

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

**THE NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON CARES ACT  
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT 2  
TO THE  
2019-2020 ANNUAL UPDATE  
TO THE  
2018-2023 CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
(2019 ACTION PLAN – PROGRAM YEAR 2)**

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The Metropolitan Government of  
Nashville and Davidson County  
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**Substantial Amendment 2 to the 2019-2020 Annual Update**

**to the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan**

**(2019 Action Plan – Program Year 2)**

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## Executive Summary

### ES-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

#### 1. Introduction

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Public Law 116-136 was signed by President Trump on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Act identified additional funds from Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs administered by The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV), to be used to respond to the Coronavirus outbreak. HUD's distribution plan for this additional funding included multiple phases; an initial phase to allow quick access to funding to address the immediate crisis of the rising pandemic and later phases to support on-going pandemic prevention and recovery efforts.

The Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) is designated as the lead agency for the development and administration of the Consolidated Plan and its' related programs, including funds provided via the CARES Act. Within MDHA, these functions are undertaken by the Community Development Department.

To expedite access to the initial and subsequent CARES funding allocations, HUD directed Grantees to prepare substantial amendments to their latest, approved action plan, which was the 2019-2020, Program Year (PY), Action Plan (AP) for Metro Nashville-Davidson County, to allocate the funds to eligible activities/projects. This Nashville-Davidson CARES Act substantial amendment 2 to the 2019-2020, Program Year (PY) 2, Action Plan (AP) incorporates the CDBG-CV, CARES Act funding being received in the round three (3) allocation, describes the projects/activities for use of the funds, methods to distribute the funds, and serves as Metro Nashville's application to access the funds.

HUD guidance for accessing CARES funds allowed grantees to amend their Consolidated Plan, Citizen Participation Plan to allow a five (5) day public comment period in order to access the funds as quickly as possible. Therefore, concurrent with Nashville-Davidson CARES Act substantial amendment 1 to the 2019-2020 AP, MDHA prepared substantial amendment 3 to the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan that amended the Citizen Participation Plan to allow this expedited public comment period.

Metro Nashville-Davidson County received notification on September 11, 2020 that we would receive \$5,940,972 in CDBG-CV dollars from round three (3) of CARES Act funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus outbreak in Metro Nashville-Davidson County. A copy of this award letter is included in Appendix C of this amended

action plan. This Nashville-Davidson CARES Act substantial amendment 2 to the 2019-2020, Program Year (PY) 2, Action Plan (AP) allocates the CARES Act, CDBG-CV funds from the round three (3) allocation to the following eligible activities:

- \$700,000 - to be used to reimburse Metro Nashville for allowable cost associated with opening and operating a social distancing shelter at the Metro Nashville Fairgrounds on March 26, 2020 for the homeless; opening and operating a separate isolation/quarantine shelter at the Fairgrounds in early April 2020 for the homeless, and opening a second social distancing shelter for homeless women at the Municipal Auditorium on June 22, 2020. The purpose of opening and operating these shelters was to allow social distancing in the local homeless shelter system and to offer safe isolation quarters for people experiencing homelessness who tested positive for COVID and not sick enough to be hospitalized or awaiting test results, but did not have an option to self-isolate safely.
- \$4,646,875 – to make grants and/or loans to assist nonprofit and for profit entities to acquire and/or rehabilitate properties, to be used as permanent supportive housing for the homeless population. Funds can also be used for ancillary activities, as applicable, such as relocation and project delivery costs. The percentage of units occupied by LMI will be in accordance with the CDBG regulations at 24 CFR, part 570.208(a)(B)(3)(i)(B) and (C).for housing activities. Funds will be awarded through a competitive RFA process.
- \$594,097 – 10% of the CDBG-CV round 3 allocation to be used for program oversight and administration thru June 2026. Activities include monitoring, reporting, program evaluation, fair housing activities, and the development of the Consolidated Plan and annual updates and amendments. Planning includes studies, analysis, data gathering, and preparation of plans to help prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

## **2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan**

As part of substantial amendment 3 to the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan, MDHA added a 7<sup>th</sup> priority goal to the Strategic Plan of Disaster Mitigation/Recovery in response to COVID-19 to be used to track outcomes for activities related to COVID-19, as needed, through the remaining time covered by the plan.

