

Community Development & Housing Department

CDBG - CV Update Community Development Committee

November 10, 2020

CDBG-CV Funding recap

CDBG-CV must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

- Contracts issued totaled \$354,363 leaving a balance of \$198,343.
 - \$73,863.78 reimbursed to date
 - \$40,034.75 pending reimbursement
 - \$240,464.47 balance to expend on existing contracts
- Staff will likely recommend allocating remaining balance to existing contracts.
 - Fastest way to get the remaining \$\$ into the community when needed
 - Award to agencies already receiving CDBG-CV assisting with rent, mortgage and/or utility assistance.
 - Evaluate the potential for duplication of benefits with the HOPE Program (NCORR)
- City notified of a second allocation in the amount of \$588,681 on 9-11-20.
- Staff is exploring possibility of using 2nd allocation funds on a public facility
- Total CDBG-CV awards = \$1,141,357

Activity budget

CDBG-CV Award	\$552,706
Approved Public Service Grants	
Open Door Ministries – Emergency shelter, rent, utility assistance	\$50,000
Growing High Point – Mobile market offering healthy & affordable food	\$40,150
Hayden-Harman Foundation – Sanitation stations	\$31,090
Housing Consultants Group – Emergency rent & mortgage assistance	\$50,000
Macedonia Family Resource Center – Food pantry supplies & hot meals	\$44,160
Piedmont Health & Sickle Cell Agency – PPE, cleaning supplies & emergency rent, utility assistance	\$20,826
The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club – Childcare/summer camp with educational opportunities to assistance children	\$39,000
Senior Resources of Guilford County – Meals and transportation for seniors	\$29,137
West End Ministries – Temporary shelter, security deposits & rent assistance	\$50,000
Total Allocated	\$354,363
RFP for Public Service Grants	\$198,343

CDBG-CV Grant Awards

Agency	Project Description	Amount Awarded	Amount Spent to Date	Project Status	Clients Served to Date
Open Door Ministries	This project allowed social distancing of homeless men by opening a temporary emergency shelter located at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The project provided staff and operation supplies for the temporary emergency shelter for 90 days.	\$28,800.00	\$28,800.00	Project is complete.	11 homeless men were assisted with emergency shelter. The temporary shelter was staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 12 part time staff were paid using grant funds. Funding also provided meals, supplies, and case management.
Growing High Point	The "Mobile Market" project will increase access to healthy and affordable foods for vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The project will fund operational costs for the mobile market which will be placed in targeted low to moderate income neighborhoods.	\$40,150.00	\$0.00	Project is underway. No reimbursement requests have been submitted to date.	Project is preparing to begin serving clients. A community-wide naming contest was held, and the chosen name is Growdega, Growing High Point's Mobile Market. Mobile Market vehicle is being upfitted and supplies purchased.
Hayden Harman Foundation	The project, "Sanitation Stations During COVID-19", will prevent and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing sanitizing stations in low to moderate income neighborhoods. These stations will be equipped with portable toilets and handwashing stations. They will be cleaned and serviced daily.	\$31,090.00	\$0.00	Project is underway. Pending reimbursement for \$7,909.47. Pending issuance of purchase order.	Currently, 4 sanitation stations have been placed and are in use at Superior Foods, Helping Hands, West End Ministries, and Chosen Generation Church. Reports are that the stations are heavily used. They have added an additional station for women only at Superior Foods.
Housing Consultants Group	The project, "COVID-19: Response and Recovery", will provide financial education classes targeting those that are unemployed or underemployed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In conjunction with the classes and one-on-one counseling, the program will provide emergency financial assistance up to \$1,000 per participant for rent or mortgage assistance.	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	Project is underway. No reimbursement requests have been submitted to date.	Project is underway and is accepting applications.

CDBG-CV Grant Awards (cont.)

