



**AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE
2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
AND 2019-2020 ACTION PLAN**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
COVID-19 ALLOCATION**

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Executive Summary

Background

Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the President signed it on March 27, 2020, authorizing \$2.2 trillion in a variety of stimulus measures to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The law included \$5 billion for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement communities. The City of Corona receives regular formula-based entitlement grants of CDBG funds through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each year. Accordingly, the City received a special allocation of CDBG funds under the CARES Act. These funds are commonly referred to as “CDBG-CV funds.”

HUD announced the City of Corona’s first award of \$734,885 of CDBG-CV funds on April 2, 2020, and the City Council allocated those funds to eligible CDBG-CV activities on June 3, 2020, with the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019-2020 Action Plan. Amendment No. 1 allocated funds for the Emergency Housing Needs Assistance program to assist renters who were at risk of losing their housing. The program currently provides up to \$2,000 per month for a period of up to six consecutive months to cover rent and utility costs. Amendment No. 1 also included activities to cover program planning, administration, and monitoring, as well as some of the City’s added expenses to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19 as the City reopened public facilities.

On September 11, 2020, HUD announced that the City of Corona will receive an additional \$935,657 of CDBG-CV funds. On November 18, 2020, the Corona City Council approved Amendment No. 2 to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019-2020 Action Plan to specify the eligible CDBG-CV activities to be undertaken to prevent, prepare for, or respond to coronavirus using the second allocation of funds. Staff and the CDBG Ad-Hoc Committee identified emergency short-term rent or mortgage and utility assistance, emergency pandemic-related City expenses, and grants for businesses to purchase personal protective equipment as eligible activities under the CDBG-CV program.

Action Plan Amendment No. 3 to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019-2020 Action Plan approved the reallocation funds between approved CDBG-CV projects. Specifically, Amendment No. 3 canceled the Corona Emergency Related Activities project (\$176,000), reduced the Personal Protective Equipment Grant program by \$100,000, and increased the Emergency Housing Needs Assistance Program (EHNAP), specifically the budget for rental assistance by \$276,000 to provide additional emergency rental assistance to COVID-impacted Corona residents at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness.

Action Plan Amendment No. 4 proposes the reduction of the remaining balance of the Personal Protective Equipment Grant program by \$86,039.38, reduces the Emergency Housing Needs Assistance (EHNAP – Mortgage) budget by \$75,363, and increases the Emergency Housing Needs Assistance Program (EHNAP – Rental) budget by \$161,402.38 to provide additional emergency rental assistance to COVID-impacted Corona residents at risk

of homelessness or experiencing homelessness. Remaining active funds under the EHNAP – Mortgage program budget, will continue to be reviewed and monitored for activity use. Funds remaining in the EHNAP – Mortgage program due to lack of interest or inactivity, funds will be transferred to the EHNAP – Rental program budget at a future date to ensure program expenditure compliance.

AP-15 Expected Resources

The CARES Act allocations from HUD include the first allocation of \$734,885 of CDBG-CV funds announced in April 2020 and the second allocation of \$935,657 announced in September 2020. The period of performance for these grants under the law is from March 1, 2020, to August 12, 2026. Table 1 below shows the total CDBG-CV funds allocated to Corona by HUD, including the first allocation and the second allocation.

Table 1 - Expected Resources

Program	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available				Narrative Description
		Allocation:	Program Income:	Prior Year Resources:	Total:	
CDBG-CV	Public Services Administration	\$1,670,542	\$0	\$0	\$1,670,542	CARES Act CDBG-CV funds to address COVID-19

Matching Requirements

The Cares Act allocation of CDBG-CV funds does not require a local matching funds contribution.

AP-20 Goals and Objectives

Table 2 lists the goals and objectives for the use of CDBG-CV funding. Goals 1, 2, and 3 were included in Amendment No. 1. Amendment No. 2 added goal No. 4. Amendment No. 3 canceled goal No. 2 and modifies goal No. 1 and 4.

