



CARES ACT SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FRESNO COUNTY PROGRAM YEARS 2015-2019

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Executive Summary

ES-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was passed to address issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, with the intent to prevent and respond to the spread of the coronavirus. This substantial amendment identifies the planned use of the supplemental CARES Act funding for the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG-CV funds).

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

The County consulted with the six cities participating in its Urban County CDBG program, to identify projects to be funded with CDBG-CV funds. The substantial amendment was also reviewed by the County's Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee.

The Board of Supervisors held a noticed public hearing on the adoption of the substantial amendment, during which public comment on the substantial amendment was accepted.

Pursuant to HUD-approved waivers of standard CDBG requirements, the public comment period and public notice of the Board of Supervisors' hearing were reduced to five days.

The substantial amendment was made available for public review and comment to the general public on the County's website at www.fresncountyca.gov/grants.

5. Summary of public comments

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

Feedback from the public at public meetings and hearings are incorporated into the Consolidated Plan. The County will make every effort to address all written comments regarding its substantial amendment prior to submittal to HUD.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

The County will make every effort to address all written comments regarding the published Consolidated Plan.

7. Summary

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

The County identified projects to receive CDBG-CV funding. Although some of the projects identified are similar to existing projects in the Consolidated Plan, for clarity, the substantial amendment includes new CDBG-CV priority needs, goals and projects.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

- 1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source**

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PR-15 Citizen Participation

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

On May 20, 2020, the Board-appointed Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee met to review the substantial amendment. The Citizens Advisory Committee recommended approval of the substantial amendment.

On May 26, 2020, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors held a noticed public hearing to accept public comment and approve the substantial amendment.

Pursuant to HUD-approved waivers of standard CDBG requirements, the public comment period and public notice of the Board of Supervisors' hearing were reduced to five days.

The substantial amendment was made available for public review and comment to the general public on the County's website at www.fresncountyca.gov/grants.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Housing and Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee	To be updated after meeting	To be updated after meeting	To be updated after meeting	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community Board of Supervisors	To be updated after hearing	To be updated after hearing	To be updated after hearing	

Table 1 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Strategic Plan

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

Priority Needs

Table 2 – Priority Needs Summary

10	Priority Need Name	CDBG-CV: Homeless Shelter
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Low Income Moderate Income Homeless: Rural Homeless: Chronic Homelessness Homeless: Individuals Homeless: Families with Children Homeless: Chronic Substance Abuse
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	CDBG-CV: Homeless Shelter
	Description	Temporary shelter to homeless persons, including temporary trailers for the isolation of homeless persons testing positive for coronavirus, and wrap-around services.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Prevent and respond to the spread of the coronavirus.
	11	Priority Need Name
Priority Level		High
Population		Low Income Moderate Income Elderly Families with Children

	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	CDBG-CV: Other Public Services
	Description	Public service activities related to the coronavirus, which may include emergency assistance grants, food assistance and/or delivery, health services, education and outreach, broadband/internet connectivity, homeless activities, and business loans or grants.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Prevent and respond to the spread of the coronavirus.
12	Priority Need Name	CDBG-CV: Fire Protection Equipment
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Low Income Moderate Income
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	CDBG-CV: Fire Protection Equipment
	Description	Provide funds for personal protective equipment and other supplies for agencies providing fire protection services.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Prevent and respond to the spread of the coronavirus.

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other: CDBG-CV	public - federal	Admin and Planning Public Improvements Public Services	1,635,038	0	0	1,635,038	0	CDBG-CV funds will be used for fire protection equipment, homeless shelter and other public services, as well as CDBG-CV administration.

Table 3 - Anticipated Resources

SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
11	CDBG-CV: Homeless Shelter	2019	2019	Homeless		CDBG-CV: Homeless Shelter	CDBG-CV: \$400,000	Homelessness prevention: 40 Persons Assisted
12	CDBG-CV: Other Public Services	2019	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs		CDBG-CV: Other Public Services	CDBG-CV: \$808,030	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 300 Persons Assisted
13	CDBG-CV: Fire Protection Equipment	2019	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		CDBG-CV: Fire Protection Equipment	CDBG-CV: \$100,000	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 6,000 Persons Assisted

Table 4 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

11	Goal Name	CDBG-CV: Homeless Shelter
	Goal Description	Temporary shelter to homeless persons, including temporary trailers for the isolation of homeless persons testing positive for coronavirus, and wrap-around services.

12	Goal Name	CDBG-CV: Other Public Services
	Goal Description	Public service activities related to the coronavirus, which may include emergency assistance grants, food assistance and/or delivery, health services, education and outreach, broadband/internet connectivity, homeless activities, and business loans or grants.
13	Goal Name	CDBG-CV: Fire Protection Equipment
	Goal Description	Provide funds for personal protective equipment and other supplies for agencies providing fire protection services.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

The County will provide shelter due to the state and local shelter in place order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to homeless persons in Selma and the surrounding unincorporated areas, with the potential to serve homeless persons from other cities including Fowler, Kingsburg, and Reedley. The County would contract with the Super 8 Hotel in Selma to provide rooms, including handicapped accessible rooms if needed.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.

CARES Act, CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment

The County intends to seek permanent housing for the homeless persons receiving temporary shelter under the CDBG-CV program, using other services and/or funding sources.