

Parkersburg Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus response (CDBG-CV) 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 response Program Annual Action Plan and Budget be hereby amended as follows:

2020 CDBG-CV Adjustment of Funds

Activity	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Change
Small Business Relief Fund	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 229,152.51	\$ (70,847.49)
Family Relief Fund	\$ 229,739.00	\$ 77,739.00	\$ (152,000.00)
Boys & Girls Club of Parkersburg - energy efficiency upgrades	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
The Arc - ADA facility enhancements	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Family Crisis Intervention Center - HVAC facility upgrades	\$ -	\$ 25,300.00	\$ 25,300.00
SW Resources - HVAC facility upgrades	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Children's Home Society - facility enhancements	\$ -	\$ 26,700.00	\$ 26,700.00
Wood County Recreation - youth scholarship program	\$ -	\$ 15,847.49	\$ 15,847.49
Totals	\$ 529,739.00	\$ 529,739.00	\$ -

Notes:

Please see additional notes on the next page.

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Proposed CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment Notes March 22, 2022

The proposed substantial amendment (budget revision) attached hereto is being submitted to Parkersburg City Council for consideration to accomplish the following project priorities:

Small Business Relief Fund (SBRF)

In May 2020, the Administration and Parkersburg City Council acted quickly to establish a Small Business Relief Fund Program in the amount of \$300,000. This program was administered by the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council with the chief objective being to respond to the challenges small businesses faced during the peak of COVID-19 lockdowns.

The SBRF was designed to provide short-term working capital assistance for businesses to retain and/or create jobs for low- to moderate- income workers adversely impacted by the pandemic. Since the program began, 31 small businesses in the city have received support, including short-term working capital totaling \$227,726.51. The program helped to create/retain 161 jobs.

Family Relief Fund (FRF)

Using Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) funds, the FRF provided city residents who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 funding to make short-term (up to six months) emergency payments on behalf of individuals or families. This included utility payments to prevent a cutoff of service, and/or housing payments to prevent eviction/homelessness. To date, 56 households have received assistance.

Using CDBG-CV funding for Public Facilities in COVID Response

CDBG-CV funds can be used to create, expand, or enhance public facilities that may provide social services, and emergency housing in response to the pandemic while increasing its long-term resiliency and ability to mitigate future coronavirus outbreaks.

Existing public facility structures can be modified to prevent the transmission of the coronavirus and allow for adequate social distancing or remote access. Public infrastructure improvements can also help alleviate the immediate or long-term social, economic, and public health impacts of the current COVID-19 pandemic and prevent the coronavirus's future spread.

Boys & Girls Club of Parkersburg - energy efficiency upgrades

The Boys & Girls Club of Parkersburg creates a safe, positive place for youth to learn and grow, to mitigate spread of COVID-19 programming groups were reduced in size and masks have been worn. Installing new energy efficiency doors and windows by replacing inoperable units is the first step to creating an environmentally conscious program.

The Arc of the Mid-Ohio Valley - ADA facility enhancements

The Arc of the Mid-Ohio Valley provides programs and supports to people at risk for developmental delays or with a cognitive, intellectual, or related developmental disability. The current condition of the building (1917 Dudley Avenue) makes it both dangerous and inaccessible. Repairs to the concrete entrances and parking lot are part of a larger effort to improve accessibility to its facility. The Arc proposes improvements are made to better meet the needs of people with disabilities in our community.

Family Crisis Intervention Center - HVAC facility upgrades

The Family Crisis Intervention Center (FCIC) is a non-profit organization founded in 1981. FCIC is one of 14 licensed domestic violence programs offered in the state of West Virginia and is now a recognized Rape Crisis Center for the state of West Virginia. The CDC recommends a layered approach to reduce exposures to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. This approach includes using multiple mitigation strategies, including improvements to building ventilation, to reduce the spread of disease and lower the risk of exposure. ventilation system upgrades or improvements can increase the delivery of clean air and dilute potential contaminants. HVAC upgrades are necessary to its Parkersburg location.

SW Resources - HVAC facility upgrades

SW Resources provides vocational services, employment, and other opportunities for individuals with disabilities to enable them to reach their full potential. Warehouse area includes additional overflow space to promote social distancing and to increase productivity. No HVAC system currently exists. This floor space is essentially unusable from late spring to early fall when temperatures can exceed 90 degrees. To better promote social distancing, and increase economic development potential, as well as offering additional employment services, an HVAC unit is necessary for the SW Resources warehouse.

Children's Home Society – Arthur N. Gustke child shelter enhancements

The Gustke Shelter named for Arthur N. Gustke, long time judge and advocate for children (1640 St. Marys Avenue) offers many life enrichment activities to children placed there. This shelter has the capacity for 10 children, ages 10–18.

Because existing public facility structures can be modified to prevent the transmission of the coronavirus and allow for adequate social distancing, the Children's Home Society seeks to renovate its kitchen and dining areas to allow distancing. Currently, the CHS only has the capacity to eat in 'phases' and are unable to congregate in larger group settings.

Wood County Recreation - Youth Scholarship Program

HUD has made funding available to help communities prepare for, prevent, and recover from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. These funds can also be leveraged to address the causes of community violence and help build stronger, safer, more equitable, and ultimately more resilient communities.

The city feels it is important to promote and enhance services to those who are most likely at risk of community violence or substance use. Public service activities that focus on physical fitness, conflict resolution and positive behaviors may be particularly helpful.

A scholarship program will provide financial assistance to participants who qualify. Recreational programs will bring children and their families outdoors where there is less risk of infection from airborne viruses.