

NYS CDBG-CV: CARES ACT

GRANTS FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES



Basic Requirements

Units of local government (UGLG) (i.e. Town, Village, City, County) and Not-for-Profits may apply. Public facility activities can use funds to help with the reconfiguration and physical adjustments to comply with social distancing, reduced occupancy, and other recent health requirements. Buildings for the general conduct of government, such as City or Town Halls are not eligible.

The applicant must demonstrate at the time of application that over 51% of the persons served are low/moderate income (LMI). The activity must prepare, prevent, or respond to impacts of COVID-19 and potential variants or, future pandemics.



Examples of Eligible Activities

- Install MERV-13 compliant filters and conduct hazardous materials testing in Nursing Home
- Remove and replace emergency generator in Police and Fire department building
- Install new HVAC system for Senior Center
- Install wireless equipment and WiFi Hot Spots in LMI area



COVID Connection Examples

- Ventilation improvements reduce spread of disease and lower the risk of exposure
- Prepare for future emergencies by ensuring safe, reliable systems are in place
- Increase the delivery of clean air and dilute potential contaminants
- Increase internet access services to LMI persons for school, work, telehealth, and other needs that have moved to virtual platforms



Program Compliance

CDBG Activities must meet at least one of the “National Objectives” below:

LMI Area Basis (LMA)

At least 51% of the area being served must be low/moderate income (LMI). Requires either a screenshot of the targeted community(ies) using the [HUD LMI Data Tool](#) OR conducting a community wide income survey to determine LMI area eligibility.

LMI Limited Clientele (LMC)

Activity benefits a defined group that HUD presumes are low/moderate income (LMI). Requires documentation showing that the activity is designed to be used exclusively by that group.



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 CDBG CARES@hcr.ny.gov.



Homes and
Community Renewal



Project Example 1: Senior Space Enhancements

Project Description & COVID Connection

Town will use \$500,000 (includes program delivery and grant administration costs) to reconfigure the Senior Room space only at the local Community Center. This includes a redesign of the space to allow for better social distancing and reduced risk of viral exposure.

Use of Funds

Funds will be used to install handwashing stations, upgrade the ventilation system, and build two single user handicap accessible restrooms.

Program Compliance & Required Documentation

Limited Clientele — The project will benefit 3,000 elderly persons (*this group is presumed to be low-to-moderate income*).

Required documentation for Limited Clientele — Evidence demonstrating that the activity is designed to be used exclusively by seniors that are 62 and older.



Project Example 2: Broadband Expansion

Project Description & COVID Connection

County will use \$900,000 (includes program delivery and grant administration costs) to ensure that eligible low-to-moderate income (LMI) communities within the county have access to internet service for critical services such as remote medical appointments, education, and work in the event of a future emergency.

Use of Funds

Funds will be used to expand wireless broadband infrastructure for LMI persons through the purchase and installation of equipment using pre-existing buildings in the targeted communities to mount antennae.

Program Compliance & Required Documentation

LMI Area Basis — The project will benefit 10,000 persons of whom 6,000 are low-to-moderate income (according to HUD LMI Data Tool).

Required documentation for LMI Area Basis — Screenshots of the HUD LMI Data Tool demonstrating that the targeted communities are greater than 51% LMI.



To Access Funding

Step 1: Assess all COVID-19 needs in your community

Step 2: Project Proposal

Step 3: Application Submission

Step 4: Application Award

- Evaluate needs by speaking with potential partners such as: *Senior Centers, Office for the Aging, local not-for-profits, Recreation Department, Planning Department, Emergency Services Department...*
- If needed, conduct a community or facility income survey

- Units of local government or not-for-profits may apply directly for funding
- Submit one consultation form with all proposed activities to CDBGCARES@hcr.ny.gov
- OCR will consult, provide technical assistance then provide authorization to submit a full application.

With OCR authorization, submit a full application directly to CDBGCARES@hcr.ny.gov

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

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

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