

City of Menifee



Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV3)

AMENDMENT TO PY 2019/2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Public Comment Period: February 12 – February 17, 2021
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. _____

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**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO
PY 2019/2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
TO ADD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CORONAVIRUS
(CDBG-CV3) FUNDS AND ACTIVITIES**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On September 11, 2020, HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) posted the third (final) round allocations of \$1.988 billion from the \$5 billion supplemental Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG-CV) Congress appropriated by the CARES Act. The second round of \$1 billion was announced on May 11 and allocated directly to states. The Substantial Amendment is drafted with the guidance from HUD that has been available, including that the CDBG-CV3 funds allocated under the CARES Act must be used for preparation for, prevention of, and response to the COVID-19.

The City of Menifee will receive \$404,459 in Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG- CV3) funding. A Substantial Amendment to the 2020/2021 Annual Action Plan is required; and is being amended here to satisfy that requirement.

Substantial Amendments are required to follow the City's Citizen Participation Plan, which, under normal circumstances, requires a public comment period for the Substantial Amendment of 30 days. However, to more quickly implement the funds and activities of the CDBG-CV3, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has waived that requirement with amendment to the City's Citizen Participation Plan, reducing the public comment period to five (5) days.

All CDBG-CV3 activities must still meet a National Objective of the CDBG Program:

- Benefit low-and-moderate income people
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight
- Meet an urgent need

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

The CARES act bill included the following administrative changes

- Removed the requirement for in-person public hearings to comply with national and local social gathering requirements and stay-at-home orders and to all for virtual public hearings.

- A reduced public comment period from 30 days to five (5) days.
- Elimination of the cap on the amount of funds a grantee can spend on public services (for CDBG grant years 2019 and 2020 and CDBG-CV funds only). The cap is generally 15%.
- Allowed for grantees to be reimbursed COVID-19 response activities regardless of the date the costs were incurred.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A Notice of Public Hearing and a 5-day public review period was published in the Press Enterprise and La Prensa on February 12, 2021 informing the public of the proposed Substantial Amendment and inviting comments at the public hearing. The public review period began on February 12, 2021 and ended on February 17, 2021. Citizens were able to review copies of the Draft Substantial Amendment on the City's website at <https://www.cityofmenifee.us/421/CDBG-Program>.

CHANGES TO THE 2019/2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ACTIVITIES

City staff is recommending that the 2019/2020 Annual Action Plan be amended to add the CDBG-CV3 grant as a resource and allocate the funds, as noted in the table below.

CDBG-CV	ALLOCATION
Program CDBG-CV3	
PUBLIC SERVICES	
Grants to Public Service Agencies for activities to prevent, prepare for or respond to the spread of COVID-19 to include but not limited to the following types of services:	
Food Assistance, Education Support and Other Public Service	\$140,000
Rental and Mortgage Assistance	\$254,459
PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION	
General Administration and Planning of the CDBG-CV3 Grant.	10,000
<i>Total CDBG-CV3 allocation</i>	\$404,459

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All public comments received during the 5-day public review period or at the public hearing will be incorporated into the overall Substantial Amendment submitted to HUD.