



New Castle County
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR
CARES ACT FUNDS
CDBG and ESG

AND FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

Overview/Objective

The federal CARES Act, P.L. 116-136, made available supplemental funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. An additional \$2,476,428 in CDBG-CV funds and \$1,582,960 in ESG-CV funds were allocated to New Castle County by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD). This results in a total budget of \$4,059,388 for the second allocation of CARES Act funding.

Special USHUD waivers permits CDBG-CV funding to be utilized for public services and other activities that will prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. The broad flexible waivers will permit New Castle County to address the challenges facing the county.

Public Comment

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted several waivers to program procedure to expedite the use of these funds. These waivers included an ability to amend the Citizen Participation Plan and allow for a much shorter timeframe for public display, use of the internet to make the Substantial Amendment available to the public and use of virtual meetings to allow for input and comment. New Castle County advertised and made the Substantial Amendment available to the public on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 for a period of 5 days and held a virtual public hearing by ZOOM on Friday, December 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Rationale for amendment

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, (CARES Act) which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, provides funds through the CDBG, ESG and HOPWA programs. The CARES Act provides for allocations of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

New Castle County has taken stock of the additional local needs and the parameters of each of the programs and determined how the funds allocated will be used in this community. The following activities will be funded:

- Hotel/Motel Vouchers
- Health Related Supportive Services
- Emergency Shelter Operations & Homeless/AIDS Operations
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Activities
- Street Outreach
- Rapid Rehousing
- Administration

In order to be responsive to the needs of New Castle County in preparing, preventing, and responding to coronavirus and its impact on people at risk of and experiencing homelessness, New Castle County will routinely reevaluate our funding decisions throughout the period of performance. Consistent with the terms of all subrecipient grant agreements or contracts, New Castle County intends to reprogram CARES Act funding between selected activities or to include additional activities if/when necessary, based on infection control needs and response efforts related to preventing, preparing and responding to COVID-19.

1. COUNTY: Hotel/Motel Vouchers -CDBG-CV

New Castle County has recognized the need to provide a safe, stable, temporary shelter for individuals who need non-congregate shelter accommodations.

Cognizant of the above outlined conditions, New Castle County will enter into an agreement with a subgrantee to provide hotel vouchers to provide shelter for these individuals. Several sources of funding will be secured for the cost of room rentals, supportive services (including case management, transportation, health services, legal services, etc.) and meals.

Program Budget

New Castle County estimates spending approximately \$100 per household for 250-265 people per night for approximately 20-30 nights with a total budget of \$795,285.60.

2. COUNTY: Health Related Supportive Services CDBG-CV

New Castle County has recognized the need to provide health related supportive services to persons at risk of homelessness and those experiencing homelessness as a result of COVID-19. Health services to address the physical health needs in the community including sanitation stations, mobile showers, and other activities needed to carry-out public services.

Transportation Services for the Homeless-Services under this activity would include expenses associated with the transport of homeless individuals/families, receiving hotel/motel voucher or Code Purple assistance under NCC's CDBG-CV

Program, to their assigned hotel/motel; and, if necessary, transportation to their permanent residence once established by the NCC's Rapid Re-Housing Provider; and

Meals on Wheels-Food Delivery for the Homeless- Services under this activity would include expenses associated with the delivery of food to the homeless individuals/families staying in the assigned hotels/motels and Code Purple program subsidized with NCC's CDBG-CV Program funding.

Program Budget

New Castle County estimates the total cost for Health-Related Supportive Services will be \$60,000. An estimated total of 100 people will be served.

3. COUNTY: Homeless/AIDS Operations- CDBG-CV

New Castle County will utilize funds to pay for costs associated with the operation of a 192-room facility and the Code Purple cold-weather emergency program including staff costs, utilities, maintenance and insurance necessary to provide safe and stable temporary shelter to meet rising numbers of people experiencing homelessness. Due to space concerns and continued social distancing, existing shelters have been unable to operate at full capacity during the pandemic.

Program Budget

New Castle County estimates the total cost for Homeless/AIDS Operations will be \$1,328,428.61 (\$250,000 for Code Purple and 1,078,428.61 for Shelter Service Anchor). An estimated total of 600 people will be served.

