



# County of Monterey Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

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- Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 19/20 funding

# Actions to Approve:

- Conduct a public hearing, close the public comment period, and approve amendments to Monterey County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Annual Action Plans to 1) amend the Urban County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 CDBG Program Annual Action Plan in the amount of \$816,541; 2) amend the Urban County's 2013-2020 Consolidated Plan to accept Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds into the FY 2019-2020 CDBG Annual Action Plan and; 3) as part of this amendment accept the revisions to the Citizen Participation Plan to include the CARES Act 5-day comment period and updates to the plan.
- Authorize the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 19/20 CDBG grant, Unit 013-1050-8518-CA0042, increasing appropriations and estimated revenue by \$816,541, funded by the augmentation of grant revenues from CARES Act funds (4/5ths vote required).

# Actions to Approve

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- Approve the Urban County Committee’s April 24th recommendation to use the \$816,541 in CARES Act CDBG funds for the following CDBG eligible activities : Food Bank for food supplies and the purchase of a truck to deliver food supplies (\$721,541), Meals on Wheels (\$50,000), Echo Housing for Tenant/Landlord services (\$15,000), United Way 211 (\$15,000), and Legal Services for Seniors for Tenant/Landlord services (\$15,000).
- Authorize the Housing Program Manager to submit the third Substantial Amendment to the FY 19/20 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

On March 27, 2020, Congress passed the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136, to directly address the impacts of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. As part of the CARES Act, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Of this amount, the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has immediately allocated \$2 billion, based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula. The remaining \$3 billion will be allocated on need, using best available data in the following tranches, or portions:

\$1 billion will be allocated States and insular areas within 45 days of enactment of the CARES Act

\$2 billion will be distributed to states and local governments at the discretion of the HUD Secretary.

# HUD WAIVERS

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- HUD has issued waivers of certain regulatory requirements related to Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation requirements. Specifically, the County will be utilizing two of these waivers to expedite the use and implementation of these funds:
- 1. Citizen Participation Plan Comment Period – this waiver grants a reduction of the required 30-day comment period to no less than five (5) days.
- The County placed notice of the CARES Act funding on its website on May 11, 2020
- 2. Citizen Participation Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment – this waiver allows the County to determine, outside the adopted Citizen Participation Plan, what constitutes reasonable notice and opportunity to comment during its efforts to limit public gatherings and expedite the use of funds.

# County CDBG-CV Funds

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The County of Monterey has been allocated \$816,541 in the first allocation of CDBG-CV funds.

These funds are supplemental to the annual allocations of CDBG funds the County receives and shall specifically be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

# Urban County Committee

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- The County's Housing and Economic Development Program under the County Administrative Office met with the Urban County CDBG Committee on:
  - April 9, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - The meetings were through Zoom and open to the public. Comments on the funding priorities were received and considered to determine CDBG-CV priorities. The County is required to direct a minimum of 70% of the funding to low-moderate income persons and households, per CDBG regulations.

**Agency**

Monterey County

Food Bank-Truck and Food

Meals on Wheels

ECHO Housing-tenant  
landlord

United Way 211

Legal Services for Seniors

**Total**

**CDBG-CV**

\$816,541.00

\$721,541.00

\$50,000.00

\$15,000.00

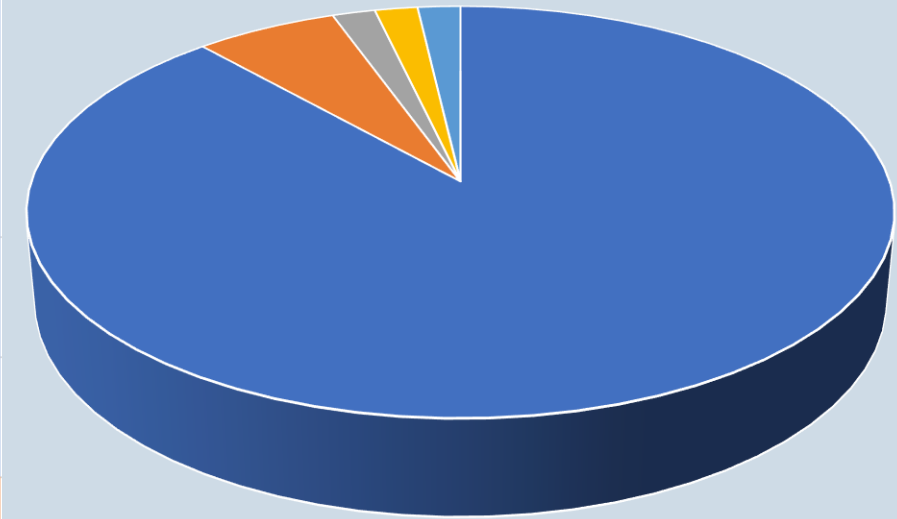
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**\$816,541.00**

Monterey County CARES  
Act Recommended  
COVID BUDGET

Monterey County CDBG CV Funds



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- Meals on Wheels
- ECHO Housing-tenant landlord
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