

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

### *The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)*

The City of Waterbury has been notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it will receive the following supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act): \$967,560 in supplemental CDBG-CV3 funding. This third and final allocation brings the City's cumulative CDBG-CV funding to \$2,284,853.

These funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic. All activities chosen for funding must be CDBG eligible and meet one of the national objectives of the CDBG program: (1) to benefit low/moderate income persons; (2) to eliminate slums and blight; and (3) to address urgent (emergency) needs. The City of Waterbury estimates that not less than 70% of its aggregate 2020-2024 CDBG funds will be used to meet the national objective of benefitting low- and moderate-income persons; in 2019-2020, 100% of its funds met this objective.

Activities must also comply with other CDBG cross-cutting requirements including but not limited to Environmental Review, Davis Bacon, and Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. There is also a requirement to prevent duplication of benefits, which means that these grant funds may not be used to pay costs if another source of financial assistance is available to pay that cost.

The City carried out an extensive needs analysis and application process in 2020 for its first round of CDBG-CV funding under the CARES Act. As such, the City will consult with applicants to determine funding priorities based on existing need and applications on file in order to develop a plan for the use of these supplemental and final funds under the CARES Act. Additional information regarding the CDBG-CV funds is available at [www.waterburyct.org/services/community-development](http://www.waterburyct.org/services/community-development). On June 22, 2021, the CAC will review applications and funding priorities for consistency with CDBG eligibility guidelines (24CFR570.201) and COVID guidelines. A draft plan for the use of these funds will be developed and published for citizen comments. The CAC will hold a Public Hearing on the draft plan on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 5:30 pm.

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