

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MA

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT #8

CDBG CARES ACT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS - ACTION PLAN 2019-2020

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the City of Springfield an additional \$1,749,839.00 in its third round of CDBG-CV funding. This is the second allocation for the City of Springfield. The First allocation was in the amount of \$2,301,793; bringing the cumulative amount for all allocation rounds of CDBG-CV funding to \$4,051,632. 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-CV funds as follows:

	Supplemental Amount
Administration	\$349,967.00
Public Service-Workforce Training	\$399,872.00
Special Economic Development	\$1,000,000.00

Activity 1: Planning and Administration

- Funding: \$349,967.00
- 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: \$399,872.00
- Geographic Areas: Eligible Areas
- Eligibility: 24 C.F.R. 570.201(e)
- National Objective: Low Moderate
- Description: Funds will provide workforce training, job recruitment and entrepreneurial skills training and development for LMI residents who are unemployed, under employed and to provide long-term area benefit of a skilled work force.

Activity 3: Special Economic Development

- Funding: \$1,000,000.00
- Geographic Areas: City Wide
- Eligibility: 24 C.F.R. 570.203
- National Objective: Low/Mod and Slum/Blight
- Description: Funds will be used for the following:
 - a. Assist private, for-profit small businesses, includes, but not limited to, providing loans, grants, interest subsidies, and technical assistance.
 - b. Provide economic development services in connection with other eligible CDBG special economic development activities. This includes, but is not limited to, outreach efforts to market available forms of assistance; screening of applicants; reviewing and underwriting applications for assistance; preparation of necessary agreements; management of assisted activities; and the screening, referral, and placement of applicants for employment opportunities generated by CDBG-eligible economic development activities. This may include the costs of providing job training for persons filling those positions.

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 September 23, 2020. A public hearing will take place on Facebook live on September 25, 2020 at 2:30 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 September 29, 2020.

The Facebook live hearing was held on September 23, 2020: 587 people were reached with 262 views, and 0 shares. The City did not received any comments.