The priority goal of Disaster/Mitigation/Recovery in response to COVID-19 includes the priority needs listed below for the COVID-19 response and implementation. Projects and activities funded via round three (3) of the CDBG-CV of the CARES Act dollars were established based on input from community stakeholders and are shown in the AP20, AP35 and AP38 sections of this substantial amendment 2.

- COVID-19 Prevention Measure Opportunities
- COVID-19 Mitigation Preparation Opportunities
- COVID-19 Mitigation Response Opportunities
- COVID-19 Specific Administration and Planning

Specific objectives related to each COVID-19 goal are discussed in Section AP 20 of this substantial amendment 2.

### **3. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process**

To ensure the activities and use of round three (3) CDBG-CV CARES Act funds best align with the needs of the community, considering funding constraints and resources anticipated to be available from other resources, MDHA consulted with Metro Departments and various agencies in the community providing services to respond to the Coronavirus to obtain input prior to preparing this substantial amendment 2.

To determine the best use of the round three (3) of the CDBG-CV funds, MDHA worked with representatives from the Mayor's office, the Metro Homeless Planning Council and Metro Nashville's Office of Emergency Management to determine local needs that were eligible for funding and/or reimbursement from CDBG-CV funds that would not be funded from other resources such as FEMA, TEMA, etc. See number 1. in the PR-15, Executive Summary section of this Nashville-Davidson CARES Act substantial amendment 2 to the 2019-2020 AP for additional detail.

### **4. Summary of public comments**

A summary of public comments on the draft substantial amendment 2 to the 2019 Action Plan received at the virtual public hearing held on December 22, 2020 is provided in Appendix B.

### **5. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

A summary of public comments or views received during the public hearing that were not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them is included in summary of public comments (Appendix B).

### **6. Summary**

The Coronavirus Pandemic has wreaked havoc on residents of Metro Nashville-Davidson County with the following statistics reported as of **December 17, 2020**:

- Metro Public Health Department (MPHD) officials announced a total number of 58,939 confirmed cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Nashville/Davidson County.
- A total of 418 people have died after a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- 52,459 individuals have recovered from the virus.

The economic toll for Metro Nashville-Davidson County is yet to be quantified, with the loss of revenue from shuttered businesses, not to mention lost revenue from multiple cancelled events such as the South Eastern Conference (SEC) Basketball Tournament, concerts, etc. All of these closings and cancelations have resulted in lost wages to income earners in all categories, however, those in the restaurant and hospitality service industry have been hit particularly hard.

### PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

#### 1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

MDHA is responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and amendments thereto and the administration of each grant program and funding source, including the funding provided via the CARES Act.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG-CV Administrator	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON	MDHA Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

### Narrative

By Resolution R94-1326, the Metropolitan Council designated MDHA as the lead agency responsible for the development and administration of the Consolidated Plan and its related grant programs. These functions are undertaken by MDHA’s Community Development Department.

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## **PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)**

### **1. Introduction**

See number 1. In the ES-05, Executive Summary section of this Nashville-Davidson CARES Act substantial amendment 2 to the 2019-2020 AP.

## **PR-15 Citizen Participation**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation**

#### **Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

Metro Nashville's 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan was finalized after an extensive Citizen's Participation process consisting of five (5) Consolidated Plan Workgroup meetings, seven (7) community meetings/public input sessions, and 13 stakeholder consultations, with 181 persons and 84 agencies/groups/organizations participating in the development of the final plan to ensure it truly addressed the needs in Metro Nashville. Three (3) of the priorities identified in the plan are to:

- Increase the number of decent, safe affordable units and help low and moderate income households access affordable;
- Preserve existing affordable housing units and help low and moderate income households retain housing; and
- Support facilities and services for the homeless and persons with HIV/AIDS.

Page SP48 of the SP-60 Homeless Strategy section of the Consolidated Plan provides the following: "The most urgent strategy is to develop low-income affordable housing and expand support services for the most vulnerable populations to avoid their return to homelessness." This section of the Consolidated Plan goes on to elaborate that the Nashville community identified the need for more investment in numerous programs to support the homeless population, one being Permanent Supportive Housing.

