



June 22, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO INCLUDE CARES ACT FUNDING PHASE 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,987,422 FOR THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM TO BE USED FOR MICHIGAN'S COVID-19 RESPONSE.

Prior to receipt of Cares Act funding from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development, Michigan is required to prepare a formal substantial amendment to the Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan (the Consolidated Plan). The Consolidated Plan proposes an action strategy by which those needs will be addressed through five program years for the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020. The annual action plan program applicable to this amendment and covered in the Michigan Consolidated Plan (Community Development Block Grant). The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) is responsible for preparing the Michigan Consolidated Plan and soliciting comments from the public regarding the plan and its subsequent amendments.

The comment period will commence on June 22, 2020 and end on June 29, 2020 and will focus on the amendment parameters as outlined below.

Introduction

Signed into law March 27th, 2020, H.R.748 the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" or the "CARES Act", provides over \$2 trillion in aid nationwide to respond to the coronavirus. As part of this response, Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds totaling \$62,488,375 are being allocated to the State of Michigan. Of this, \$20,500,953 (Phase 1) is for use in "non-entitlement" communities and \$41,987,422 (Phase 2) for use across the State. This funding is awarded to the State by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

CDBG-CV Allocation Details

The Michigan CDBG program, with guidance from HUD and in collaboration with national, state and local partners, has created the CDBG COVID-19 Response program to best react to the needs of the state during the response, and future recovery from the pandemic.

The CDBG COVID-19 Response program will utilize CDBG-CV funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus by:

- Creating or improving community infrastructure, facilities, and services for the public.
- Providing for the retention of jobs for low- and moderate-income people.
- Providing planning and technical assistance to grantees.
- Funding other eligible activities as required or necessary to respond to coronavirus.

Additionally, through waivers provided in the CARES Act, the remaining PY19 and future PY20 CDBG funding will also be available to support the State response to COVID-19. Activities funded will benefit low- and moderate-income people, remove blight, or meet needs having a particular urgency and be eligible under the Housing Community Development Act (HCDA).

Method of Distribution

CDBG COVID-19 Response

This program allows for the MI CDBG program to collaborate with other federal, state, and local agencies in responding to coronavirus through formula allocation and open and competitive applications. Resources will be allocated based on need and prioritize the unique needs of low- and moderate-income persons and the development of partnerships between all levels of government and the private for-profit and nonprofit sectors.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments directly related to the proposed amendment to the current Michigan Consolidated Action Plan. Information gathered during the written comment period will be used to substantiate a formal amendment to the Michigan Consolidated Action Plan.

Individuals and organizations may submit written comments to Tonya Young, 735 East Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 30044, Lansing, MI 48909. **Written comments must be received no later than June 29, 2020.** Comments can also be submitted to the MSHDA Consolidated Plan Coordinator via e-mail to hidmailbox@michigan.gov.

Copies of the Michigan Consolidated Action Plan may be downloaded free of charge from the MSHDA website at www.michigan.gov/mshda.