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Macedonia Family Resource Center	The project, “ COVID-19 Emergency Assistance ”, will enable Macedonia FRC to expand the hours of operation for their food pantry by hiring 2 new part-time staff, replenish the food pantry supplies, and provide a community meal open to anyone who has experienced hardships related to the COVID-19 pandemic.	\$44,160.00	\$16,720.46	Project is underway and serving more clients than anticipated.	During the month of September, the agency served 145 individuals with emergency food assistance. Their original goal was to serve 100 per month. They are also providing cleaning supplies and toiletries.
Open Door Ministries	The project, “ Getting Through This Together ”, will provide emergency rent and utility assistance to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The project will also provide first month’s rent, security, and utility deposit assistance to transition homeless men into permanent housing.	\$21,200.00	\$0.00	Project has just gotten underway. No reimbursements have been submitted to date.	Project has just gotten underway. This is the second project for Open Door Ministries. They were waiting to close out the first grant before starting this one.
Piedmont Health and Sickle Cell Agency	The project, “ Life After COVID-19 ”, will equip the organization with personal protective equipment and office supplies to ensure a safe environment for their staff and clients receiving health services. The project will also provide emergency assistance to low-income families enrolled in the food program.	\$20,826.00	\$0.00	Project is underway. Pending reimbursement for \$8,725.28. Additional documentation requested from agency.	35 individuals have been served with emergency assistance including food, utility, and rent assistance. The agency’s office is regularly clean and free face masks are being distributed.
Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club	The project, “ Club C.A.R.E.S. ”, will provide childcare assistance for low to moderate income individuals that will allow them to return to work following the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will also provide extra educational opportunities for children who have fallen behind with the closure of schools. Funding will cover the parent’s cost for the summer camp program.	\$39,000.00	\$0.00	Project is underway. Pending reimbursement for \$23,400.00. Additional documentation requested from agency.	Services have been provided to 64 children. Program has made adjustments due to continued COVID-19 restrictions.

CDBG-CV Grant Awards (cont.)

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Senior Resources of Guilford	The “ Food and Rides for Elderly Adults in a COVID-19 Environment ” program will provide delivered meals to 25 homebound seniors in High Point. This is an expansion of their existing program in response to the increased need for access to food and transportation experienced by seniors during the COVID-19 health crisis. Program will include transportation costs to transport seniors to medical appointments and local farmers’ market.	\$29,137.00	\$3,953.06	Project is underway.	Project is serving 34 High Point seniors with meals and has begun transporting senior to the farmer’s market. 6 rides for wheelchair-bound seniors were provided.
West End Ministries	The project, “ Leslie’s House Shelter/Housing Stabilization ”, will provide funding for increased case management services for homeless women with a goal of moving them from the shelter and into permanent housing quicker. In addition to aiding with security deposits and rent, the project also proposes to move women into temporary shelters (hotels) in order to follow social distancing guidelines during the pandemic.	\$50,000.00	\$24,390.26	Project is underway.	The agency has been able to increase case management services and has seen an increase in clients obtaining jobs. 32 homeless women have been assisted. The grant is also assisting with cost of shelter staff. 2 full time and 4 part time employees provide case management and housing stabilization services.
		Total Allocated:	Total Reimbursed To Date:	Total Pending Reimbursement:	**Current reimbursements include expenses through September 2020.
		\$354,363.00	\$73,863.78	\$40,034.75	



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HOPE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES AND PREVENTION OF EVICTIONS PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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HOPE PROGRAM

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- Renters who have been affected by the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic,
- Have a household income that is 80% of the area median income or lower, and
- Are behind on their rent or utilities when they apply.
 - Program pays eligible expenses that were due on or after April 1, 2020.
 - The HOPE Program is a grant program, not a loan program.

RENT ASSISTANCE

- Pays rent payments on behalf of applicant.
- Is available for up to six months, including back and future rent (at least one month must be past due when applying).
- Is paid directly to landlords that agree to participate in the program.

LANDLORD AGREEMENTS

Participating landlords must agree to:

- Stop and dismiss any eviction proceeding against the renter,
- Not evict the renter for non-payment of rent for the remainder of the lease or 90 days, whichever is longer,
- Not increase the rent or impose new fees during the term of the lease, and
- Maintain a safe and habitable dwelling for the renter.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

- Is available for up to six months of past due utility payments.
- Assists with essential utilities, such as:
 - ❑ Electricity.
 - ❑ Water and sewer/wastewater.
 - ❑ Natural gas.
 - ❑ Propane.
- Is paid directly to the utility provider.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE - INELIGIBLE UTILITIES

- Telecommunications, internet, entertainment services,
- Recreational utilities such as propane tanks for grills,
- Annualized utilities or those collected with property taxes, such as some municipal trash collection, sewer, and stormwater fees,
- Yard and lawn waste, trash collection, recycling fees.

WHAT DO I NEED TO HAVE ON HAND TO APPLY?

- Current monthly household income,
- Government-issued identification,
- Proof of occupancy of the rental,
 - Utility or other bill addressed to applicant at rental address
- Copy of a lease (for rent assistance),
 - Oral leases also permissible, but additional conditions may apply.
- Copy of utility bills or statements (for utility assistance).

HOW TO APPLY

- There are two methods to apply
 - Applicants can apply by calling 2-1-1
 - Applications can be submitted at: <https://nc211.org/hope/>
 - Applications are available in Spanish
- Applicants can take photos of bills and upload them. They are not required to scan the documents into the system.
- Landlords and Utility Providers CANNOT apply.



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Thank You

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