To further support the need for additional permanent supportive housing, the CoC Performance report for 2019 showed a decrease in bed inventory and while the overall homeless count decreased, the number of unsheltered remained the same. The 2019 CoC Performance report doesn't include data for 2020, but with COVID-19 there will likely be an increase of unsheltered homeless with no increase in permanent inventory.

Additionally, comments on the draft substantial amendment 2 to the 2019 Action Plan were obtained during the public comment period (December 18 through December 30, 2020) and at the virtual public hearing that was held on December 22, 2020. Details about the public hearing are provided in the Public Notice provided in Appendix A of this substantial amendment 2.

Following the conclusion of the Public Comment Period, substantial amendment 2 to the 2019 Action Plan incorporating the CDBG-CV round three (3) of CARES Act funding will be presented to the Metropolitan Council for approval, prior to submittal to HUD.

The Public Notice was advertised in *The Tennessean*, *The Tribune*, and *El Crucero* (a Spanish newspaper). In addition, the Notice was posted at MDHA's website ([www.nashville-mdha.org](http://www.nashville-mdha.org)). A copy of the notice is provided in Appendix A. The Notice was widely distributed via email to over 800 partners, government officials, nonprofit organizations, businesses, neighborhood groups, and citizens, whose email addresses have been provided to MDHA, and was sent to the Mayor's Office, and Members of the Metro Council. The public comment period, public hearing and reminders were publicized via MDHA's social media outlets. The public comment period opened on December 18 and ran through December 30, 2020. A virtual public hearing was held on December 22, 2020.

Comments on the draft substantial amendment 2 to the 2019 Action Plan obtained during the public comment period are provided in Appendix B.

#### Reasonable Accommodation

Information on how persons with disabilities or sensory impairments or in need of translation services could request accommodation was provided in the Public Notice and posted on the Consolidated Plan webpage in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic, and Somali. MDHA will make every effort to accommodate reasonable requests.

The results of these outreach efforts are summarized in the following Table.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad (The Tennessean)	Non-targeted/broad Community	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2	Newspaper Ad (The Tribune)	Minorities	N/A	N/A	N/A	
3	Newspaper Ad (El Crucero)	Non-English Speaking (Spanish)	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4	Internet Outreach (MDHA Website)	Non-targeted/broad Community	N/A	N/A	N/A	<a href="http://www.nashville-mdha.org">www.nashville-mdha.org</a>
5	Internet Outreach (Social Media)	Non-targeted/broad Community	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9	Virtual Public Hearing December 22, 2020	Non-targeted/broad community	See Appendix B	See Appendix B	See Appendix B	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

HUD released round three (3) of the CDBG-CV CARES Act allocation on September 11, 2020. The amounts listed in the table below is based on the round three (3) CDBG-CV allocation. CDBG Program Income (PI) is estimated at 0 for the round three (3) CDBG-CV allocation.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Use of Funds	Round 3 Allocation - \$	Program Income \$	Prior Year Resources \$	Total \$	Expected Amount \$ Available Remainder of Con Plan	Narrative Description
CDBG-CV	Public Federal	Public Services, Housing, Admin	\$5,940,972	\$0	\$0	\$5,940,972	\$0	Amount based on September 11, 2020 Round 3 CDBG-CV Allocation

Table 56 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2) Priority

Needs Table 50 –

Priority Needs Summary

**10 Priority Need Name** COVID-19 Prevention Measure Opportunities

**Priority Level** - High

**Population-** Extremely Low, Low, Moderate, Large Families, Families with Children, Elderly, Chronic Homelessness Individuals, Families with Children, Mentally Ill, Chronic Substance Abuse, Veterans, Elderly, Frail Elderly, Persons with Mental Disabilities, Persons with Physical Disabilities, Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions

**Geographic Areas Affected** Countywide

**Associated Goals** Disaster Mitigation/Recovery in response to COVID-19

**Description** In order to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus outbreak as a condition of the CARES Act, additional priority need and goals have been added to the Consolidated Plan and 2019 Action Plan to address the concerns.

