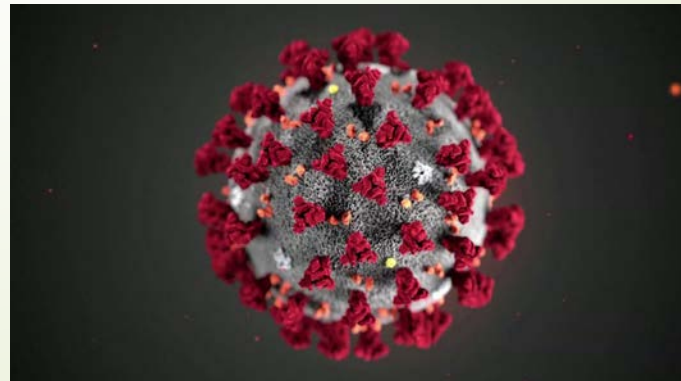


Township of Old Bridge, New Jersey

Virtual Public Hearing

2019 Annual Action Plan

Substantial Amendment for CARES ACT Funding



CDBG OVERVIEW

- Established 1974
- Annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.
- **Old Bridge 2019 Allocation**
 - **CDBG – 268,609**
 - **Recaptured Funds-\$19,075**
 - **CARES Act Funds-\$159,664**

CARES ACT

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act-
- Makes available \$5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV grants)
- HUD has announced the allocations of the first \$2 billion in CARES Act funding for CDBG grantees
- Provides flexibilities for CDBG grantees to make it easier to use CDBG-CV grants and fiscal years 2019 and 2020 CDBG grants for coronavirus response and authorizes HUD to grant waivers and alternative requirements;
- Requires CDBG-CV grantees to prevent the duplication of benefits, which means grant funds may not be used to pay costs if another source of financial assistance is available to pay that cost.
- Requires coordination with local public health officials
- Adjusted mechanics to expedite funding:
 - 2019 Substantial Amendment
 - Waiver for 5-Day Public Review, concurrent CPP Amendment (pre-2019 funds not eligible)
 - Waiver for Virtual Public Hearings
- At this time, activities using CARES CDBG money must be eligible under regular CDBG rules = meeting a national objects AND being undertaken to prevent or respond to the virus

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

➤ Is it an INELIGIBLE ACTIVITY?

- *NO* Political activities
- *NO* Construction of housing units by a unit of local government
- *NO* Operation and maintenance of public facilities/improvements
- ***NO* General government expenses including construction or repairs of general government buildings like City Hall, public works garages and police stations**
- *NO* Purchase of equipment (except fire equipment)
- *NO* Direct income payments

➤ Does it meet a National Objective?

CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

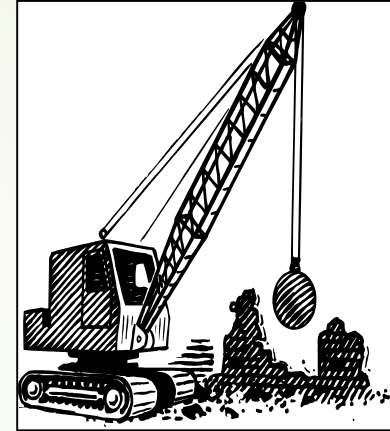
Each activity must
meet one of the
Three National
Objectives



**Benefit Low &
Moderate Income
Persons**



Meet Urgent Need



**Prevent or Eliminate
Slum/Blight**

LOW & MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

LIMITED CLIENTELE:

Income – Income limits established by HUD based on Area Median Family Income (AMFI)

- Low-moderate income household is 80% or less of AMFI
- Requires income documentation ---- UNLESS...

Presumed Benefit Groups:

Seniors

Battered spouses

Persons living with AIDS

Homeless persons

Illiterate adults

Abused children

Severely disabled **ADULTS**

Migrant farmworkers

AREA BENEFIT:

Must serve a **primarily residential** geographic area which is at least 35.47 % low/moderate income persons per Census Bureau or a door-to-door survey.

EXAMPLES: Parks, fire stations, streets, possibly public services

PUBLIC FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

Facilities can be owned by government or non-profit & open to public

Infrastructure – roads, water, sewers, etc.

MUST BENEFIT AN ELIGIBLE POPULATION - either by area or limited clientele

NOT CITY HALL – except for ADA improvements

Examples of **possibly** eligible facilities/infrastructure for CARES Act Funds

Construct a facility for testing, diagnosis, or treatment.

Rehabilitate a community facility to establish an infectious disease treatment clinic.

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 an infectious disease treatment clinic, e.g., by replacing the HVAC system.

Acquire, and quickly rehabilitate (if necessary) a motel or hotel building to expand capacity of hospitals to accommodate isolation of patients during recovery.

Make interim improvements to private properties to enable an individual patient to remain quarantined on a temporary basis.



PUBLIC SERVICES



No cap on Public Service activities addressing Coronavirus,(2019 and 2020 CDBG Funds and Cares Act Funds)

Can be provided by government or non-profit. MUST BENEFIT AN ELIGIBLE POPULATION - either by area or limited clientele

Examples of **possibly** eligible services for CARES Act funds:

Carry out job training to expand the pool of health care workers and 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.

Housing and Economic Development

HOUSING:

- Housing Rehab Program
- Homebuyer Assistance
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance(CARES Act Fund Eligible)
- Utility Payment Assistance(CARES Act Fund Eligible)



JOB CREATION/RETENTION:


- The activity must involve creation or retention of jobs, a majority of which are filled by **or made available to** low and moderate income people.
- Examples of **possibly** eligible facilities/infrastructure for COVID Funds
 - 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.

Substantial Amendment

Per Citizen Participation Plan

The following criteria will be used to determine what change in the Township's planned or actual activities constitute a "substantial amendment":

- 1) A national goal changes (under which a project activity was proposed and approved);
- 2) The cost of a proposed activity increases by one half (50%) or more when the activity is actually undertaken;
- 3) The physical location of an activity is changed;
 - a) When a specific location was defined and approved
 - b) When more than one half (50%) of the locations change under an activity with multiple locations
- 4) The class of beneficiaries changes by more than one half (50%)
- 5) Changes in the use of CDBG funds from one eligible activity to another when the amount of funds being re-allocated is more than one half (50%) of the originally allocated amount.



**Based on the same formula as CDBG FY 2020
Allocations, additional funds as part of the CARES
Act legislation are being distributed to each
entitlement to Prevent, Prepare for, and Respond to
COVID-19**

Old Bridge CARES ACT Funds -\$159,664

CARES Act Projects

| Project | Initial Budget |
|--|------------------|
| Aid to the Frail Elderly | \$10,000 |
| Puerto Rican Action Board– Rent/Utility Assistance | \$3,000 |
| Township of Old Bridge Food Bank | \$9,000 |
| Food Bank HVAC | \$20,000 |
| Provision of Personal Protective Equipment | \$2,564 |
| Sanitation Wands for Disinfection | \$8,000 |
| Senior Bus (Social Distancing) | \$85,000 |
| Senior Bus Part Time Driver | \$22,100 |
| Total | \$159,664 |



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