



CDBG-CV Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment

2015-2019 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan



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The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136) makes available \$5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV grants).

Additionally, the CARES Act provides CDBG grantees with flexibilities that make it easier to use CDBG-CV grants and fiscal years 2019 and 2020 CDBG Grants for coronavirus response and authorizes HUD to grant waivers and alternative requirements. The Department has announced the allocations of the first \$2 billion in CARES Act funding for CDBG grantees,

Amendment #2 to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan)

Needs Assessment Narrative Addition:

Due to the downward economic effect caused by the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, many basic needs of Salem's citizenry will be unmet. An analysis of COVID-19 impact data (unemployment, education, public health and business) along with community outreach that included for-profit and nonprofit entities these prominent needs were added to the ConPlan strategies. The three are food, mortgage/rent payments and micro/small business assistance.

- Over 2,000 businesses have been impacted by Governor Brown's March 23, 2020 executive order that resulted in closures or changes to service offerings. These businesses include: furniture stores, personal care stores, sporting goods stores, clothing stores, food services and drinking establishments, education services, professional services, etc.
- A survey conducted by Business Oregon, Travel Salem and Oregon Small Business Development Center Network determined that more than 28% of businesses experienced an unprecedented decline of 90% in revenue when compared April of 2019 to 2020. This impacted women and minority-owned businesses hardest.
- The cost of basic foods (eggs, bread, milk, chicken and beef) have increased up to 5%. This increase will impact seniors on fixed incomes, in addition to persons who are no longer employed.
- In April, the Salem Keizer School District implemented distance learning and the distribution of more than 500,000 meals for any child 18 and younger. The mental and social impact on youth is concerning.

- The statewide rent and mortgage moratoriums provide immediate relief; however, the forbearance declarations may result in a tsunami of evictions that will result in an exponential increase of unsheltered citizens.
- According to the Oregon Employment Department claims for cash assistance through the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Program continued to come from the accommodation and food services sector, with 64,700 initial claims filed in the industry since March 15. Other sectors with the largest initial claims totals since March 15 include health care and social assistance (39,700) and retail trade (33,100).

This ConPlan Amendment aligns priorities and goals based upon the current need for emergency assistance directly related to the negative impact of COVID-19. The addition of food services, small business assistance and mortgage assistance will result in the Consolidated Plan needs assessment reflecting today's environment.