

**Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Substantial Amendment**

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act): Public Law 116-136, was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020 to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Federal Register Notice (FR-6218-N-01) was published August 20, 2020.

Determination of Need Summary: The state has determined one of the primary unmet needs in responding to the coronavirus pandemic is for urgent need emergency services related to housing stability. The state has determined that the unmet public services emergency payment housing needs were created as a direct result of the coronavirus and will be carried out in direct response to coronavirus. The state desires to create an urgent need public services emergency payments program to provide rental assistance, mortgage assistance (Principal, Interest and Insurance. Taxes are not eligible) and utility assistance for up to six consecutive months for the benefit of qualifying individuals and families with each of the three CDBG-CV allocations. Funding shall be directly related to prevention, preparation and response to coronavirus for costs incurred on or after January 21, 2020.

AP-15 Expected Resources

CDBG-CV-1: \$15,039,624

CDBG-CV-2: \$8,674,980

CDBG-CV-3: \$15,084,361

Total CDBG-CV Allocation: \$38,798,965

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Annual Goals and Objectives will include \$38,798,965 in combined CDBG-CV-1, CDBG-CV-2, CDBG-CV-3 allocated funding for emergency payments housing assistance activities.

MA- 40 Housing Needs

2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development: The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development is amended to allow for implementation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) by adding urgent need, public services emergency payments as an eligible activity. Specific funding is limited to one-time rent/mortgage/utility assistance for not more than six consecutive months per beneficiary. No assistance may be provided if funding is received from other sources for the same purpose, and total assistance received for that purpose is more than the total need for assistance.

AP-25 Allocation Priorities

2019 Annual Action Plan: The 2019 Annual Action Plan is amended to allow for implementation of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) the adding urgent need, public services emergency payments as an eligible activity. Specific funding is limited to one-time rent/mortgage/utility assistance for not more than six consecutive months per beneficiary. No assistance may be provided if funding is received from other sources for the

same purpose, and total assistance received for that purpose is more than the total need for assistance.

AP- 30 Method of Distribution

CDBG-CV-1: An amount equal to the CDBG-CV-01 Allocation (\$15,039,624) will be made available to and set-aside for non-entitlement units of general local government through an open solicitation process for those UGLG that indicate and request that the state carry out the activities directly. Set-aside funding will only be available to eligible households located within the jurisdiction of a participating unit of general local government. HUD has determined the designated entitlement communities of Jackson, Hattiesburg, Gulfport, Biloxi, Moss Point and Pascagoula are not eligible for CDBG-CV-1 allocation funding. At least 70% of the funds will directly benefit low-to-moderate income individuals and families. No more than 30% will benefit moderate income individuals and families, whose income is less than 120% of the area median income according to household size. The state proposes to carry out the activities according to the conforming changes and alternate requirements for states consistent with the entitlement program requirement of 24 CFR 570.200 (f). The Mississippi Development Authority will enter into an agreement with the Mississippi Home Corporation to act on the state's behalf.

CDBG-CV-2: An amount equal to the CDBG-CV-2 Allocation (\$8,674,980) will be made available for the benefit of eligible individuals and families in the HUD entitlement communities of Jackson, Hattiesburg, Gulfport, Biloxi, Moss Point and Pascagoula. The state proposes to carry out the activities according to the conforming changes and alternate requirements for states consistent with the entitlement program requirement of 24 CFR 570.200 (f). The Mississippi Development Authority will enter into an agreement with the Mississippi Home Corporation to act on the state's behalf. At least 70% of the funds will directly benefit low-to-moderate income individuals and families. No more than 30% will benefit moderate income individuals and families, whose household income is less than 120% of the area median income according to household size.

CDBG-CV-3: An amount equal to the CDBG-CV-3 Allocation (\$15,084,361) will be made available for the benefit of eligible individuals and families that reside in the HUD entitlement communities of Jackson, Hattiesburg, Gulfport, Biloxi, Moss Point and Pascagoula as well as statewide to all of the non-entitlement communities. The state proposes to carry out the activities according to the conforming changes and alternate requirements for states consistent with the entitlement program requirement of 24 CFR 570.200 (f). The Mississippi Development Authority will enter into an agreement with the Mississippi Home Corporation to act on the state's behalf. At least 70% of the funds will directly benefit low-to-moderate income individuals and families. No more than 30% will benefit moderate income individuals and families, whose household income is less than 120% of the area median income according to household size.

Citizens Participation and Public Comment Period - HUD has issued guidance that waives the Citizen Participation Plan requirements provided that no fewer than five (5) days are provided for public comment and reasonable notice and the opportunity to comment is provided. The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment and 2019 Annual Action Plan Substantial

Amendment will be made available for public review beginning October 5, 2020 and run through October 9, 2020. Comments can be mailed to the Mississippi Development Authority, Community Services Division at Post Office Box 849, Jackson, MS 39205; faxed to 601-359-3108, or to emailed to CommunityServices@mississippi.org.