

NYS CDBG-CV: CARES ACT

GRANTS FOR VACCINE OUTREACH



Basic Requirements

Units of local government (UGLG) (i.e. Town, Village, City, County) and not-for-Profits may apply. Activities must be either a new service, a service expansion or, improvements to public facilities. Funds can be used to ensure low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons can locate, readily access, and are informed against misconceptions about the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shot. Activities must prepare, prevent, or respond to impacts of COVID-19 and potential variants or, future pandemics.

Applicant must demonstrate at the time of application that 51% of the persons served are low-to-moderate income (LMI).



Examples of Eligible Activities

- Purchase of a vehicle for: information distribution, mobile vaccination pop-ups, appointment creation assistance
- Purchase of medical refrigerators to store vaccines
- Vaccine clinics specifically for elderly or homeless populations
- Preparation, printing, and distribution of information about the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shot



COVID Connection Examples

- Increase accessibility to vaccine
- Educate and dispel misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines
- Reduction of medical emergencies due to COVID-19
- Promotion and information sharing about the new COVID-19 booster shot
- Decreased risk of homeless or elderly persons contracting life threatening cases of COVID-19



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.



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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-up clinics targeting vulnerable and underserved populations in low-to-moderate income (LMI) 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 deliver 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 LMI 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 are greater than 51% LMI.



Project Example 2: Pharmacy Refrigerator at Fire Department

Project Description & COVID Connection

City will use \$300,000 (includes program delivery and grant administration costs) to prepare a local Fire Department station, in partnership with the City Department of Health, as a staging area for the rapid distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine and boosters. This prevents the City from experiencing shortages or, having to dispose of excess vaccines.

Use of Funds

Funds will be used to purchase a pharmacy refrigerator to store excess COVID-19 vaccines, Department of Health employee staff time, and PPE to administer vaccines.

Program Compliance & Required Documentation

LMI Area Basis — The project will assist an estimated 4,000 LMI persons as determined by HUD's LMI Data Mapping Tool. Required documentation includes:

Required documentation for LMI Area Basis — Screenshot of the HUD LMI Data Tool demonstrating that the City is greater than 51% LMI.



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, and not-for-profits.*
- 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>