

City of Raleigh
Amendment to the FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan
and the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was created on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis. In response to COVID-19, the US Congress has authorized the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to entitlement communities such as Raleigh.

ESG-CV and CDBG-CV should be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of COVID-19. The funds will be distributed nationally in accordance to the most recent formula that HUD uses which includes - poverty, age of housing, and population factors. HUD has informed the City that it is providing \$950,338 in ESG and \$1,878,051 in CDBG in supplemental allocations to Raleigh.

As required, the City is amending its FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to incorporate the additional CARES Act ESG-CV and CDBG-CV funding as shown below.

ESG-CV

The uses of federal ESG funds typically include homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, shelter, and street outreach. The City intends to make ESG-CV available for these uses as well – with a primary focus on homelessness prevention - through the nonprofit organizations demonstrating competence in providing such services.

The City intends to collaborate with the following organizations: Wake County, Wake County Schools, The Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness (Continuum of Care), and providers with data or skills relevant to addressing COVID-19. The City's ESG-CV will be distributed through a Letter of Intent process to solicit proposals from local nonprofits.

Anticipated uses of ESG-CV resources through nonprofit organizations:

- Short-term assistance to pay housing costs pending returning to work
- Financial assistance to enable homeless persons attain rental housing

CDBG-CV

The City intends to use the majority of CDBG funding on additional nonprofit grants. The focus will be on services that are benefitting low-income (including vulnerable groups sometimes left out of benefiting from emergency spending programs) residents that are experiencing hunger, housing challenges, loss of wages or work, or other issues due to the coronavirus. The following activities represent possible uses for the funds

Anticipated uses of CDBG-CV resources:

- Provision of new or quantifiably increased Public Services (e.g. operational support for non-profits);
- Homelessness Prevention for up to 3 months (e.g. rent and utilities);
- Mortgage Assistance for up to 3 months;
- Service delivery associated with the stated activities.

The chart below depicts the proposed allocations for the activities related to both funding sources. A Letter of Intent (LOI) process will be utilized to solicit providers who can serve the targeted populations using the activities listed below.

Source of Funds	Amount
ESG -CV	\$950,338
Activity	
Administration (10%)	\$95,033
Homeless Prevention	\$855,305
Rapid Re-Housing	
Shelter	
TOTAL	\$950,338
CDBG-CV	\$1,878,051
Activity	
Administration (20%)	\$375,610
Public Service Grants	\$1,502,441
Emergency Assistance	
TOTAL	\$1,878,051