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City Fiscal Tracking and Federal Reimbursement Initiative

**Webinar #5: HUD CDBG Funds
Wednesday, December 2, 2020
2:00PM EDT**

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City Fiscal Tracking and Reimbursement Resources



**Webinar #1:
Recovery Experts**
April 7, 2020



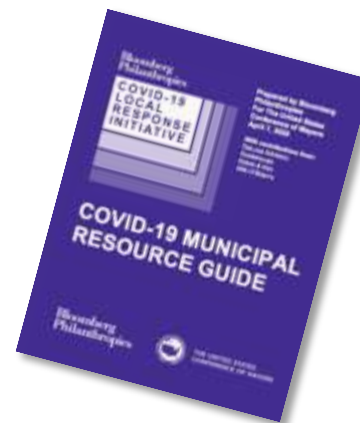
**Webinar #2:
FEMA Officials**
May 4, 2020



**Webinar #3:
CDBG Funds**
June 16, 2020



**Webinar #4:
FEMA Reimbursements**
October 22, 2020



**Municipal
Resource Guide**



**Responses
to FAQs**

<https://www.usmayors.org/issues/covid-19/city-fiscal-tracking-and-reimbursement/>



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Using CDBG CARES Act Funds to Support Coronavirus Response December 2020



CARES Act Refresher

- Enacted March 27, 2020
- Provides \$5 billion for CDBG coronavirus grants; self-implementing flexibilities; all funds allocated
- Notice applicable August 7, 2020
 - Includes additional statutory and regulatory waivers and alternative requirements
 - Stays close to main CDBG to take advantage of grantee know-how about the “chassis”



Innovation and Strategy

- HUD sets out the general framework
 - Eligibility, national objectives, citizen participation, financial management
- CDBG grantees design their programs to meet local needs and objectives
- Innovation often happens as grantees adapt programs to meet new needs
- Strategy happens in deciding how to deploy different assets and resources



Federal Register Notice

- CDBG regulations and IDIS instructions are the CDBG-CV core requirements
- Notice provided additional guidance for CDBG-CV and Fy2019/2020 annual grants
 - Self-implementing provisions
 - Regulatory waivers
 - Statutory suspensions for major disaster declarations
 - Duplication of benefits discussion



Tieback

- All CDBG-CV activities must prepare for, prevent, respond to coronavirus
 - Modify a neighborhood shopping area to support social distancing, better sanitation, safe curbside pickup, hand-washing
 - Assist small businesses or food banks to retrofit HVAC or enable contactless guest service
 - Provide services to quarantined seniors
 - Pro tip: Fund the activity – not the entity

Duplication of Benefits

- CDBG-CV grantees **must have policies and procedures to prevent the duplication of benefits**, which means grant funds cannot be used to pay costs if another source of financial assistance is paying that cost.
- TA tools:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6097/cdbg-coronavirus-response-grantee-resources-related-to-preventing-duplication-of-benefits/>



Technical Support

- HUD launched a \$10M technical assistance effort including:
 - See HUD Exchange CDBG-CV page at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-cv/> for Webinars, tools, on-call, and peer-to-peer TA
- Planning for a training conference and problem-solving clinics in 2021 (virtual)
- Communications strategy to move expertise to grantees via field staff, TA providers and make sure issues rise to HUD quickly



Emerging Data

- As of 11/16/2020, \$5 billion CDBG-CV allocated, \$2,065,333,078 available in lines of credit.
- Grantees are setting up activities in IDIS:
 - Public Services
 - Emergency payments for rent/mortgage/subsistence
 - Seniors, Youth, Health, Food
 - Economic Development, retain or pivot
 - Small business
 - Micro-enterprise
 - Housing
 - Public Facilities and Improvements



Emerging Data: Status of Grants

- ~1000+ of ~1230 CDBG-CV grantees have executed grants for \$2+ billion
- Around 100 not yet applied for any round
- Many amending now to add round 2 and 3 allocation amounts to the grant
- About \$120 million in funds drawn down; 12 grantees >90% disbursed

Data as of 11/16/2020 from HUD financial systems



Strategies

- Identify your local objective, then figure out solutions.
- Communicate intentionally – create “channels”
 - Identify stakeholders
 - Ask stakeholders for unmet needs, feedback on logjams
 - Inform stakeholders about available resources/status
- Do two things at once:
 - Paperwork for tieback to coronavirus and urgent need national objective overlap
 - Underwriting for small business and DOB overlap
 - Solve both short- and long-term problems



Strategies

- Strategies and examples included in TA webinars and quick guides on hudexchange.info.
- Search for CDBG-CV plans/amendments on the web – see what other grantees are doing
- Don't forget to talk to your county, and state CDBG and ESG agencies.
- Help a smaller city by sharing capacity





Questions and Thank you!

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-cv/>

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/cdbg_programs_covid-19



Q&A

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