**Basis for Relative Priority** This is a new priority added to the Consolidated Plan as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**11 Priority Need Name** COVID-19 Mitigation Preparation Opportunities

**Priority Level** - High

**Population-** Extremely Low, Low, Moderate, Large Families, Families with Children, Elderly, Chronic Homelessness Individuals, Families with Children, Mentally Ill, Chronic Substance Abuse, Veterans, Elderly, Frail Elderly, Persons with Mental Disabilities, Persons with Physical Disabilities, Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions

**Geographic Areas Affected** Countywide

**Associated Goals** Disaster Mitigation/Recovery in response to COVID-19

**Description** In order to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus outbreak as a condition of the CARES Act, additional priority need and goals have been added to the Consolidated Plan and 2019 Action Plan to address the concerns.

**Basis for Relative Priority** This is a new priority added to the Consolidated Plan as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**12 Priority Need Name** COVID-19 Mitigation Response Opportunities

**Priority Level** - High

**Population-** Extremely Low, Low, Moderate, Large Families, Families with Children, Elderly, Chronic Homelessness Individuals, Families with Children, Mentally Ill, Chronic Substance Abuse, Veterans, Elderly, Frail Elderly, Persons with Mental Disabilities, Persons with Physical Disabilities, Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions

**Geographic Areas Affected** Countywide

**Associated Goals** Disaster Mitigation/Recovery in response to COVID-19

**Description** In order to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus outbreak as a condition of the CARES Act, additional priority need and goals have been added to the Consolidated Plan and 2019 Action Plan to address the concerns.

**Basis for Relative Priority** This is a new priority added to the Consolidated Plan as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**13 Priority Need Name** COVID-19 Specific Administration and Planning

**Priority Level** - High

**Population-** Extremely Low, Low, Moderate, Large Families, Families with Children, Elderly, Chronic Homelessness Individuals, Families with Children, Mentally Ill, Chronic Substance Abuse, Veterans, Elderly, Frail Elderly, Persons with Mental Disabilities, Persons with Physical Disabilities, Persons with Developmental Disabilities, Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions

**Geographic Areas Affected** Countywide

**Associated Goals** Disaster Mitigation/Recovery in response to COVID-19

**Description** In order to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus outbreak as a condition of the CARES Act, additional priority need and goals have been added to the Consolidated Plan and 2019 Action Plan to address the concerns.

**Basis for Relative Priority** This is a new priority added to the Consolidated Plan as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)**

Goal 7 listed in the following table has been added as an additional five year goal of the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Disaster Mitigation Recovery/ Response to COVID-19	2020	2021	Public Services	Countywide	COVID-19 Mitigation Response Opportunities	\$700,000	Homeless Persons – Shelter Operations – approximately 600 persons
7	Disaster Mitigation Recovery/ Response to COVID-19	2021	2026	Housing	Countywide	COVID-19 Prevention Response Opportunities	\$4,646,875	Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless Persons – 10 to 25 units
7	Disaster Mitigation Recovery/ Response to COVID-19	2021	2026	Administration & Planning	Countywide	COVID-19 Specific Administration and Planning	\$594,097- from CDBG-CV round 3	N/A – 10% of round 3 CDBG-CV allocation for program oversight, monitoring activities thru June 2026

**Table 57 – Goals Summary**

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d) Introduction

### Projects

The following are proposed projects to be undertaken with Round 3 CDBG-CV CARES Act utilizing 2020 allocations.

#	Project Name
27	CDBG-CV - Administration & Planning
31	CDBG-CV – Public Services – Homeless Shelter Operations
32	CDBG-CV – Acquisition/Rehab/Ancillary Activities to provide Permanent Supportive Housing for the Homeless

**Table 58 - Project Information**

### **Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs**

Funding priorities for CDBG-CV Round 3 CARES Act funds were established after community input based on underserved needs.

Not only are funding priorities intended to address underserved needs as identified through public input, they are designed for implementation to be feasible and effective.

