COVID Funding for Lincoln and Warren County Fragile Families

CDBG funding – Public services cap has been waived for FY19, FY20, and CDBG CARES allocations, allowing more funds to support direct assistance if the state decides to do so. Lincoln and Warren County allocations will come through DED/MHDC. St. Charles County has received a direct allocation.


- The State’s $13.6 million CDBG allocation will be allocated to non-entitlement areas across the state, which include incorporated municipalities under 50,000 and counties under 200,000 in population.
- The Department will act swiftly to partner with non-entitlement communities and partner agencies to award these CDBG funds for COVID-19 response initiatives. Projects could include, but are not limited to, repurposing buildings into patient treatment centers, providing critical supplies such as ventilators and personal protective equipment, supporting businesses that manufacture medical supplies, and training health care workers for the frontlines of COVID-19 response.

ESG-CV funding – Additional funding to prevent housing instability and homelessness has been awarded to states. MHDC will manage and allocate these funds. http://www.mhdc.com/ci/esg/index.htm There are several waivers for these funds, which makes them more accessible to persons needing assistance and agency administration:

- The 50% cash match requirement has been lifted
- Restriction of rental assistance to units with rent at or below FMR has been lifted - waiting for clarification
- No spending cap on emergency shelter and outreach
- Up to 10 percent of funds may be used for administrative costs, as opposed to 7.5 percent
- Funds may be used to provide homelessness prevention assistance to any individual or family who does not have income higher than HUD’s Very Low-Income Limit (30% AMI) for the area and meets the criteria of the “at risk of homelessness”
- There will be additional guidance and possibly waivers before these funds are released, as well as a few additional allowable costs

Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) - States have the option, but are not required, to provide CRF dollars to local governments with fewer than 500,000 residents. The CARES Act requires that payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund only be used to cover expenses that:

- Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment (March 27, 2020) for the state or government; and
- Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.
- This is MHDC’s plan for these funds:
  - Release a NoFA and allocation plan (majority of funding focused to non-entitlement areas i.e. BoS, St. Charles, Joplin, Springfield, St. Joe)
  - Open up a letter of intent process to gather information on interested parties and prepare our application process
  - Release a full application once HUD has provided sufficient guidance