

#### **Wisconsin Department of Administration**

## Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources

**CDBG – CV Program Update** 

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#### **Areas of Discussion**



- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
   COVID19 (CV) Program (CDBG-CV)
- Available Funding
- What can CDBG-CV be Used for?
- Application Process
- Questions



#### **CDBG-CV Program**



- The State submitted to HUD a Substantial Amendment to the State's Comprehensive Plan to create the CDBG CV Program (CDBG-CV) which HUD has approved.
- Division of Energy, Housing and Community
  Resources(DEHCR) developed and obtained approval of a
  method of distribution of CDBG CV funds.
- On 8/20/20, HUD published the Federal Register containing program rules, waivers and regulations as well as program guidance on eligible activities and national objective compliance.



### **Available Funding**



- Round One CDBG CV funding awarded to the State of Wisconsin totals \$16,107,955 and will be distributed to nonentitlement units of general local government.
- Round Two CDBG CV funding awarded to the State of Wisconsin totals \$16,970,300. This funding will be made available to entitlement and non-entitlement units of government. 57% of this total will be distributed to entitlements while the remaining 43% will be added to the round one CV funding and be made available to nonentitlement communities.
- Round Three CDBG CV funding awarded to the State of Wisconsin totals \$10,919,141. These funds will be made available in nonentitlement areas of the State.



### **Available Funding**



- Approximately \$20 million of CDBG CV remains available to award to local units of government to prepare, prevent and respond to coronavirus.
- DEHCR is proposing to issue a NOFA soliciting additional proposals from non-entitlement communities.
- HUD has issued additional guidance clarifying eligibility of certain types of projects.



#### **How to Use CDBG-CV Funds**



- Any proposed use of CDBG CV funds must prepare for, prevent, or respond to coronavirus.
- All proposed programs and projects must meet a CDBG National Objective, being, Low to Moderate Income (LMI) Benefit or Urgent Local Need (ULN).



## **Example Projects/Programs**



- Example Project/Program Types:
  - Food Bank/Pantry, expansion, restocking, establishment
  - PPE Purchases
  - Transitional Housing
  - Childcare/Daycare Centers
  - Homeless Shelters
  - Senior Centers
  - Temporary Housing
  - Provide in-home services such as meal/grocery delivery, medicine, to quarantined individuals



#### **CDBG-CV Program**



#### How will this work?

- DEHCR will release a Notice of Funding Availability. Application materials and instructions will be provided on the DEHCR website. Applications will be scored with applications being funded until available funding is exhausted.
- UGLG's receiving awards will enter into a grant agreement with DOA and initiate their program/project.
- Performance period to complete programs/projects will be two years from application approval.
- DEHCR must expend at least 80% of the CDBG CV funding by July 2023.

## CDBG-CV Details

- Final CDBG CV application has the same "federal strings" as the public facilities and housing programs.
- Grants over \$150,000 require quarterly reporting.
- No Public Services Cap.

## CDBG-CV Details

- Abbreviated Environmental Review for most projects/programs.
- Duplication of Benefits, very important for business assistance, rental assistance, other public service programs.
- Shortened Public Hearing Notification period –
   5 days.
- Cannot supplant or replace municipal expenditures.

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# Questions?