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

<b>27</b>	<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>CDBG-CV ADMIN AND PLANNING</b>
	<b>TARGET AREA</b>	<b>COUNTYWIDE</b>
	<b>GOALS SUPPORTED</b>	Disaster Mitigation and Recovery in Response to COVID-19
	<b>NEEDS ADDRESSED</b>	COVID-19 Specific Administration and Planning
	<b>FUNDING</b>	CDBG-CV: \$906,684 (Amount includes 10% of the CDBG-CV round 3 allocation and 10% of CDBG-CV round 1 allocation for administration and planning).
	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Funding to be used for oversight and administration of CDBG-CV programs thru June 2026. Activities including monitoring, reporting, program evaluation, fair housing activities, and the development of the Consolidated Plan and annual updates and amendments thru June 2026. Planning includes studies, analysis, data gathering, and preparation of plans to help prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).
	<b>TARGET DATE</b>	6-30-2026
	<b>ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF FAMILIES THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</b>	N/A

27	<b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION</b>	Countywide
	<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES</b>	Funds to be used by MDHA as the lead agency for staff time spent on the development and administration of the Consolidated Plan programs specific to CDBG-CV funds. Administrative activities include grant management, monitoring, budgeting, and planning and executing CDBG- CV eligible activities thru June 2026. MDHA may choose to partner with another entity to undertake eligible planning activities.

31	<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>CDBG-CV PUBLIC SERVICES – HOMELESS SHELTER OPERATIONS</b>
	<b>TARGET AREA</b>	<b>COUNTYWIDE</b>
	<b>GOALS SUPPORTED</b>	Disaster Mitigation and Recovery in Response to COVID-19
	<b>NEEDS ADDRESSED</b>	COVID-19 Mitigation Response Opportunities
	<b>FUNDING</b>	\$700,000
	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Funds will be used to reimburse Metro Nashville for allowable cost associated with opening and operating extra shelter space in Metro Nashville to prevent and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The purpose of opening and operating these shelters was to allow social distancing in the local homeless shelter system and to offer safe isolation quarters for people experiencing homelessness who tested positive for COVID and not sick enough to be hospitalized or awaiting test results, but did not have an option to self-isolate safely.

<b>31</b>	<b>TARGET DATE</b>	March 2020 – May 2021
	<b>ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF FAMILIES THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</b>	Approximately 600 – Limited Clientele - Homeless
	<b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION</b>	Countywide
	<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES</b>	Metro Nashville opened a social distancing shelter at the Metro Nashville Fairgrounds on March 26, 2020 for the homeless; opened and operated a separate isolation/quarantine shelter at the Fairgrounds in early April 2020 for the homeless, and opened a second social distancing shelter for homeless women at the Municipal Auditorium on June 22, 2020.

<b>32</b>	<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>CDBG-CV – Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Ancillary Activities to provide Permanent Supportive Housing for the Homeless</b>
	<b>TARGET AREA</b>	<b>COUNTYWIDE</b>
	<b>GOALS SUPPORTED</b>	Disaster Mitigation and Recovery in Response to COVID-19
	<b>NEEDS ADDRESSED</b>	COVID-19 Prevention Response Opportunities

<b>32</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>	CDBG-CV - \$4,646,875
	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Acquisition/Rehabilitation and Ancillary activities necessary to increase the supply of permanent supportive housing for Metro Nashville’s homeless population
	<b>TARGET DATE</b>	5/31/2026
	<b>ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF FAMILIES THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</b>	10 to 25 units - Limited Clientele - Homeless
	<b>LOCATION DESCRIPTION</b>	Countywide
	<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES</b>	Provide grants and/or loans to assist nonprofit and for profit entities to acquire and/or rehabilitate properties to be used to be used to provide permanent supportive housing for the homeless population, with a preference to house the “chronically” homeless. Funds can also be used for ancillary activities, as applicable, such as relocation and project delivery costs. The percentage of units occupied by LMI will be in accordance with the CDBG regulations at 24 CFR, part 570.208(a)(B)(3)(i)(B) and (C).for housing activities. Funds will be awarded through a competitive RFA process or open application process.

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

All CARES Act activities will provided throughout Metro Nashville-Davidson County

## **Appendix A**

### **Public Notice**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) is making substantial amendment 2 to the 2019 Action Plan (AP) of the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to incorporate Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Round 3, CARES Act funds. The public is hereby notified that these amendments are available for review through this notice.

**Virtual Public Hearing:** MDHA will host a virtual public hearing on these amendments at:

**10 a.m. CST Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020, via WebEx**

The link to the WebEx is listed below:

<https://bit.ly/MDHADec22>

**Public Comment Period:** The draft substantial amendment 2 to the 2019 Action Plan of the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to incorporate CDBG-CV Round 3, CARES Act funds was made available for public examination and comment on Dec. 18, 2020.

