

# NYS CDBG-CV: CARES ACT

## GRANTS FOR SENIOR CENTERS & FACILITIES



### Basic Requirements

Units of local government (UGLG) (i.e. Town, Village, City, County) and Not-for-Profits may apply. Funds will be made available to support community-based public activities that are either a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of the service or, improvements to public facilities.

CV funding can be used to assist public and private facilities and services that focus on elderly and senior community members. This activity must prepare, prevent, or respond to impacts of COVID-19 and potential variants or, future pandemics.



### Examples of Eligible Activities

- HVAC Improvements
- Purchase of a passenger van to transport seniors
- Purchase of a cargo van for meal services
- Broadening outdoor recreation opportunities
- Installation of touchless amenities
- Broadcasting and conferencing technology



### COVID Connection Examples

- Reduction of transmission of airborne illnesses
- Addressing loneliness caused by COVID-19 isolation
- Compliance with social distancing
- Addressing food insecurity



### Program Compliance

CDBG Activities must meet the “National Objectives” below:

#### LMI Limited Clientele (LMC)

Activity benefits elderly persons that are 62 years or older which is a defined group that HUD presumes are LMI. Requires documentation showing that the activity is designed to be used exclusively by seniors.



### 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: Environmental Hazard Upgrades

### Project Description & COVID Connection

County will use \$500,000 (includes program delivery and grant administration costs) at a municipally owned nursing home to upgrade ventilations systems and protect vulnerable populations from airborne threats.

### Use of Funds

Funds will be used to make upgrades to HVAC systems to comply with current MERV-13 requirements and conduct hazardous materials abatement.

### Program Compliance & Required Documentation

**Limited Clientele** — The project will benefit 200 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: 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 provide accessible mental health services for 30 older adult centers. 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



## To Access Funding

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

- Evaluate needs by speaking with potential partners such as: *municipal offices and committees (such as the Office of the Aging or, Senior Services), organizations, and non-profits that serve elderly community members.*
- 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 [CDBGCARES@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:CDBGCARES@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 [CDBGCARES@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:CDBGCARES@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>