

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MA

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #4

CDBG CARES ACT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS - ACTION PLAN 2019-2020

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$2,301,793 to the City of Springfield. These CDBG funds are authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, and provide funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The City will allocate the supplemental CDBG funds as follows:

	Supplemental Amount
Administration	\$460,358.00
Public Service	\$1,291,435.00
Economic Development	\$550,000.00

Activity 1: Planning and Administration

- Funding: \$460,358.00
- Eligibility: 24 C.F.R. 570.206
- National Objective: N/A
- Description: Funds will be used for CDBG-CV program administration, planning and management costs.

Activity 2: Public Service

- Funding: \$1,291,435.00
- Geographic Areas: Eligible Areas
- Eligibility: 24 C.F.R. 570.201(e)
- National Objective: Low Moderate Clientele (LMC)
- Description: Funds will be used to provide services and related equipment, supplies, and materials that prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the following categories of uses:
 - Health services, including providing testing, diagnosis or other services at a fixed or mobile location; increasing the capacity and availability of targeted health services for infectious disease response within existing health facilities;
 - Employment services (e.g., job training);

- Crime prevention and public safety;
- Child care;
- Services for senior citizens;
- Food Services;
- Transportation Services;
- Emergency Preparedness Services;
- Information Technology Services;
- Services for homeless persons;
- Education programs; and
- Assistance that enables low and moderate-income families to access online educational instruction;
- Emergency grant payments for up to three consecutive months of rent, mortgage, or utilities.

Activity 3: Economic Development

- Funding: \$550,000.00
- Geographic Areas: City Wide
- Eligibility: 24 C.F.R. 570.208 (a)(4) and 570.208(c)
- National Objective: LMJ and Urgent Need
- Description: Funds will be used to provide short-term financial assistance to all small business sectors to assist them with business restoration and reopening costs and to provide direct financial assistance to businesses and commercial property owners to respond to newly required physical improvements associated with the COVID-19 pandemic reopening emergency guidelines.

The supplemental award allows reimbursement of costs of eligible activities incurred regardless of the date to prevent, prepare for, or respond to coronavirus.

The CARES Act provides that the City must follow our existing requirements for development of this substantial amendment to our action plan that describes the amount of funding in the supplemental allocation and the planned use of funds. However, that the 30-day minimum for the required public comment period is waived for this substantial amendment; instead, the City must provide no less than five (5) days for public comment on the substantial amendment.

This amendment has been published to the City’s website and advertised on the City’s social media accounts on May 6, 2020. A public hearing will take place on Facebook live on May 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofSpringfieldMA>. Spanish-speaking staff will be present and available for translation at the hearing. Accommodations for disabilities will be provided upon request.

Comments may be submitted on Facebook during the public hearing.

Comments may also be submitted in the following ways:

- Written comments via email to Cathy Buono, cbuono@springfieldcityhall.com.

- Written comments mailed to the Springfield Office of Community Development, 1600 E. Columbus Ave., Springfield, MA 01103
- By telephone: contact 311, the City of Springfield's main source of government information and non-emergency services, or the Office of Community Development at (413) 787-6082

Comments will be accepted until May 11, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

The Facebook live hearing was held on May 8, 2020: 2,100 people were reached with 1,300 views, and 7 shares. The City received two comments:

- W. Connors: Good job keep up the good work I live in Chicopee now I can't get any information thank you
- T. Galluzzo: I'm watching