

# NYS CDBG-CV: CARES ACT

## GRANTS FOR HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS



### Basic Requirements

Units of local government (UGLG) (i.e. Town, Village, City, County) and Not-for-Profits may apply. Recipients can use funds to assist rental and single-family homeowners with repairs or upgrades critical to improving the overall health and safety of the housing. Funds may be used to address ventilation and HVAC improvements related to indoor air quality, reconfiguration of communal spaces, lead remediation, or other repairs that address emergencies or code violations and allow families to safely shelter at home. The activity must prepare, prevent, or respond to impacts of COVID-19 and potential variants or, future pandemics.

Housing improvements may meet a National Objective by demonstrating at the time of application that the household occupying the assisted unit is low/moderate income (LMI) .



### Examples of Eligible Activities

- Provide and install broadband equipment for individual households
- Improve housing ventilation, remediate lead based painting hazards, and make additional repairs to address emergencies
- Install new HVAC systems for apartments occupied by LMI households
- Remediate health and safety hazards in underutilized and substandard rental properties



### COVID Connection Examples

- Improve internet accessibility for essential remote services to LMI households
- Mitigate negative impacts to prolonged indoor exposure from mold, lead-based paint, inadequate ventilation, and other deficiencies to LMI households
- Ventilation improvements reduce spread of disease and lower the risk of exposure
- Increase availability of healthy and affordable rental housing to ensure safe, long-term indoor environment



### Program Compliance

Every housing activity being assisted must meet the “National Objective” below:

#### LMI Housing Benefit (LMH)

*For single unit households*, the household occupying the assisted unit must be LMI.

*For multi-unit households*, at least 51% of the units must be occupied by LMI persons at the end of the project.

Requires household(s) to certify income and provide worksheet to applicant as supporting documentation.



### 12 Month Deadline

All activities must be completed within 12 months from the date project is awarded.



### Contact Us

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



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## Project Example 1: Healthy Housing and Clearing Dilapidated Housing

### Project Description & COVID Connection

City will use \$1,000,000 (includes program delivery and grant administration costs) to remediate health and safety hazards and other needed repairs in 1-4 unit owner-occupied properties to allow for safe sheltering in place.

### Use of Funds

Funds will be used to renovate an estimated 25 properties to address code violations, health and safety hazards and air quality issues

### Program Compliance & Required Documentation

**LMI Housing** — The project will assist 4 LMI households.

**Required documentation for LMI Housing** — Income self certification to demonstrate housing units are occupied by at least 51% LMI persons at the time of assistance.



## Project Example 2: Public Housing Rehabilitation

### Project Description & COVID Connection

County will use \$600,000 (includes program delivery and grant administration costs) to make critical upgrades to a 10-unit rental complex regulated by a local Public Housing Authority. The project will improve indoor environments for safe sheltering and increase access to broadband so occupants can receive crucial remote services.

### Use of Funds

Funds will be used to improve ventilation by installing through-wall air filtration systems in each unit. Additionally, equipment will be provided to each unit to access broadband services and an antennae will be installed on the roof to receive broadband signal.

### Program Compliance & Required Documentation

**LMI Housing** — The project will assist at least 10 LMI single family households.

**Required documentation for LMI Housing** — Income self certification to demonstrate housing units are occupied by at least 51% LMI persons at the time of assistance.



## To Access Funding



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

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