



Macomb
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Urban County of Macomb

Community Development Block Grant

Substantial Amendment – Executive Summary

2019 Program Year – CARES Act Amendment #4

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On March 27, 2020, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). As part of the Act, entitlement communities were awarded supplemental Community Development Block Grant funds to be used in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The County received its first round Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funding in April 2020. The County was allocated additional funding under CDBG-CV3. Macomb County was not awarded funds under CDBG-CV2. To date, the total combined CDBG-CV award to the Urban County of Macomb is \$2,640,965. CDBG-CV funds must be used to for the prevention of, preparation for, and responding to the coronavirus pandemic. Activities must also comply with an eligible CDBG National Objective.

Macomb County is amending its 2019 Annual Action Plan to reallocate CDBG-CV funds as described in the following table and narrative: As a result, program staff recommends that the ESG-CV funds be reallocated as follows and discussed in detail below:

Activity Name	CDBG-CV Program Budget	Amended CDBG-CV Program Budget
COVID-19 Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program	\$1,864,772	\$0
COVID-19 Microenterprise Assistance Program	\$250,000	\$196,715.37
CDBG-CV Program Administration	\$526,193	\$526,193.00
CDBG-CV Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements	\$0	\$773,477.09
CDBG-CV Public Services	\$0	\$1,144,579.54
Totals	\$2,640,965	\$2,640,965

COVID-19 Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program – The Michigan State Housing Development Authority recently announced a new Homeowner Assistance Fund that was established under the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARP). This program provides funds to prevent homeowner mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosure, loss of utilities or home energy services and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020. With new funding made available to address mortgage assistance needs, Macomb County will reallocate the CDBG-CV originally allocated for that purpose to other eligible projects for which no other funding is available.

COVID-19 Microenterprise Business Grant Program -This grant program provided financial stabilization support to microenterprise businesses located within the jurisdiction of the Urban County CDBG program. A microenterprise is defined as a commercial business with five or fewer employees, one which owns the business. The program met the national objective of Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC) as the financial assistance benefited microenterprise owners who are low- to moderate-income. The assistance to each microenterprise did not to exceed \$10,000 and was based on eligible reimbursable costs. The remaining balance of funding for this activity will be reallocated to other eligible projects for which no other funding is available.

CDBG-CV – Program Administration - Up to twenty (20) percent of a recipient's allocation can be used for administrative activities. These include general management, oversight, and coordination; reporting on the program; the costs of providing training on CDBG-CV requirements and attending HUD-sponsored

trainings; the costs of preparing and amending the Annual Action Plan, and CAPER; and the costs of carrying out environmental review responsibilities. This activity will be administered by Macomb Community Action.

CDBG-CV – Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements - The following projects were selected through a request for proposals. Non-profits and communities that participate in the Urban County CDBG program were eligible to apply.

Name: Macomb County Child Advocacy Center, Inc. (dba Care House)

Description: Replacement windows for Care House

Location: 131 Market Street, Mount Clemens

Budget: \$41,500

Name: City of Eastpointe

Description: Shakespeare Avenue Greenspace Improvements – improvements to underutilized greenspace to create an outdoor space that encourages social distancing.

Location: Shakespeare Avenue between Stephens and Semrau Avenue

Budget: \$175,000

Name: Harrison Township

Description: Lenfesty Water main and Sidewalk Replacement

Location: Lenfesty north of Joy Boulevard, Harrison Township

Budget: \$175,000

Name: Harrison Township

Description: Tucker Senior Center Outdoor Patio – installation of a patio to allow senior to gather outside. This location is also a Macomb County Meals on Wheels nutrition center.

Location: 26980 Ballard, Harrison Township

Budget: \$50,000

Name: Harrison Township

Description: ADA door installation – removal of architectural barriers to allow easier access to meetings for persons with disabilities.

Location: 38255 L'Anse Creuse, Harrison Township

Budget: \$25,000

Name: Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST)

Description: MCREST Shelter – installation of an air purification system and HEPA filters

Location: 215 S. Main Street, Mount Clemens

Budget: \$25,584

Name: Shelby Township

Description: Senior Center Outdoor Fitness Area – creation of an outdoor space that will allow seniors to exercise in a safe, socially distanced environment.

Location: 14975 21 Mile Road, Shelby Township

Budget: \$134,960.79

Name: Macomb Township

Description: Senior Center Outdoor Fitness Area – creation of an outdoor space that will allow seniors to exercise in a safe, socially distanced environment.

Location: 51210 Alma Drive, Macomb Township

Budget: \$132,750.10

Name: Macomb Township

Description: ADA Technology Upgrade for Virtual Meetings - removal of architectural barriers to promote remote access to public meeting for persons with disabilities

Location: 54111 Broughton Road, Macomb Township

Budget: \$13,682.20

CDBG-CV – Public Services - The following projects were selected through a request for proposals. Non-profits and communities that participate in the Urban County CDBG program were eligible to apply.

