

**Proposed Special Amendment in Response to the CARES Act  
HUD 5-Year Consolidated Plan 2015-2019  
Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)  
2019 (B-19-UC-42-0102)  
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) 2019 (E-19-UC-42-0102)  
Beaver County, PA Citizen Participation Plan**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified the County of Beaver of a special allocation of funding associated with the federal CARES Act. The funding is intended to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The County has been allocated the following amounts:

Community Development Block Grant – CDBG-CV: \$1,985,606

Emergency Solutions Grant Program – ESG-CV: \$984,814

Total CARES Act Special Allocation: \$2,970,420

These amounts will be added as a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan, Year 5 of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Input about arising needs for low- and moderate-income people related to the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged. The following activities are being considered for funding:

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)**

- **Forgivable Loan Program for Micro-Enterprises (CD-195520)**  
(\$1,000,000+\$50,000 Activity Delivery Costs)
  - Provide forgivable loans for qualifying microenterprises that have suffered financial hardship due to COVID-19. 24 CFR 570.203(b), 24 CFR 570.201(o)(1)(i), 24 CFR 570.208(a)(4)
- **Food and Necessities Program (CD-195522)**  
(\$150,000+\$10,000 Activity Delivery Costs)
  - Make food and other necessities available to low-income residents impacted by COVID-19. 24CFR 570.201 (e) 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B)
- **Schools Respond to COVID-19 (CD-195523)**  
(\$150,000+\$10,000 Activity Delivery Costs)
  - Provide low-income students with services, technological products needed to continue their education which has been impacted by COVID-19. 24 CFR 570.201(e), 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(B)
- **Men's Emergency Shelter (CD-195521)**  
(\$200,000+\$18,485 Activity Delivery Costs)
  - Funding for acquisition and rehabilitation of a men's emergency shelter to meet the increasing needs of homeless men due to effects of COVID-19. 24 CFR 570.201(c), 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A)
- **CDBG Administration (CD-199995)**  
(\$397,121)

## **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) 24 CFR Part 576**

- Rapid Re-Housing (\$76,333)
- Homeless Prevention (\$200,000)
- Emergency Shelter (\$500,000 operations, essential services)
- Street Outreach (\$110,000)
- ESG Administration (\$98,481)

## **Citizen Participation Plan (24 CFR 91.105)**

Revised Citizen Participation Plan regarding emergency activities and those covered under the CARES Act – Public Law 116-136. The Citizen Participation Plan is being revised to: (1) allow for a 5-day comment period and the use of virtual meetings during a local, state or federally declared disaster or emergency, and (2) to eliminate language that HUD will approve Urgent Need activities prior to the County submitting an Amendment.

Due to the urgency of the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD has issued a waiver to 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and (k), 24 CFR 91.115(c)(2) and (i) and 24 CFR 91.401 that allows for an expedited comment period of 5 days. The comment period will be from May 18, 2020 to May 22, 2020.

Comments on this proposed amendment should be directed to the Director, Community Development Program, 1013 Eighth Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010 no later than May 22, 2020.

Copies of the County's modified Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan will be made available upon request in writing to the above address.

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