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CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

STAFF REPORT

From: Kristin Styles, Community Development Director
Date: May 20, 2020
Subject: CDBG-CV Funds and Approval of PY19 CARES Act Amendment

A public hearing will be held on the use of Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds as part of the PY19 Cumberland County CARES Act Amendment. A final vote will be need by the Commissioners to endorse the CARES Act Amendment. The Amendment will be submitted to HUD on May 22nd.

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Identify CDBG-CV grant funds
2. Review the application process for selecting CDBG-CV projects
3. Familiarize you with the projects and programs recommended for funding
4. Provide an update on additional CARES Act – funds that may become available.

Available Grant Funds

On April 6th, the Cumberland County Community Development office was been informed that we will receive \$920,165 from the first wave of CARES Act funds. Staff worked with the County Manager, County EMA, Municipal Oversight Committee (MOC), Town of Bridgton, and City of South Portland to determine focus areas for the funding. Staff also coordinated with the State of Maine’s CDBG program and other Maine Entitlements to increase our coordination of services.

CDBG-CV Allocation: *Cumberland County will receive \$920,165*

The total allocation is divided into four components:

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| 1. <u>Total Administrative Costs:</u> | \$ 35,000 |
| 2. <u>County Community & Regional Grants:</u> | \$520,349 |
| 3. <u>Town of Bridgton Activities:</u> | \$113,219 |
| 4. <u>City of South Portland Activities:</u> | \$251,597 |

I. Accepting and Selecting Applications

In an effort to streamline the CDBG application process and get the funds into our community as quick as possible. Community Development staff proposed releasing one application for the entire Cumberland County Entitlement Jurisdiction. The attached memo was sent to the Municipal Oversight Committee (MOC), the City of South Portland, and the Town of Bridgton. Originally, the

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MOC, South Portland, and Bridgton all voted in favor of the one application process. Bridgton later voted to withdraw from the one application process and released their own CDBG-CV application, specifically for Bridgton.

On April 24th, staff released the CCEJ CDBG-CV application to the public. Per the direction of the MOC, the application encouraged county-wide applications from non-profit service providers in the following categories: Food Assistance, Homeless Prevention, Rental/Mortgage assistance, Job Creation/Retention, and Microenterprise Assistance.

The process for selecting the County and South Portland applications for CDBG-CV:

- Applications were made available on April 24, 2020
- Final applications were submitted by May 11, 2020

Following submission, applications were distributed to the CDBG-CV Application Review Team made up of members from the Municipal Oversight Committee, South Portland Community Development Advisory Committee, and the South Portland City Council. Team members were: Tom Gruber- (Cumberland); Scott LaFlamme – (Yarmouth); Theo Holtwijk, (Falmouth); Kathy Tombarelli (Gray); Anton Hoecker (South Portland); April Carichhio (South Portland); and Eli Rubin (South Portland).

Team members reviewed the applications and assigned scores based upon the following criteria.

CDBG-CV Program Applications

Project description.....	15 points
Need for the Project	35 points
Project management.....	10 points
Project Budget	10 point
Readiness to proceed	20 points
Partnership/Collaboration	20 points

Raw scores were totaled and converted to group ordinal rankings. The results of the collective rank order of applications became the basis for the allocation of funds.

Town of Bridgton:

After withdrawing from the County wide application on April 28, the Town of Bridgton conducted their CDBG-CV application process in a similar manner to their regular CDBG funds.

- Applications were made available on May 2, 2020
- Final applications were submitted by May 6, 2020



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Following submission, applications were distributed to the Bridgton Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC). Three applications were submitted and the CDAC recommended full funding for all three applications to the Bridgton Board of Selectmen on May 12, 2020. The Bridgton Board of Selectmen voted to approve the CDAC's recommendations.

II. Projects, Programs & Activities Recommended for Funding

A total of 17 applications were submitted. Below is a list of all applications and funding recommendations. A total of 13 projects are recommend for funding. All projects meet the CDBG-CV project requirements of serving low to moderate income individuals AND preventing, preparing for, or responding to the coronavirus. A copy of all applications are available through the County's CDBG website. <http://www.cumberlandcounty.org/490/Current-Applications>. Public Comment on all recommendations will be accepted until close of business on May 21st.

