

NYS CDBG-CV: CARES ACT

GRANTS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES



Basic Requirements

Units of local government (UGLG) (i.e. Town, Village, City, County) and Not-for-Profits may apply. Public services can use funds for new or expanded services to ensure low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons are informed about COVID-19 vaccines, receive mental health services, access Wi-Fi, or other community needs. Eligible activities are for the service itself and **not** for the installation, acquisition, or construction of the facility that would provide the service.

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



Examples of Eligible Activities

- Purchase larger vehicle for meal delivery services and transportation for Senior Center
- Purchase vehicle and necessary PPE for vaccine outreach pop-up clinics
- Provide mental health services for elderly persons
- Furnish units for formerly homeless persons



COVID Connection Examples

- Meet increased demand for Meals on Wheels services and social distancing inside vehicle
- Increase accessibility to vaccine and educate LMI communities about COVID
- Support increased need for mental health support due to pandemic
- Decrease risk of homeless persons contracting COVID due to substandard living conditions



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 CDBGCARES@hcr.ny.gov.



Homes and
Community Renewal



Project Example 1: Mobile Vaccine Outreach

Project Description & COVID Connection

County will use \$400,000 (includes program delivery and grant administration costs) to conduct mobile vaccination education pop-ups targeting vulnerable and underserved populations in low-to-moderate income census tracts.

Use of Funds

Funds will be used to purchase a fully equipped trailer critical for persons that don't have access to online appointment portals and reliable information about the vaccine in a comfortable, easily accessible, and weather resilient environment.

Program Compliance & Required Documentation

LMI Area Basis — The project will assist an estimated 30,000 persons of which 23,000 are low-to-moderate income as determined by HUD's LMI Data Mapping Tool.

Required documentation for LMI Area Basis — Screenshot of the HUD LMI Data Tool demonstrating that the targeted census tracts assisted are greater than 51% LMI.



Project Example 2: Geriatric Mental Health

Project Description & COVID Connection

City will partner with the Department of the Aging and use \$900,000 (includes program delivery and grant administration costs) to expand accessible mental health services for 30 older adult centers by paying for staff salaries and time. Social distancing requirements, including stay-at-home orders, have exacerbated underlying pre-existing conditions, and added to new mental health needs, increased social isolation, loneliness.

Use of Funds

Funds will be used to screen seniors for mental health needs and provide virtual/ in-person mental health service.

Program Compliance & Required Documentation

Limited Clientele — The project will benefit 1,000 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.



To Access Funding

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

- 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

Step 2: Project Proposal

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

Step 3: Application Submission

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

Step 4: Application Award

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>