Table 2 – Goals and Objectives

Goal Name	Time Period	Category	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Goal 1 CDBG-CV Emergency Housing Needs Assistance (REVISED)	2019 - 2023	Public Services Homelessness Prevention	Assistance to address COVID-19	CDBG-CV: \$1,297,916.38 (Increase in Funding Allocation Amendment No. 4 Rental Budget: \$1,023,279.38 Mortgage Budget: \$274,637)	<u>Rental Housing</u> Homelessness Prevention: 300 People or 115 Households Assisted <u>Homeowner Housing</u> Homelessness Prevention: 80 People or 25 Households Assisted
<p>Description: Subject to the CARES Act and emerging policy from HUD, including program regulations and waivers, CDBG-CV funds will be used for the Emergency Housing Needs Assistance to Low- and Moderate-Income Households project that will provide up to six (6) months assistance with rent or mortgage and utilities to prevent Corona residents from losing their housing. Applicants must submit evidence of current gross annualized household income that is below 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) adjusted for household size as published by HUD and demonstrate loss of income because of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>					<p><u>Total Rental & Owner</u> 380 People or 140Households</p>
Goal 2 CDBG-CV Emergency Activities - CANCELED	2019 - 2022	Public Services	Urgent Need for assistance to address COVID-19	CDBG-CV: \$0 ACTIVITY CANCELED AS PART OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT 3	Public service activities other than Low / Moderate- Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted (Due to program Cancellation)
<p>Description: Subject to the CARES Act and emerging policy from HUD, including program regulations and waivers, CDBG-CV funds will be used to provide vital public services designed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes unanticipated City expenses incurred to purchase protective equipment, information technology expenses, and other supplies necessary for our public safety team and support personnel to prepare for, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 in the community. This includes purchase and installation of safety measures such as plexiglass shields and other measures designed to protect public health and promote safety for residents and stakeholders as they visit City public facilities.</p>					

Table 2 – Goals and Objectives

Goal Name	Time Period	Category	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
<p>Goal 3 CDBG-CV Program Planning, Administration, and Monitoring</p>	<p>2019 - 2023</p>	<p>Public Services</p>	<p>Assistance to address COVID-19</p>	<p>CDBG-CV: \$334,108</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Subject to the CARES Act and emerging policy from HUD, including program regulations and waivers, CDBG-CV funds will be used to pay the City’s costs to plan for the use of CDBG-CV funds, process all required grant administration documents, forms, agreements, and payments, and to monitor and report to HUD concerning implementation of activities in compliance with federal regulations.</p>					
<p>Goal 4 Business Assistance (REVISED)</p>	<p>2019 - 2022</p>	<p>Public Services</p>	<p>Urgent Need for assistance to address COVID-19</p>	<p>CDBG-CV: \$38,517.62 (Reduction in Funding Allocation Amendment No. 4 reduces budget by \$86,039.38)</p>	<p>8 Businesses</p>
<p>Subject to the CARES Act and emerging policy from HUD, including program regulations and waivers, CDBG-CV funds will be used to provide grants of up to \$5,000 to eligible businesses to reimburse costs for personal protective supplies and equipment (PPE) necessary to implement social distancing requirements in accordance with Federal and state guidelines to protect public and employee health. Businesses must have a physical location in the City of Corona that is open to the public. Examples of eligible businesses include but are not limited to nail shops, hair salons, restaurants, small gyms, retail stores, or other service-oriented businesses. As a general principle, grants will only be provided in cases where it can be reasonably determined and documented that the applicant business has been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and based on the nature of its business, is required to have PPE to allow for safe operation. The business must have been established and served the public prior to March 13, 2020. Receipts and proof of at least three price quotes will be required in order to receive grant reimbursement. No funds shall be advanced prior to the City’s determination that the grant application and all required paperwork is complete.</p>					

Note: Information from this page will also be used to update the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan “SP-45 Strategic Plan Goals” section, adding the goals shown in Table 2. This may be entered as a single goal in the Consolidated Plan.

AP-35 Projects and activities

To address the CDBG-CV goals, the City of Corona will invest these funds for the project activities shown in Table 3 below. The table reflects total program activity expected using both the first and second allocations of CDBG-CV funds.

Table 3 – CDBG-CV Project and Activities

1	Project Name	Emergency Housing Needs Assistance to Low/Mod Households
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDBG-CV Emergency Housing Needs Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Urgent Need for assistance to address COVID-19
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$1,297,916.38
	Description	Subject to the CARES Act and emerging policy from HUD, including program regulations and waivers, CDBG-CV funds will be used for the Emergency Housing Needs Assistance to Low- and Moderate-Income Households project that will provide up to six (6) months assistance with rent or mortgage and utilities to prevent loss of housing. Applicants must submit evidence of current gross annualized household income that is below 80 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) adjusted for household size as published by HUD and demonstrate loss of income because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit	Approximately 300 low- and moderate-income people (115 households) are anticipated to receive emergency rent and utility assistance. Approximately 80 low- and moderate-income people (25 households) are anticipated to receive emergency mortgage and utility assistance.
	Location	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Emergency Housing Needs Assistance for Rental Housing (approximately 300 People in approximately 115 households) \$1,023,279.38 Emergency Housing Needs Assistance for Homeowner Housing (approximately 80 People in approximately 25 households) \$274,637

