

CITY OF LAWRENCE, MA
CDBG-CV3 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY20 (HUD Program Year 2019)

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated additional supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$935,531 to the City of Lawrence. These CDBG-CV3 funds are authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, and are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

The City will allocate the supplemental CDBG-CV3 funds as follow:

Funding Category	Budget Amount
Public Services: Legal Assistance	\$ 397,600.50
Public Services: Emergency Short-Term Rental Assistance	\$ 397,600.50
Admin (15%)	\$ 140,330.00
Total	\$ 935,531.00

Activity 1: Legal Assistance

- Funding: \$397,600.50
- Geographic Areas: Lawrence
- Eligibility: 24 CFR 570.201(e)
- National Objective: LMH
- Description: Funds will be used to support expanded capacity of legal services and representation related services to low-to-moderate income individuals and families financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, prior to and during the eviction process, and mediation services to help tenants and landlords resolve cases outside of court to prevent homelessness.

Activity 2: Subsistence Payment—Emergency Short-Term Rental Assistance

- Funding: \$397,600.50
- Geographic Areas: Lawrence, MA
- Eligibility: 24 CFR 570.207(4)
- National Objective: Limited Clientele Activities (LMC)
- Description: Funds will provide subsistence payments in the form of short-term emergency rental assistance with the goal to reduce the risk of transmission of the coronavirus among overcrowded households and prevent homelessness. Payments will be made directly to landlords on behalf of

qualifying low-to-moderate income individuals and families who are at risk of or facing eviction as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Payments are capped at three months or \$6,000.000, whichever is less.

Administration (15%):

- Funding: \$140,330.00
- General management, oversight and coordination, including staff cost, monitoring, and preparing reports, among other activities, in accordance with HUD regulations (24 CFR 570.206)

The CARES Act provides that the City must follow our existing requirements for development of this substantial amendment to our action plan that describes the amount of funding in the supplemental allocation and the planned use of funds. However, that the 30-day minimum for the required public comment period is waived for this substantial amendment; instead, the City must provide no less than five (5) days for public comment on the substantial amendment.

This amendment has been published to the City's website and advertised on the Eagle Tribune newspaper and on Rumbo Newspaper's online edition on or about November 16, 2020.

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- Written comments via email to Vilma Martínez-Dominguez, vmartinezdominguez@cityoflawrence.com.
- Written comments mailed to the Office of Planning and Development, 12 Methuen Street, 1st Floor, Lawrence, MA 01840.

Comments will be accepted until November 23, 2020 at 4:30pm.