## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

## NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) notified the Nevada Non-Entitlement CDBG Program that it received a formula allocation in the amount of \$2,049,574 from the first round of CDBG-CV funding to be used specifically for the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the Coronavirus. The allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed on March 27, 2020. Of that allocation, \$161,488 was allowed for Administration and Technical Assistance. This amount could be allocated to projects at a later date.

The State of Nevada accepted applications from rural cities under 50,000 in population and rural counties under 200,000 in population. Clark County, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Reno and Sparks are Entitlement communities and receive separate allocations and conduct separate application processes. Applications for the Non-Entitlement areas were due on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by 5:00 p.m. The CDBG Advisory Committee met on September 1, 2020 and recommended funding for projects in the amount of \$1,229,784 for the CDBG-CV #1 (a) round of funding. Funding in the amount of \$658,302 is available for a second round of applications for CDBG-CV (b).

The Method of Distribution (MoD) follows the 2020 CDBG guidelines, with some flexibilities provided for the CDBG-CV funds. They are:

- (1) An expedited application and review process;
- (2) A shortened public comment period;
- (3) Lifting of the 15% cap on public services.

Please refer to the CDBG website listed below and the 2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment for CDBG-CV, as well as ESG-CV and HOPWA-CV amendments. The Citizens' Participation Plan also has been revised to reflect the 5-day Public Comment Period.

https://www.diversifynevada.com/programs-incentives/rural-community-economic-development/cbdg/

The CDBG-CV #1 (b) application process will open September 28, 2020; applications will be accepted until November 30, 2020. Refer to the attached Quick Guide to CDBG Eligible Activities. The CDBG-CV Guidebook for Round #1 and the application packet are posted to the above website and will serve as the documents for CDBG-CV #1 (b) as well. Cities and Counties may submit two applications and sponsor two applications from non-profits. A CDBG-CV Application Virtual Workshop will be held the first or second week in October. Details will follow.

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