

Parkersburg CDBG-CV Investment partnership Grant Budget Revision

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Parkersburg that the City of Parkersburg's Community Development Block Grant- Coronavirus Program Annual Action Plan and Budget be hereby amended as follows:

2020 CDBG-CV Adjustment of Funds

Activity	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Change
Meals on Wheels - Wood County Senior Citizens Association	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Parkersburg Fire Department - Critical Equipment Support		\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Homeless Outreach Coordinator Position		\$ 50,041.00	\$ 50,041.00
Totals	\$ -	\$ 160,041.00	\$ (160,041.00)

Notes:

The above mentioned activities/projects are made possible by a special allocation of the Community Development Block Grant funds to the City of Parkersburg in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act appropriated by the U.S. Congress and signed into law on March 27,2020. The total allocation of CDBG-CV funds was \$689,780

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CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment Notes

On March 27th, 2020, President Trump signed into the law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In doing so, \$5 billion was allocated to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). While \$1 billion was granted to the States, another \$2 billion was allocated directly to FY2020 grantees. As such, the City of Parkersburg was allocated \$529,739 in CDBG-CV1 funds to 'prevent, prepare for and respond to the spread of infectious diseases such as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).'¹ On September 11, 2020, the City was notified it was allotted an additional \$160,041 in CDBG-CV3 funds (Only states received CV2 funds).

After review, the Administration proposes that the City's allocation of Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) funds directed to providing relief for the City's homebound senior citizens, supporting critical equipment needs for our Firefighters and funding a Homeless outreach coordinator position provides outreach services to individuals within the City experiencing homelessness and underlying health conditions related to or causing homelessness.

Wood County Senior Citizens Association – Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels programs are designed to serve elderly residents who live homebound. Senior citizens that participate may not have regular access to food. The pandemic has resulted in a surge of seniors who may have otherwise been living independently but became isolated and homebound due to quarantine and/or social distancing guidelines. Additionally, medical vulnerabilities have also disproportionately impacted senior citizens.

Budget needs for the Wood County Senior Citizens Association (WCSCA) to expand access and continue to address a growing base of users involves equipment needs, purchase food as well as fuel costs to deliver said meals to homebound seniors.

Parkersburg Fire Department - Critical Equipment Support

The City of Parkersburg, through the use of CDBG-CV funds, intends to purchase equipment, critical to the efficient and effective delivery of the Parkersburg Fire Departments response efforts. The Fire Department intends to purchase five (5) Air Purifications systems to place in various fire stations in the City. The purifiers reduce allergens, mold bacteria and viruses, including SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). Additional equipment needs for the Firefighters responding

¹ Quick Guide to CDBG Eligible Activities to Support Infectious Disease Response, March 13, 2020.

to COVID situations are Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus' (SCBA), which provide 100% breathing protection against airborne particles. The SCBA connects to a full face-piece through a positive pressure regulator. The cylinders have a 45-minute volume of breathing air. When responding to known cases of COVID-19, SCBA's provide the highest protection against cross contamination of the virus. The higher amount of breathing air will provide the time needed to safely treat a patient with COVID-19 symptoms. By adding these SCBA's, the Fire Department will be able to decontaminate the used SCBA's properly before they are used on another call. Each SCBA will come with a face piece, two (2) 45-minute cylinders, and Personal Alert Safety System. They will be compliant with NIOSH and NFPA standards.

Homeless Outreach Coordinator

The City of Parkersburg, through the use of CDBG-CV funds, intends to aid the costs incurred for salary and fringe benefits to this position. This position is intended to provide outreach and supportive services to individuals within the city experiencing homelessness. The outreach coordinator will engage persons experiencing homelessness by helping to identify potential programs which assist with permanent housing, rehabilitation treatment, and mental health services.

According to the CDC, People experiencing homelessness are at risk of COVID-19. Homeless services are often provided in congregate (group) settings, which could make the spread of infection easier. Because many people experiencing homelessness are older adults or have underlying medical conditions, they may also be at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. People experiencing homelessness are disproportionately affected by COVID-19. Staff providing homeless services can help protect clients and slow the spread of COVID-19 by encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations and using CDC's Guidance for Homeless Service Providers.