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CDBG NOTICE

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From: Maumee Valley Planning Organization

To: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Williams County Municipalities,

Townships and All Other Interested Groups and Individuals

Subject: Targets of Opportunity CARES ACT (CDBG-CV) Funding project solicitation

Date: October 14, 2020

Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO), on behalf of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Williams Counties, intends to apply to the office of Community Development (OCD) for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Targets of Opportunity, CDBG- CV (CARES ACT), a federally funded program administered by the State. Provided below, is a schedule of virtual public forums that will be hosted by MVPO staff over zoom. This notice also provides a wealth of valuable information that can be used to determine how your organization would like to move forward in regard to this grant opportunity.

CDBG-CV Public Forums

In observance of all COVID-19 impacts and regulations, the public forums that are typically held in person will only be hosted in a virtual setting via zoom. Three (3) of these presentations are hosted to ensure that all who would like to attend are able to. If you are unable to access this zoom meeting please contact MVPO staff to schedule an small, private in-person presentation (max. 3 people per in person meeting). A presentation will also be recorded and unloaded to www.mvpo.org.

These public forums will go into provide more detail on the CDBG-CV facts provided throughout this notice. Time at the end of these presentations will be provided for a public Q&A session.

Thursday, October 22, 2020 | 9:00AM | &12:00 PM

Monday, October 26,2020 | 6:00PM

Zoom Link: HTTPS://ZOOM.US/K/7594628169



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PROJECT FEASIBILITY:

All projects must be clearly designed to prevent, prepare for or respond to the COVID- 19 pandemic. Projects should not have received another source of funds to pay for the same purpose and must be willing to attest to it.

PROJECTS TIMELINE:

Projects must be completed within the timeframe in the agreement which is anticipated to be up to two years.

Some types of projects that are eligible include:

Public Facilities:

- HVAC system/window upgrades at senior centers, libraries, community centers, nursing care facilities, homeless/domestic violence shelters, schools, childcare centers, public health centers etc. to remove germs, bacteria, and viruses and improve air quality and circulation.
- Building modifications at food pantries or other entities that provide food storage and preparation services for group meals or home delivery to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. Building modifications will allow additional space for food storage and preparation to meet increased demand, increase food safety and preservation, and improve operational efficiencies.
- Building modifications (e.g. divider walls/partitions, drivethrough/walk-up windows) to allow for social distancing and improve safe, in-person interaction at senior centers, libraries, community centers, nursing care facilities, homeless/domestic violence shelters, childcare centers, schools, public health centers etc.
- Site modifications at public facilities to facilitate remote access, curbside pick-up or increased demand.

Public Services:

- Emergency monthly housing payments. Funds provided for rent or mortgage, and eligible utility costs on behalf of LMI households. The payments are made directly to the vendors for up to six consecutive months.
- Equipment purchase (e.g. ovens, blast chillers, delivery vehicles) for food pantries or other entities that provide food storage and preparation services for group meals or home delivery to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons to meet increased demand and improve preparation and delivery safety and efficiency.
- Personal protective equipment and materials to facilitate contactless



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delivery for employees and clients at senior centers, libraries, community centers, nursing care facilities, homeless/domestic violence shelters, childcare centers, schools, public health centers etc. to improve safety in providing essential services to low-and moderate-income (LMI) community residents.

- Hotel vouchers to provide isolated, quarantined, safe, noncongregate accommodations for homeless individuals and families or victims of domestic violence due to increased demand or unsafe congregate living environment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Labor costs (salary and benefits) for new or existing employees
 administering eligible public services for low- and moderate-income
 (LMI) residents such as a teacher or education coordinator for
 remote learning, director/staff to oversee new temporary or overflow
 homeless shelter or domestic violence facility, staff to provide meal
 preparation and delivery services for food pantry, senior coordinators
 or home health care staff to conduct onsite wellness visits and
 provide additional services to seniors and severely disabled adults,
 legal aid staff to assist with foreclosure prevention.
- Cleaning equipment and services for senior centers, libraries, community centers, nursing care facilities, homeless/domestic violence shelters, childcare centers, schools, public health centers, public transit etc. with frequent public access required for providing services.

For a project to be eligible for CDBG funding it must meet one of the "National Objectives" of the CDBG program. The project must either:

- A. Benefit Low- and Moderate-Income Persons
- B. Aid in the Elimination of Slums or Blight
- C. Limited Clientele

<u>Members of "Limited Clientele" groups, under certain circumstances, also</u> qualify as Low- and Moderate-Income. The LMI Clientele groups are:

- 1. Abused Children
- 2. Battered Spouses
- 3. Elderly persons
- 4. Adults meeting the Bureau of the Census' Current Population Reports definition of "severely disabled"
- 5. Homeless persons
- 6. Illiterate adults
- 7. Persons living with AIDS
- 8. Migrant farm workers
- 9. Programs which have eligibility requirements which limit the benefits of an activity to LMI persons



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We are requesting all entities who plan to submit a proposal to contact Christina Deehr at 419-784-3882 or planner2@mvpo.org to discuss your application so we can help with any questions.

Attached is the MAUMEE VALLEY PLANNING ORGANIZATION CDBG PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM which should be used for the presentation of projects that wish to be considered for the CDBG funding and submitted to planner2@mvpo.org or mailed to:

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