

# NYS CDBG-CV: CARES ACT

## FARMWORKER SAFETY HOUSING GRANTS

Units of local government (UGLG) (i.e. Town, Village, City, County) and Not-for-Profits may apply for grant funds to facilitate health and safety improvements to farmworker housing, specifically with the goal of improving housing conditions in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, grant funds can be used for personal protective equipment or other non-capital activities.

An activity proposed for grant assistance must prepare, prevent, or respond to impacts of COVID-19 and potential variants or, future pandemics.



### Eligible Activities

- Housing Rehabilitation activities that address conditions contributing to the spread of COVID.
  - *Renovations to improve air quality and reduce transmission of airborne illness.*
  - *Remediate environmental hazards (mold, lead-based paint, poor ventilation, etc.) to provide suitable living environment.*
  - *Implement physical improvements to address overcrowding and allow workers to isolate safely.*
- Supply personal protective equipment (PPE) to slow the spread of coronavirus.



### Program Compliance

CDBG Activities must meet a “National Objective”

#### Housing Activities

Farmworker occupying assisted unit must be at or below 80% AMI. Requires farmworker to certify income and provide worksheet to farm owner and municipal applicant as supporting documentation.

#### Equipment or other non-capital activities

Farmworker must certify income or attest to the categorization as migrant farmworker. Worksheet must be retained as supporting documentation.



### 12 Month Deadline

Priority will be given to projects that can be completed within 12 months from the project award date.



### Contact Us

Email questions about CDBG CARES funding to [CDBG CARES@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:CDBG CARES@hcr.ny.gov).



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## Housing Project Examples

- The County will use \$1,000,000 in CV funds to identify and contract with four farms with on-site housing in need of rehabilitation to improve farmworker safety.
- The Village will use \$500,000 in CV funds to support a farm owner in replacing five dilapidated mobile homes with 5 new manufactured units.
- The City will use \$750,000 in CV funds to weatherize and upgrade existing housing units such as roof replacements, environmental hazard mitigation, and air ventilation improvements (i.e. HVAC).
- The Town will use \$300,000 in CV funds to install protective barriers conducive to isolating safely in four manufactured homes.



## Equipment Project Examples

- The County, in collaboration with the County Department of Health, will use \$500,000 in CV funds to purchase and package kits of PPE to be distributed to migrant farmworkers for a season.
- The Town will use \$300,000 in CV funds to purchase air purifiers and other equipment to improve ventilation and air quality for farmworkers.
- The Village will use \$500,000 in CV funds to provide ten farms with forehead thermometers, masks, hand sanitizers, disinfecting wipes, and other cleanliness products.
- The City will use \$400,000 in CV funds to provide twenty scattered farm sites with COVID testing kits to help isolate and minimize the spread of COVID.



## Application Process



Coordinate with potential partners such as:  
*Department of Agriculture, local County Department of Health, Farmer Unions and Bureaus, and Farmer Not-for-Profits.*

- Submit consultation form with proposed activities to [CDBG CARES@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:CDBG CARES@hcr.ny.gov)
- OCR will consult, provide technical assistance then provide authorization to submit a full application.

- Conduct required municipal public hearing
- Submit a full application directly to [CDBG CARES@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:CDBG CARES@hcr.ny.gov)

Applications will be reviewed against threshold eligibility and awarded on a rolling basis.

All CDBG CARES materials, including the income worksheet, consultation form, and application materials can be found on:

<https://hcr.ny.gov/communityrecovery>