4. COUNTY: Street Outreach ESG-CV

New Castle County will utilize funds to provide essential services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care. Street outreach services can include engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, transportation, and services for special populations.

Program Budget

New Castle County estimates the total cost for Street Outreach will be \$100,000. An estimated total of 50 people will be served.

5. COUNTY: Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) ESG-CV

Due to the additional ESG Cares Act reporting requirements, recipients and subrecipients will need to record data about those assisted with ESG-CV funds in their Continuum of Care (CoC)'s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The increased responsibility requires the HMIS Lead Agency also ensures proper data collection, monitoring, and reporting for all ESG-CV funds. Quality data

is instrumental in identifying immediate needs of persons experiencing homelessness and effectively and permanently housing homeless households.

Program Budget

New Castle County estimates the total cost for HMIS will be \$30,000. A total of 70 agencies participate in HMIS.

6. COUNTY: Emergency Shelter Operations- ESG-CV

New Castle County will utilize funds to pay for costs associated with the operation of a 192-room facility and the Code Purple cold-weather emergency program including staff costs, utilities, maintenance and insurance necessary to provide safe and stable temporary shelter to meet rising numbers of people experiencing homelessness. Due to space concerns and continued social distancing, existing shelters have been unable to operate at full capacity during the pandemic.

Program Budget

New Castle County estimates the total cost for Emergency Shelter Operations will be \$711,480.

7. COUNTY: Rapid Rehousing -ESG-CV

New Castle County has also identified the need to rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families in to permanent and safe housing. Rapid re-housing (RRH) assistance aims to help individuals or families who are homeless move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing through a combination of rental assistance and supportive services. New Castle County will provide short-term and/or medium-term rental assistance (no more than 12 months), housing relocation and stabilization services and case management to qualifying households.

Program Budget

New Castle County will utilize \$583,184 to provide rapid rehousing to homeless households. An estimated total of 120 people will be served.

8. COUNTY: Program Administration -ESG-CV

In order to provide oversight and programmatic technical assistance to grantees, New Castle County will use the maximum allowed percentages for both CDBG-CV and ESG-CV to pay for program administration.

Program Budget

Total cost for Program Administration is \$158,296.

9. CITY: Hotel/Motel Vouchers -CDBG-CV

The City of Newark has recognized the need to provide a safe, stable, temporary shelter for individuals who need non-congregate shelter accommodations.

Newark will enter into an agreement with a subgrantee to provide hotel vouchers to provide shelter for these individuals. Several sources of funding will be secured for the cost of room rentals, supportive services (including case management, transportation, health services, legal services, etc.) and meals.

Program Budget

Newark estimates spending approximately \$100 per household for 10-15 people per night for approximately 20-30 nights with a total budget of \$40,000.

10. CITY: Homeless/AIDS Operations- CDBG-CV

The City of Newark will utilize funds to pay for costs associated with the operation of a 192-room facility and the Code Purple cold-weather emergency program including staff costs, utilities, maintenance and insurance necessary to provide safe and stable temporary shelter to meet rising numbers of people experiencing homelessness. Due to space concerns and continued social distancing, existing shelters have been unable to operate at full capacity during the pandemic.

Program Budget

City of Newark estimates the total cost for Homeless/AIDS Operations will be \$222,713.79. An estimated total of 100 people will be served.

11. CITY: Health Related Supportive Services CDBG-CV

The City of Newark has recognized the need to provide health related supportive services to persons at risk of homelessness and those experiencing homelessness as a result of COVID-19. health services to address the physical health needs in the community including sanitation stations, mobile showers, and other activities needed to carry-out public services.

Transportation Services for the Homeless-Services under this activity would include expenses associated with the transport of homeless individuals/families, receiving hotel/motel voucher or Code Purple assistance, to their assigned hotel/motel; and, if necessary, transportation to their permanent residence once established by the Rapid Re-Housing Providers; and

Meals on Wheels-Food Delivery for the Homeless- Services under this activity would include expenses associated with the delivery of food to the homeless individuals/families staying in the assigned hotels/motels and Code Purple program.

Program Budget

The City of Newark estimates the total cost for Health-Related Supportive Services will be \$30,000. An estimated total of 50 people will be served.