Name: Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST)

Description: MCREST Shelter – purchase of laptops that will allow staff to properly social distance and provide homeless persons computer access.

Location: 215 S. Main Street, Mount Clemens

Budget: \$39,750

Name: Shelby Township

Description: Senior COVID Essential Care Packages – provide seniors with essential care items that will help prevent, prepare, or respond to COVID-19

Location: 14975 21 Mile Road, Shelby Township

Budget: \$25,490.80

Name: Macomb Township

Description: Senior Center Computer Lab – purchase computers to provide digital training and education to seniors

Location: 51210 Alma Drive, Macomb Township

Budget: \$43,922.23

Name: Macomb County/Macomb Community Action

Description: Carry out job training in communities or neighborhoods affected by coronavirus-related job loss since January 2020 to revitalize affected labor force and business sectors or to help workers re-train for expanding sectors

Location: 196 N. Rose, Mount Clemens

Budget: \$1,035,416.51

Emergency Shelter Grant – CARES Act (ESG-CV)

Macomb County has been allocated \$1,342,908 in Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding through the CARES Act (referred to as ESG-CV). ESG-CV funded activities must serve the needs of the homeless population in Macomb County related to the prevention of, preparation for, and responding to the coronavirus pandemic. The unpredictability of COVID-19 has changed the needs for sheltering the homeless. As a result, program staff recommends that the ESG-CV funds be reallocated as follows and discussed in detail below:

Activity Name	ESG-CV Program Budget	Amended ESG-CV Program Budget
Homelessness Prevention	\$240,950.00	\$43,973.00
Homeless Shelter Operations	\$908,227.20	\$1,136,227.20
Rapid Re-Housing	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00
Program Administration	\$134,290.80	\$113,267.80
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$9,440.00	\$9,440.00
Totals	\$1,342,908.00	\$1,342,908.00

Homelessness Prevention (HP) – Includes housing relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to prevent the individual or family from moving to an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation. This activity was originally administered by Community Housing Network and MCREST. However, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development did not allow grantees to use ESG-CV funds for HP activities while the federal eviction moratorium was in place. In addition, once the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program began there was less need for HP assistance. As a result, this substantial amendment will reallocate funds from HP to homeless shelter operations to ensure that all of Macomb County’s ESG-CV funds are expended by the required deadline.

Homeless Shelter Operations - Funding for this activity will benefit MCREST which has volunteered to expand their program to assist the clients that were formerly served through the Macomb County Warming Center (MCWC). Prior to COVID-19, MCREST and MCWC housed their clients in Macomb County churches on a rotating basis. The additional funds provided through this substantial amendment will cover the costs associated with operating a fixed location temporary emergency shelter and motel/hotel vouchers for program participants for which no suitable shelter can be found.

Rapid Rehousing (RRH) – Includes housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. This activity was administered by Turning Point. However, the recent increase in the availability of Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) coupled with the lack of affordable housing made it difficult for Turning Point to meet expenditure deadlines. As a result, this substantial amendment will reallocate funds from RRH to homeless shelter operations to ensure that all of Macomb County’s ESG-CV funds are expended by the required deadline.

Program Administration - Up to ten (10) percent of a recipient's allocation can be used for administrative activities. These include general management, oversight, and coordination; reporting on the program; the costs of providing training on ESG-CV requirements and attending HUD-sponsored ESG trainings; the costs of preparing and amending the ESG-CV and homelessness-related sections of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and CAPER; and the costs of carrying out environmental review responsibilities. The funding for this activity covers eligible costs incurred by Macomb Community Action for the administration of the ESG-CV program. An analysis of costs incurred to date revealed that administrative costs will be less than anticipated. As a result, this substantial amendment will reallocate funds from program administration to homeless shelter operations to ensure that all of Macomb County's ESG-CV funds are expended by the required deadline.

HMIS – The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. All ESG-CV grantees and subrecipients are required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to report ESG-CV accomplishments in HMIS. The HMIS Lead Entity for the Macomb County Continuum of Care is the Macomb Homeless Coalition. ESG-CV funds were awarded to the HMIS Lead Entity to support staff that are responsible for ensuring proper HMIS data collection and reporting.

REVIEW PROCESS

The 30-day comment period will begin on September 24, 2021 and end at 4:30 pm on October 25, 2021.

If you require special accommodations, or have questions regarding the availability of the amendments, please contact Macomb Community Action – Community Development at (586) 466-6256.

All comments received will be included in the substantial amendment that is submitted to HUD. The Macomb County Board of Commissioners will consider the Substantial Amendment on October 28, 2021. Following the completion of these steps, the Substantial Amendment will be submitted to HUD. Citizens wishing to submit written comments regarding the substantial amendment to the 2019 AAP may email them to stephanie.burgess@macombgov.org or mail them, postmarked no later than October 25, 2021, to the following address:

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