



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Approved by:

Council Meeting of: July 15, 2020

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Agenda Number: C-1

Department Director

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Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) COVID-19 Final Funding Allocations and Amended 2019/2020 Action Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Conduct the Public Hearing and Adopt a Resolution approving the CDBG COVID-19 Final Funding Allocations (\$536,338), Approving the Substantial Amendment to the 2019/2020 Action Plan and Authorizing the City Manager to sign the related certifications.

SUMMARY:

During the June 18, 2020 City Council (Council) meeting, tentative funding allocations were derived for the CDBG COVID-19 award. City of Madera (City) Grants Department did not receive public comments regarding the proposed allocations. Tonight's meeting is to adopt a Resolution to approve final allocations, the Substantial Amendment to the 2019/2020 Action Plan, and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary related certifications.

DISCUSSION:

The City received notification from HUD on April 2, 2020, that it is eligible to receive an allocation for the CDBG-CV (COVID-19) funds, to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus in the amount of \$536,338. During a Public Hearing which took place on May 6, 2020, staff solicited comments from the public, the Block Grant Commission (BGC) and Council on how the use of the funds should be prioritized. Such input narrowed down the focus of the funding to four areas; including:

- Rental/mortgage assistance
- Utility billing assistance
- Small business assistance, and

- Food distribution

Applications addressing these four priority areas were received, reviewed by the BGC, and taken to Council for consideration and for tentative allocations during the June 18th meeting.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) authorized CDBG COVID-19 expedited procedures for noticing and reasonable opportunity for public comment of no less than 5 days for jurisdictions on the tentative funding allocations. After such period culminates, staff must return to Council to approve final allocations.

The total allocation amount for the 3 eligible funding categories is \$536,338. The third column represents the maximums that can be distributed per category.

Table 1: Requested Grant Funding by Applicants		
<i>Funding Categories</i>	<i>Requested grant amount</i>	<i>Maximum amount City may award, using estimated annual allocation</i>
Administration (20% maximum) <i>(1 grant proposal received)</i>	\$50,000	\$107,268
Public Service (no maximum) <i>(8 grant proposals received)</i>	\$957,396	No Cap
Capital Projects/Public Improvements (no maximum) <i>(0 grant proposals received)</i>	\$0	No Cap
Total	\$1,007,396	\$536,338

Council Administration Allocation

The Council considered the applications received for funding allocation and to receive the BGC's funding recommendations. Table 2 represents the Council proposed allocation for Administration.

Table 2: Council Administrative Allocation		
<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Requested grant amount</i>	<i>City Council 6/18/2020</i>
Local Administration	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total	\$50,000	\$50,000

Council Public Service Allocations

The Council then considered the applications received for the funding for Public Services as well as the Block Grant Commission's recommendations. Table 3 represents the Council proposed allocations for Public Services.

<i>Table 3: Council Public Service Allocations</i>		
<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>City Council 6/18/2020</i>
City of Madera Parks & Community Senior Nutrition Program	\$63,600	\$0
City of Madera - Mask Program	\$25,000	\$0
Madera Rescue Mission	\$31,721	\$0
Madera County EDC - Small Business Assistance COVID-19 Grant	\$208,000	\$156,000
CAPMC - Utility (Water/Trash)	\$50,000	\$0
CAPMC - Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing	\$90,000	\$90,000
Madera Downtown Association - Emergency Downtown Business Relief Program	\$55,000	\$55,000
Madera Coalition for Community Justice - Madera Eviction and Utility Shutoff Prevention	\$434,075	\$185,338
Total	\$957,396	\$486,338

Capital Projects/Public Improvements

There were no applications submitted for Capital Projects/Public Improvements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This CDBG COVID-19 grant funds will provide additional revenue to the City. It does not impact the General fund.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN:

The HUD CDBG program supports the Vision Madera 2025 Plan as follows:

- Strategy 136:
 - Transitional Housing: Promote transitional housing to ensure the homeless have safe shelter.
- Strategy 407:
 - Promote and expand existing services, supportive services, case management, and self-sufficiency for Madera residents to maintain independent lifestyles.
- Strategy 337:
 - Develop programs for Maderans of all ages with an emphasis on youth and senior activities.

- Strategy 121.1:
 - Add facilities and amenities for the public.

ALTERNATIVES:

As an alternative, Council may:

1. Reject the June 18, 2020 allocations.
2. Develop new allocations.
3. Direct staff to re-advertise and obtain new program and project proposals.
4. Not accept the CDBG COVID-19 grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution approving the CDBG COVID-19 Final Funding Allocation (\$536,338)

ATTACHMENT 1

Resolution 20-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA
APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) COVID-19
FINAL ALLOCATIONS AND APPROVING THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE
2019/2020 ACTION PLAN, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE
RELATED CERTIFICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City received notification from HUD on April 2, 2020, that it was eligible to receive an allocation for the CDBG-CV (COVID-19) funds, to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus in the amount of \$536,338; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted outreach efforts to seek residents' input for the use of the COVID-19 funding. During a Public Hearing which took place on May 6, 2020, staff solicited comments from the public, the Block Grant Commission and Council on how the use of the funds should be prioritized; and

WHEREAS, during a Block Grant Commission meeting on June 2, 2020 and a City Council public hearing on June 18, 2020, recommendations for tentative allocations were established; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to do a substantial amendment to the 2019 Action Plan and submit it to HUD in order to align the final allocations with the 2019/2020 Action Plan to receive the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, submitting the amended Action Plan allows for timely review by HUD and allows staff the opportunity to answer questions from HUD about the amended Action Plan process and its contents in relationship to the COVID-19 allocation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Madera finds, determines, resolves and orders as follows:

1. The recitals listed above are true and correct.
2. The following COVID-19 Program Allocations are hereby approved:
 - Local Administration (\$50,000)
 - Madera County Economic Development Commission (\$156,000)
 - Community Action Partnership of Madera County (\$90,000)
 - Madera Downtown Association (\$55,000)
 - Madera Coalition for Community Justice (\$185,338)

3. The City Manager is authorized to sign certifications as necessary to effectuate the amended 2019 Action Plan.
4. Staff is authorized to submit the amended 2019 Action Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
5. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

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