Members of the public may download copies from MDHA's website at [www.nashville-mdha.org/consolidated-plan](http://www.nashville-mdha.org/consolidated-plan) or request copies by contacting the MDHA Community Development Department at 615-252-8505 or Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at 615-252-8599.

MDHA will receive written comments through 4 p.m. CST, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020.

- Comments may be submitted electronically at [consolidatedplan@nashville-mdha.org](mailto:consolidatedplan@nashville-mdha.org);
- Faxed to 615-252-8533 (Attention: Consolidated Plan);
- Mailed to MDHA Community Development Department, Attention: Consolidated Plan, P.O. Box 846, Nashville, TN 37202. Mailed comments must be postmarked no later than Dec. 30, 2020;
- Hand delivered to MDHA Community Development Department (and follow instructions on door for acceptance of delivery), Attention: Consolidated Plan, 712 S. Sixth St., Nashville, TN 37206.

**Purpose and Anticipated Resources:** This is substantial amendment 2 to the 2019 Action Plan to incorporate CDBG-CV Round 3, CARES Act funds to enable the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to receive and administer \$5,940,972 in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made available through the CDBG-CV, Round 3, CARES Act allocation. This funding will be used for the following activities:

- \$700,000 - to reimburse the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County for allowable cost associated with opening and operating social distancing shelters at the Metro Nashville Fairgrounds and the Municipal Auditorium to allow social distancing in the local homeless shelter system and to offer safe isolation quarters for persons experiencing homelessness who had either tested positive for COVID-19 but their symptoms weren't severe enough to be hospitalized or they awaiting test results but did not have an option to self-isolate safely.
- \$4,646,875 - to make grants and/or loans to assist nonprofit and for-profit entities to acquire and/or rehabilitate properties to be used as permanent supportive housing for persons experiencing homelessness.

- \$594,097 - oversight and administration of CDBG-CV programs, including monitoring, reporting, program evaluation, fair housing activities and the development of updates and amendments to the Consolidated Plan. Planning includes studies, analysis and data gathering as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public notices regarding future amendments to the Consolidated Plan will be printed in local newspapers and posted online on MDHA's website at: [www.nashville-mdha.org/consolidated-plan](http://www.nashville-mdha.org/consolidated-plan)

Substantial amendment 2 to the 2019-2020 is being made available for public comment in accordance with the amended citizen's participation plan approved via substantial amendment 3 to the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan that provides for a five-day public comment period in order to access the funds as quickly as possible.

Request for Accommodations: MDHA makes every effort to provide reasonable accommodations to assist persons with disabilities. Any person needing assistance in accessing this information or who has other needs that require special accommodations may contact 615-252-8562 or TDD at 615-252-8599.

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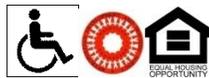
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Statement of Non-Discrimination: MDHA does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, color, national origin, religion, disability or any other legally protected status in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.



## **Appendix B**

### **Public Hearing Comments and Responses**

## List of Attendees of Virtual Public Hearing 12-22

There were no comments received during the Public Hearing or the comment period.

BC	Brooxie Carlton	9:59 AM - 10:07 AM	9 mins	Desktop app
BC	Brooxie Carlton	9:59 AM - 10:07 AM	9 mins	Other
KA	Kent Archer	10:01 AM - 10:07 AM	7 mins	Desktop app
SF	Shelley Fugitt	10:01 AM - 10:07 AM	6 mins	Desktop app
EA	Emel Alexander	10:02 AM - 10:07 AM	5 mins	Desktop app
EA	Emel Alexander	10:02 AM - 10:07 AM	5 mins	Other
2	2024****07	9:57 AM - 9:58 AM	2 mins	Other
6	6152****72	10:05 AM - 10:07 AM	2 mins	Other
BS	Brian E. Sexton	9:41 AM - 9:41 AM	1 min	Desktop app
LF	LaSheakita Fayne	9:37 AM - 10:07 AM	30 mins	Web app
B	Brian	9:42 AM - 10:07 AM	26 mins	Desktop app
T	TREVA	9:52 AM - 10:07 AM	16 mins	Mobile app
T	TREVA	9:52 AM - 10:07 AM	16 mins	Other
BF	Bill Friskics-Warren	9:56 AM - 10:07 AM	12 mins	Desktop app
A	Angela	9:57 AM - 10:07 AM	10 mins	Desktop app
BC	Brooxie Carlton	9:59 AM - 10:07 AM	9 mins	Desktop app
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KA	Kent Archer	10:01 AM - 10:07 AM	7 mins	Desktop app
SF	Shelley Fugitt	10:01 AM - 10:07 AM	6 mins	Desktop app

