

The Mayor and Municipal Council will hold a Public Hearing on February 16, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

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Corrected Substantial Amendment to the 2019 CDBG Action Plan (Year 45 – August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020) THIRD ROUND CARES ACT FUNDING FORMULA FOR CLIFTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - \$738,359

Substantial Amendment to the Clifton Community Development 2019 Action Plan due to *The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)* (Public Law , 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 Clifton Community Development Office received an allocation of: \$673,595 under CDBG-CV funding as an available resource which will be applied to the current CDBG Yr. 45 Action Plan based upon the Community Planning Division FY2020 Cares Act Formula. The City of Clifton Community Development Office has been notified that an additional \$738,359 has been allocated through Round 3 Funding in the 9-11-2020 allocations to the Clifton Community Development Program. Distributions of line items for the funding will be amended upon guidance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

HUD's memorandum transmits the attached *CARES Act Flexibilities for CDBG Funds Used to Support Coronavirus Response* Guide (Guide). The Guide describes the immediate availability of a 5-day public comment period for amendments and new plan submissions, uncaps the percentage of CDBG funding for public services to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, as well as other flexibilities. Please note that these new provisions are not only applicable to the \$5 billion in CDBG funding from the CARES Act but many of the new provisions are also applicable to FY2019 and FY2020 CDBG funding. This broad applicability provides grantees with flexibility to help address the challenges facing our nation.

Grantees have been advised to amend or prepare their plans as soon as possible and not to wait for the pending Federal Register notice, which may provide additional waivers and alternative requirements. Similarly, grantees have been advised not to wait for HUD to allocate the remaining nearly \$2 billion of the \$5 billion provided by the CARES Act for the CDBG program. Upon publication of the Federal Register notice and subsequent allocations, Clifton will then amend our Action plan accordingly.

HUD has advised Grantees that they should proceed with all amendments and plans under these new provisions by adding the CDBG-CV allocation in their plans as an available resource for the year. The CARES Act permits HUD to waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the CDBG-CV funds, FY2019 and FY2020 CDBG funds (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment), upon a finding by the Secretary that any such waivers or alternative

requirements are necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of such amounts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

Given the immediate need for coronavirus assistance, the Department is specifying the following alternative requirement to sections 106(c) and (d)(3)(C) (42 U.S.C. 5306 (c) and 5306 (d)(3)(C), and the reallocation provisions of 24 CFR 570.4(a), 570.420(e), 570.429(d)(2), and 570.442(b), to expedite the use of any funds that may become available for reallocation.

To expedite grantees’ use of CDBG-CV funds, HUD also previously waived the requirements at 42 U.S.C. 12705(a)(2) to the extent it requires updates to the housing and homeless needs assessment, housing market analysis, and strategic plan and 24 CFR 91.220 and 91.320 to the extent the action plan is limited to a specific program year to permit grantees to prepare substantial amendments to their most recent annual action plan, including their 2019 annual action plan. Grantees must identify the proposed use of all funds and how the funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

Allocation of CDBG – CV funds:

The City of Clifton proposes to designate the \$738,359 award of CDBG-CV funds accordingly until and if further notices are received to the following services:

<u>Line Item:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description – 9-11-2020 Third Round Funding CDBG-CV</u>
NEW	\$116,918	CDBG-CV Funding: Boys & Girls Club of Clifton – COVID – 19 Sustainability Plan
NEW	\$26,000	Street Homeless Virus Prevention – Deliver PPE; Educate homeless; Identify infected individuals; refer street homeless to existing County Resources including hotel placement; collaborate with City and County Health officials to deliver COVID testing; conduct Shower Days using a Mobile Sanitation Unit including vaccination component and regular medical checkups. Make referrals to mental health and substance abuse resources to eliminate barriers.
NEW	\$203,500	Urgent Need Assistance for Clifton residents to receive testing; vaccinations; and associated services.
NEW	\$291,941	City of Clifton Health Department – provide funding for equipment, supplies, staffing, emergency staffing, and materials to provide vaccines; testing and associated services in response to the Coronavirus for low moderate income persons/areas.
NEW	\$ 100,000	Administration of CDBG-CV funds including but not limited to ERR submission, application preparation and review; budget adjustments; form submission; reporting requirements etc.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has also waived 24 CFR 91.505 to facilitate the use of the CDBG-CV funds to the extent necessary to require submission of the substantial amendment to HUD for review in accordance with 24 CFR 91.500.

To receive a CDBG-CV grant, Clifton Community Development will submit to HUD a SF-424, SF-424D and the certifications at 24 CFR 91.225(a) and (b) or 24 CFR 91.325(a) and (b).

Any comments or questions on this substantial amendment can be addressed to: Jill Hartmann, Office of Clifton Community Development, City of Clifton, 900 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013 973-470-5255 (due to the closure of the City Hall at this time in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please email your comments to: JHartmann@Cliftonnj.org) Public Comments should be submitted by noon on February 16, 2021.

The Public Comment period has been amended as per Amendment and Resolution to the Consolidated Plan/Citizen Participation Plan from a 30 day Public Comment Period to a 5 day Public Comment Period in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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