Table 4 – CDBG-CV Project and Activities

2	Project Name	City of Corona Emergency Related Activities (ACTIVITY CANCELED)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDBG-CV Emergency Activities
	Needs Addressed	Urgent Need for assistance to address COVID-19
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$0
	Description	Subject to the CARES Act and emerging policy from HUD, including program regulations and waivers, CDBG-CV funds will be used to provide vital public services designed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes unanticipated City expenses incurred to purchase protective supplies and equipment, information technology expenses, and other supplies necessary for our public safety team and support personnel to prepare for, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 in the community. This includes purchase and installation of safety measures such as plexiglass shields and other measures designed to protect public health and promote safety for residents and stakeholders as they visit City public facilities.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit	Up to 0 Corona residents will benefit from the planned activities. This figure represents the population of the City of Corona as of the 2011-2015 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates used in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.
	Location	Citywide
	Planned Activities	City of Corona Emergency Related Activities (0 People) \$0 PROGRAM CANCELLED.

Table 5 - CDBG-CV Project and Activities

3	Project Name	CDBG-CV Program Planning, Administration, and Monitoring
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDBG-CV Emergency Activities
	Needs Addressed	Urgent Need for assistance to address COVID-19
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$334,108
	Description	Subject to the CARES Act and emerging policy from HUD, including program regulations and waivers, CDBG-CV funds will be used to pay the City's costs to plan for the use of CDBG-CV funds, process all required grant administration documents, forms, agreements, and payments, and to monitor and report to HUD concerning implementation of activities in compliance with federal regulations.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit	N/A - Program Administration
	Location	Citywide
Planned Activities	CDBG-CV Program Planning, Administration, and Monitoring \$334,108	

Table 6 – CDBG-CV Project and Activities

4	Project Name	Personal Protective Equipment Grants for Businesses
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDBG-CV Emergency Activities
	Needs Addressed	Urgent Need for assistance to address COVID-19
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$38,517.62
	Description	Subject to the CARES Act and emerging policy from HUD, including program regulations and waivers, CDBG-CV funds will be used to provide grants of up to \$5,000 to eligible businesses to reimburse costs for personal protective supplies and equipment (PPE) necessary to implement social distancing requirements in accordance with Federal and state guidelines to protect public and employee health. Businesses must have a physical location in the City of Corona that is open to the public. Examples of eligible businesses include but are not limited to nail shops, hair salons, restaurants, small gyms, retail stores, or other service-oriented businesses. As a general principle, grants will only be provided in cases where it can be reasonably determined and documented that the applicant business has been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and based on the nature of its business, is required to have PPE to allow for safe operation. The business must have been established and served the public prior to March 13, 2020. Receipts and proof of at least three price quotes will be required in order to receive grant reimbursement. No funds shall be advanced prior to the City's determination that the grant application and all required paperwork is complete.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Goal	8 Businesses
	Location	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Personal Protective Equipment Grants for Businesses (8 Businesses) \$35,517.62 This activity will be offered in three phases. During Phase 1, consisting of calendar year 2021, \$5,000 grants will be available to eligible businesses that qualify (one grant per business during 2021). If funds remain at the end of calendar year 2021, Phase 2 will be implemented during calendar year 2022 whereby new applicants and businesses that were assisted in 2021 will be eligible for a grant of \$5,000 (one grant per business during 2022). After December 31, 2022, any funds remaining unspent under this activity shall be transferred to the City of Corona ^{EHNAP} Program

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements

In the implementation of program activities under the CDBG-CV Action Plan will follow all HUD regulations and some or all of the waivers made available by HUD concerning compliance matters such as program income, forms of investment, and overall low- and moderate-income benefit (if applicable).

Community Development Block Grant-CV Program (CDBG-CV)

The following tables address HUD regulatory requirements at 24 CFR 92.220(l)(1) concerning program income and CDBG-CV low- and moderate-income benefit.

Table 7 – Program Income

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Table 8 – Low- and Moderate-Income Benefit

1. The amount of urgent need activities*	30%
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low- and moderate-income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	70%



APPENDIX A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Summary of Public Comments

Amendment No. 1 - June 3, 2020, Public Hearing

During the public hearing on June 3, 2020, one public comment was received from resident Joe Morgan. Mr. Morgan urged the City Council to be as transparent as possible in the use of CARES Act funds. Mr. Morgan also encouraged the City Council to provide an accounting of the impacts of COVID-19 on the City Budget.

Amendment No. 2 - November 13 - November 18, 2020, Public Review and Comment Period and November 18, 2020, Public Hearing

No public comments were received.

Amendment No. 3 - March 2 - March 16, 2022, Public Review and Comment Period and March 16, 2022, Public Hearing

No public comments were received.

Amendment No. 4 - January 12 - February 15, 2023, Public Review and Comment Period and February 15, 2023, Public Hearing

Public Comments to be entered here if any.



APPENDIX B

SF-424s, SF-424Ds, Certifications

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will be submitted with final version to HUD.