

Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) FUNDING FACT SHEET: ROUND 1 ALLOCATION

What is CDBG-CV Funding?



The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) will administer two allocations totaling over \$11.2M in federal Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding to assist in community-level recovery, prevention and preparation efforts relating to the coronavirus. This funding was allocated to the State by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.



The current Fact Sheet pertains solely to the first of two funding allocations. The second allocation, currently under development, may involve unrelated activities, and information will be released by DED at a later date.

Who is Eligible?



Units of General Local Government (UGLG, i.e., cities, villages and counties) in Nebraska's non-entitlement areas are the sole eligible recipients of CDBG-CV funding. However, UGLGs may enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a nonprofit organization to direct the funds to the program provider (e.g., a food bank). The entitlement communities of Omaha, Lincoln, Bellevue and Grand Island received their own CDBG-CV allocations, and are not eligible for this specific funding source.

What Can the Funding be Used For?



CDBG-CV funding is reserved for use in preventing, preparing for and/or responding to the outbreak of coronavirus in Nebraska. As with all CDBG program dollars, funding must also primarily address the unique needs of low- and moderate-income persons (i.e., less than 80% area median income).

Currently, there are three eligible classifications of use (two categorized under Emergent Threat and one under Economic Development) under which UGLGs can apply for CDBG-CV dollars:

1.



Emergent Threat PUBLIC SERVICES

Public Services projects will be prioritized if they involve either a new public service or an expansion of existing services.

Priority Activities Include:

- Delivering Meals on Wheels to quarantined individuals or those who are social distancing due to medical vulnerabilities.
- Carrying out job training to expand the pool of health care workers and technicians available to treat disease within the community.
- Increasing the capacity and availability of targeted health services for infectious disease response within existing health facilities.

2.



Emergent Threat PUBLIC FACILITIES

Emergent Threat (A)

Projects will be prioritized if they involve the acquisition, construction, reconstruction or installation of public works, facilities and site or other improvements to accomplish the following:

- Building a facility for testing, diagnosis or treatment.
- Rehabilitating an existing facility to establish an infectious disease treatment clinic.
- Acquire and build or rehabilitate a group living facility that can be used to centralize patients undergoing treatment.

Emergent Threat (B)

Projects will be prioritized if they involve building rehabilitation and improvements (including interim assistance), including:

- Rehabilitating a commercial building or closed school building to establish an infectious disease treatment clinic (e.g., by replacing the HVAC system).
- Acquiring and quickly rehabilitating (if necessary) a motel or hotel building to expand the capacity of hospitals to accommodate the isolation of patients during recovery.
- Making interim improvements to private properties to enable an individual patient to remain quarantined on a temporary basis.

3.



Economic Development ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESSES

Priority Activities Include:

- Providing grants or loans to support new businesses or business expansion to create jobs and manufacture medical supplies necessary to respond to infectious disease.
- Avoiding job loss caused by business closures related to social distancing by providing short-term working capital to small businesses; enable the retention of jobs held by low- and moderate-income persons.

How to Apply for CDBG-CV Funding



To apply for Public Services or Public Facilities projects, a UGLG must first submit an online pre-application by visiting <https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/9ef115ab-5b77-40e9-a116-421f07ce1f1f>. If chosen, UGLGs will be notified by DED of their eligibility to submit a full application. A pre-application is not required for Assistance to Business grants. To apply, visit <https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/5af36753-4206-4eb5-a452-fb080453246f>.

For more information about CDBG-CV grants under the Emergent Threat category, contact Steve Charleston at steve.charleston@nebraska.gov. For questions about grants in the Economic Development category, contact Dave Honz at dave.honz@nebraska.gov.