

# Public Hearing

Community and Economic Development Committee

Community Development Block Grant Program

Substantial Amendment #2 to  
the 2020-21 Annual Action Plan

4:00 P.M.

December 9, 2020



# Community Development Block Grant

In 1994 Lee's Summit was designated as an Entitlement Community under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

As an Entitlement Community, the City is required to adopt an Annual Action Plan for each program year that summarizes local actions being taken to address specific needs within the community. The City's most recent Action Plan for program year 2020-21 was adopted by ordinance in April 2020.

# CDBG-CV Funding

- Due to COVID-19, the City received a special allocation of **\$219,061** in CDBG funding from the *CARES Act* to provide relief to low-to-moderate-income individuals affected by the pandemic. This funding was awarded to Lee's Summit Social Services to assist with Emergency Rent/Utility payments; and to Developing Potential, Inc. for re-opening costs in relation to PPE and social distancing requirements due to the pandemic.
- In continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has been awarded an additional CV allocation of **\$352,711**.

# CDBG-CV Amendments

To administer these funds, the City of Lee's Summit is proposing the following amendments to the 2020-21 Annual Action Plan as allowed by HUD:

- Eliminate the 15 percent cap on the amount of grant funds that can be used for public services activities
- Allow for Reimbursement of COVID Costs - Provides that the City may allocate \$352,711 in CDBG-CV grant funds to qualifying agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. These costs must comply with CDBG requirements.

# Action Plan Components

With this amendment, staff is proposing changes to the following sections of the 2020-21 Action Plan:

- **AD-25 Administration**

This includes SF 424 certifications which allows the City to administer the grant

- **AP-15 Expected Resources**

This allows the City to add in CDBG-CV funds for proposed activities relating to CV. This also eliminates the funding cap to Public Services

- **AP-35 Projects**

These are the proposed projects the City will fund with additional CV funds

# Action Plan Amendment Process

- Notice of Funding (November 21)
- Staff Presentation to CEDC & Public Hearing (Dec. 9)
- Review and Comment Period (Dec. 10-14)
- City Council Adoption (Dec. 15)
- HUD Approval (up to 5 days after City submission)
- Funding Available Immediately Upon HUD Approval
- Application available on City website (mid-February)

# Funding Request Presentation

Due to the unusual circumstances of this funding, HUD has encouraged cities to amend their Annual Action Plans in a general manner to address needs as they arise. As such, the City is proposing to administer the funds through an open and on-going application process in order to address needs quickly and efficiently as they arise within our community.

Funding Request: \$352,711

Funding category: COVID Response

# Proposed Criteria for Acceptance of Applications

- City staff will design an application; this application will remain open until all funding is exhausted
- Applications may be submitted at any time; staff will review applications on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month
- Applications must show a direct correlation to:
  - Rental Relief
  - Mental Health Efforts
  - Food Assistance
  - Testing/Vaccine partnerships



# Discussion

## CEDC Recommendation