department at xenia.gonzalez@douglasaz.gov or can be mailed to the City of Douglas Housing Department, located at 425 E. 10th Street, Douglas, AZ 85607. For more information call 520-417-7385. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, hard copies will not be made available at the City of Douglas municipal buildings for review during the public comment period. Hard copies may be available upon request.

A public hearing is scheduled for December 9, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. It is anticipated the City of Douglas City Council will take action to approve the Amendments to the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan at a City Council Meeting scheduled for December 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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Members of the public will be able to attend this meeting in person. If any member of the public would like to participate by telephone, they can call the City Clerk's office at (520) 417-7301 by no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2020 to request to speak at the meeting.

The City will provide technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in the review of program activities and program amendments. In addition, the City will make adequate and reasonable provisions to assist non-English speaking residents in interpreting program opportunities and provisions on a case-by-case basis, as well as provide auxiliary aides and services for individuals with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations must contact the City Clerk's Office at the contact information above.