



CARES ACT CDBG-CV Funding Allocations

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Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) – Approved 3/27/20

- The CARES Act made \$5 billion available in CDBG coronavirus response (CDBG–CV) funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.
- On April 2, 2020, the City received its first allocation through the Federal CARES Act - \$132,696 in CDBG-CV funding
- On May 19, 2020, the City Council approved an amendment to the 2019-2020 Action Plan for use of these funds:
 - \$90,000 to SB Foundation for a CV-Nonprofit Assistance Program
 - \$42,676 to United Way for a Low-Income Individual Assistance Program to provide support to individuals and families to secure basic needs.
- On September 11, 2020, HUD notified the City that it would be receiving an additional CDBG-CV CARES Act allocation of \$268,947.

Grant Funding Review Committee Recommendations

On September 23, 2020, the Grant Funding Review Committee met to consider the additional funding and make recommendations to the City Council:

- **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (\$190,000):** Expansion and continuation of the existing HOME-funded rental assistance program that provided \$5,000 maximum grants to renters within Goleta city limits who have had their income reduced directly due to the impacts of COVID-19. Requires agreement with Housing Authority to operate program.
- **Fund CDBG Applicants Not Funded or Partially Funded for FY20/21:**
 - **Healthy Senior Lunch Program (\$12,500)** – CommUnify (formerly CAC)
 - **Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Wrap-Around Services for Homeless Families (\$10,000)** – Transition House
 - **Safe Parking Shelter and Rapid Re-Housing Program (\$6,447)** - New Beginning Counseling Center
- **Low-Income Individual Assistance (\$10,000)** – United Way
 - Could be earmarked for child care services through its Learning & Enrichment Centers Program

Grant Funding Review Committee Recommendations – Cont.

- **\$40,000 go to the Legal Aid Foundation (LAF)** for free legal advice or representation to low-income Goleta tenants, or residents on housing issues and tenant rights. – **LAF later informed staff they could not accept due to staffing limitations**
- No time to schedule another Committee meeting
- **Staff is recommending that this \$40,000 be allocated to Planning & Administration (P&A) of the CDBG-CV Program.**
 - Less than 10% of the total CDBG-CV City is receiving (over \$401,000)
 - Normally allocate 20% for P&A; City General Fund would subsidize if not
 - CDBG-CV program demands significant amount of staff time to implement (new federal regulations, Action Plan Amendments, additional reporting, sub-recipients contracts and monitoring, coordinating with multiple entities on the establishment of the new rental assistance program, etc.)
- **Council Options:** Accept staff recommendation or reduce/eliminate the amount recommended for P&A and allocate additional funding to the United Way. Could be earmarked for emergency aid to individuals or for child care.



Questions?