<u>Applicants</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>South Portland</u>	<u>Bridgton</u>
BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS				
GPCOG	Job Creation Program	\$99,365.00	\$50,000.00	
GPCOG	Microenterprise Assistance Program	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Town of Raymond	Raymond Small Businesses	\$0		
RENTAL/MORTGAGE PROGRAM				
Bridgton Navigator	Rental and Utility Program			\$63,219.00
Opportunity Alliance	Homeless Prevention Program	\$129,000.00	\$86,000.00	
Through These Doors	Project Safe Reentry	\$47,413.00		
FOOD PROGRAMS				
Bridgton Navigator	Food Assistance Program			\$44,000.00
My Place Teen Center	Daily Mobile Food Pantry	\$48,000.00		
SMAA	Meals On Wheels Program	\$55,900.00	\$9,100.00	
So. Po. Food Cupboard	Covid-19 Response Program		\$35,000.00	
Town of Raymond	Raymond Food Pantry Program	\$10,000.00		
Vineyard Church	Food Pantry	\$0		
OTHER PROGRAMS				
Bridgton Navigator	Temporary Shelter Program			\$6,000.00
City of South Portland	General Assistance		\$21,497.00	
City of Westbrook	Public Health Specialist- Covid19	\$0		
Cumberland County EMA	CCEMA Emergency Shelter Supplies	\$30,671.00		
Long Island	Wellness Center Telehealth Program	\$0		
	Total:	\$520,349.00	\$251,597.00	\$113,219.00

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CARE Act Funds Overview

The CDBG portion of the CARE Act funds have been divided into three portions:

1. \$2 billion will be distributed using the existing formula. – *The County received \$920,165 from this wave. The distribution of these funds is the current item in front of the Commissioners.*
2. \$1 billion would go to states based on a formula developed by HUD for COVID-19 (the states will then allocate to both entitlement and non-entitlement communities). *The State of Maine has received \$4.4million, we have not been told how much of the \$4.4million will come to Cumberland County.*
3. \$2 billion will go to the states and localities based on a similar formula to wave 2 funds. *HUD does not have a statutory deadline on the distribution of this wave.*

The House will be voting on an additional \$5 billion in CDBG funds sometime in the next few weeks, this bill is expected to change significantly once it reaches the Senate.

<u>Applicants</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Average Score</u>	<u>County Request</u>	<u>SoPo Request</u>	<u>Bridgton Request</u>	<u>County Recommendation</u>	<u>SoPo Recommendation</u>	<u>Bridgton Recommendations</u>
BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS								
GPCOG	Job Creation Program	83.43	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$99,365.00	\$50,000.00	
GPCOG	Microenterprise Assistance Program	92.00	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Town of Raymond	Rebuilding Raymond Small Businesses	63.29	\$35,000.00					

RENTAL/MORTGAGE PROGRAM								
Bridgton Resource Navigator	Rental and Utilty Program	N/A			\$63,219.00			\$63,219.00
The Opportunity Alliance	Homeless Prevention Program	87.86	\$129,000.00	\$86,000.00		\$129,000.00	\$86,000.00	
Through These Doors	Project Safe Reentry	88.71	\$47,413.00			\$47,413.00		

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Bridgton Resource Navigator	Food Assistance Program	N/A			\$44,000.00			\$44,000.00
My Place Teen Center	Daily Mobile Food Pantry & Wellness Checks	86.43	\$48,000.00			\$48,000.00		
SMAA	Meals On Wheels Program	89.29	\$55,900.00	\$9,100.00		\$55,900.00	\$9,100.00	
So. Portland Food Cupboard	Covid-19 Response Program	85.71		\$35,000.00			\$35,000.00	
Town of Raymond	Raymond Food Pantry Program	78.57	\$20,000.00			\$10,000.00		
Vineyard Church	Food Pantry	49.71	\$10,000.00					

OTHER PROGRAMS								
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Bridgton Resource Navigator	Temporary Shelter Program	N/A			\$6,000.00			\$6,000.00
City of South Portland	General Assistance	93.57		\$10,000.00			\$21,497.00	
City of Westbrook	Public Health Specialist for Coronavirus	66.29	\$111,073.00					
Cumberland County EMA	CCEMA Emergency Shelter Supplies	88.29	\$30,671.00			\$30,671.00		
Long Island	Wellness Center Telehealth Program	74.57	\$15,500.00					

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Available Funds:	\$520,349.00	\$251,597.00	\$113,219.00