

City of Fountain Valley



Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Action Plan Amendment CARES Act- CDBG-CV Allocation

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April 5 – April 19, 2021

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Executive Summary

April 7, 2021 Amendment

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 includes a special allocation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) to enable communities to effectively address the impact of COVID-19 on their communities, specifically to assist the low- and moderate-income residents and business owners in the community.

The City of Fountain Valley initially received \$211,789 in Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act funding (CDBG-CV-1) in April 2020 and the funds have been used, or are budgeted to be used, to fund the Small Business Employee Retention Grant completed in July 2020 and the Senior Social Services Outreach Program in Response to COVID-19 that began operation in October 2020.

A second allocation of CARES Act funding in the amount of \$404,765 (CDBG-CV-3) is now available to the City to be used to fund programs and activities that prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are separate and distinct from the City's regular CDBG funds and may only be used to fund programs and activities in response to COVID-19.

This amendment modifies the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Action Plan to add a new project to allocate the CDBG-CV-3 funding to assist the Fountain Valley community in the COVID-19 response.

Proposed Uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV-3)

Small Business Grants - COVID-19:	\$350,000
Public Service Grants - COVID-19:	\$54,765

Process

Given the urgency to design and launch programs with the CDBG-CV allocation, the CARES Act authorized grantees with the flexibility of providing 5-day public review periods and the authority to use virtual public hearings to fulfill applicable public hearing requirements. On March 31, 2020, HUD issued a memo authorizing grantees to modify public review and hearing requirements to comply with this flexibility.

The City of Fountain Valley will be providing a 14-day public comment period from April 5 – April 19, 2021. Two public meetings are scheduled to receive public comment. A Notice was published in the Orange County Register- Fountain Valley View advertising the availability of the amendment for public comment and the dates of the public meetings. The amendment is also posted on the City's website for review and comment.

The amendment will be discussed before the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board on April 7, 2021 and before the City Council on April 20, 2021. Both meetings are held in the Fountain Valley Council Chambers at 6 pm.

The City Council meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 3 as well as through the City's website. Residents can submit comments via email or mail during the public review period.

Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City will receive \$404,765 in CARES Act CDBG-CV Round 3 funding. If HUD authorizes additional resources, the City will further amend this Action Plan.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Use of Funds	CARES Act Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG-CV-3	Public-Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development • Public Services • Administration 	\$404,765	CDBG activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19

Table 2 - Expected Resources

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

City businesses and Public Service Agencies are able to leverage the grant funding provided by the City of Fountain Valley by collaborating with County, State, and Federal agencies to identify other available resources authorized through the CARES Act, the Small Business Administration (SBA), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that can be leveraged to maximize the impact of the CDBG-CV resources.

Annual Goals and Objectives – 91.220(c)(3)

To allocate the CDBG-CV program, the City of Fountain Valley has established one new goal for the 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
10	COVID-19 Response	2020	2021	Homeless, Non-Homeless, Special Needs, Non-Housing Community Development Services for Elderly/ Frail Elderly, Affordable Housing; Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	COVID-19 Impact	\$404,765	TBD

Table 3 – Annual Goals

Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This amendment will add Project #13 COVID-19 Response. This will include the all activities that have been funded with CDBG-CV funding.

Projects

#	Project Name
13	COVID-19 Response

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Project #13 will include all activities funded by CDBG-CV funding. All activities using these funds will be listed under this project. These projects were determined in consultation with City staff, departments, and stakeholders serving low- and moderate-income residents of Fountain Valley to identify critical needs resulting from COVID-19 within the City.

Project Summary Information

13	Project Name	COVID-19 Response
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	COVID-19 Response
	Needs Addressed	COVID-19 Impact
	Funding	CDBG: \$404,765
	Description	Providing programs and activities to residents and businesses to assist with costs incurred to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19.
	Target Date	6/30/2021