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## **Appendix C**

### **CDBG-CV Round 3, CARES Act Allocation Notice**



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

September 11, 2020

The Honorable John Cooper  
Mayor of Nashville-Davidson  
1 Public Square  
Suite 100  
Nashville, TN 37201

Dear Mayor Cooper:

I am pleased to inform you of a special allocation to your jurisdiction of Community Development Block Grant funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis.

The CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Of this amount, the Department immediately allocated \$2 billion on March 27, 2020, the same day President Trump signed the Act, based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula; this constituted the first round of CDBG-CV funds. Next, \$1 billion was required by the Act to be allocated to States and insular areas within 45 days of enactment of the Act; HUD accomplished this on May 11, 2020, and this constituted the second round of CDBG-CV funds. Finally, the remaining \$2 billion in CDBG-CV funds was required by the Act to be allocated to states and local governments at the discretion of the Secretary on a rolling basis; HUD accomplished this on September 11, 2020, and this constituted the third round of CDBG-CV funds. Additionally, up to \$10 million will be set aside for technical assistance.

Accordingly, this letter informs you that your jurisdiction's allocation for the third round is \$5,940,972. Your cumulative amount for all allocation rounds is \$9,066,847.

The CARES Act adds additional flexibility for both the CDBG-CV grant and, in some cases, for the annual FY2019 and FY2020 CDBG grants in these unprecedented times. The public comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days, grantees may use virtual public hearings when necessary for public health reasons, the public services cap is suspended during the emergency, and States and local governments may reimburse costs of eligible activities incurred for pandemic response regardless of the date.

In addition, the CARES Act authorizes the HUD Secretary to grant waivers and alternative requirements of statutes and regulations the HUD Secretary administers in connection with the use of CDBG-CV funds and fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG funds (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment). Waivers and alternative

requirements can be granted when necessary to expedite and facilitate the use of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

The CDBG CARES Act Federal Register Notice (FR-6218-N-01) was released on August 10, 2020. The notice describes the allocations and grant procedures applicable to the CDBG-CV grants. It also describes the program flexibilities, waivers, and alternative requirements that apply to the CDBG-CV grants as well as the fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG grants. As further such flexibilities become available, they will be posted on HUD's website and distributed to grantees. The Department will also support grantees with technical assistance.

As you develop your plan for the use of these grant funds, we encourage you to consider approaches that prioritize the unique needs of low- and moderate-income persons and the development of partnerships between all levels of government and the private for-profit and non-profit sectors. You should coordinate with state and local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support state or local pandemic response. CDBG-CV grants will be subject to oversight, reporting, and the requirement that each grantee have adequate procedures to prevent the duplication of benefits (DOB). HUD will provide guidance and technical assistance on DOB, the prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse, and on documenting the impact of this program for beneficiaries.

Reminder, all CPD Grantees must ensure they maintain active Dun and Bradstreet Numbering System (DUNS) numbers in the System for Award Management (SAM) system. Entities must have an active and unexpired DUNS before execution of grant agreements to avoid delays in the obligation of funds- which will delay your ability to drawdown funds in the Integrated Disbursement & Information System (IDIS). Grantees are required to maintain an active SAMs registration by re-activating their DUNS number annually in the SAM system for the entire drawdown period of their grants. DUNS numbers can be registered and renewed each year at the following website: <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>.

The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) is looking forward to working with you to successfully meet the urgent and complex challenges faced by our communities. If you or any member of your staff has questions, please contact your local CPD Field Office Director or [CPDQuestionsAnswered@hud.gov](mailto:CPDQuestionsAnswered@hud.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gibbs", written in a cursive style.

John Gibbs  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Community Planning and Development  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development