

**Chesterfield County, Virginia**  
**Community Development Block Grant Substantial Amendment:**  
**CDBG-CV (Coronavirus) Funding Allocation Introduction**

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.505 of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Consolidated Submissions for the Community Planning and Development Programs and the Chesterfield County Community Development Block Grant Program Citizen Participation Plan, a substantial amendment is being proposed for the PY 2019/FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Annual Action Plan.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this substantial amendment is to inform the citizens of the jurisdiction and metropolitan area of the planned use of these federal funds that have been allocated to the proposed programs and activities that were included in the adopted 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. Upon being informed, citizens are encouraged to take the opportunity to comment on the amendment prior to any action taken by the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors.

**Amendment**

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116136, was signed, providing \$5 billion for CDBG to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by this unprecedented crisis. Chesterfield County will receive \$861,295 in Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG–CV) funding.

The 2020-24 Consolidated Plan and PY20/FY21 Annual Action Plan (HUD and the County operate on different yearly schedules) have not been submitted and approved by HUD at this date and therefore cannot be amended to accommodate and allocate CDBG-CV funding. As such, HUD advised all grantees, including Chesterfield County, that the easiest path to complete the process to accept CDBG-CV funding is to amend their previously reviewed and approved PY19/FY20 Annual Action Plan.

The Annual Action Plan was adopted on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, and amended on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. As approved by the Board of Supervisors, the PY19/FY20 Action Plan budgeted \$1,410,339 in total CDBG spending and \$538,650 in total HOME spending.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated an additional \$861,295 in CDBGCV funds to Chesterfield County for activities that will prepare, prevent and respond to the coronavirus.

The County published a Notice of Funding Availability via a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit applications pertaining to this additional funding. As stated in the RFP, the County’s program priorities for the CDBG-CV funding include affordable housing/shelter, health related and food related programs and services, and business and employment retention for essential business. The CARES Act eliminates the CDBG regulatory 15% cap on the amount of a jurisdiction’s grant (and any program income) obligated in a program year for “public services.” Public services include those for people experiencing homelessness or elderly people, and services related to employment, crime prevention, childcare, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, and energy conservation.

This substantial amendment involves the use of the CDBG-CV funding allocated by HUD to Chesterfield in FY 2020. County staff proposes to allocate the funding as follows:

- 1) \$30,000 to YMCA for the Camp Hope and summer day camp programs;
- 2) \$150,000 to Better Housing Coalition for their Rental Assistance program;
- 3) \$40,000 to the Partnership for Housing Affordability (PHA) for a financial analysis of businesses located in shopping centers impacted by the pandemic;
- 4) \$30,000 to Homeward for their Non-Congregate Shelter program;
- 5) \$50,000 to Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) for their Foreclosure Prevention program;
- 6) \$40,000 to the Center for Healthy Hearts for a Satellite Support Site;
- 7) \$65,000 to Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry (Chesterfield CHASM) for their Crisis Financial Support Fund;
- 8) \$250,000 to Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) for the Chesterfield Business Recovery Fund;
- 9) \$46,000 to the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society for the COVID-19 Eviction Protection Relief program;
- 10) \$56,000 to Health Brigade for the Integrated Care for Vulnerable Chesterfield Residents amidst COVID19 program;
- 11) \$61,000 to Chesterfield Food Bank for their Food on the Move program;
- 12) \$43,295 to Program Administration for additional administration and planning relative to these funds.

### **Public Comment Period**

The amendment will be considered by the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors at its May 27, 2020 meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. Board of Supervisor meetings are broadcast live via WCCT Live Stream at <https://www.chesterfield.gov/1160/WCCT-Chesterfield-Community-Television>

Given the need to expediate actions to respond to COVID-19, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) waived the typical (30) day public comment period provided that no less than five (5) days are provided for public comments on each substantial amendment. The updated Citizen Participation Plan can be viewed here: <https://www.chesterfield.gov/4316/Public-Documents-and-Plans>

Further information about the substantial amendment and the proposed CDBG-CV funding allocations can be found on the Community Development website at <https://www.chesterfield.gov/1223/Grants>, and are available for view in person outside the main entrance of the Community Development Building at 9800 Government Center Parkway, Chesterfield, VA 23832. Persons desiring to comment should provide written comments to the Chesterfield County Department of Community Enhancement, P.O. Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832 or via email to [ce@chesterfield.gov](mailto:ce@chesterfield.gov). For more information contact Jessica Russo at (804) 751-2368

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