

Using CDBG for COVID Response

- CARES Act Funding for CDBG:
 - Existing Open Submission CDBG funds (available immediately): \$6.5 million
 - Approximately \$11 million – Funds expected in the coming weeks
- As of now, DHCD has awarded approximately \$3 million for COVID response
- Current focus on homelessness prevention/housing efforts, food security, & small business recovery

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Eligible Activities

- Provide meals & supplies to ensure food security (meal delivery, boxed meals, equipment to allow drive thru services, PPE, etc.)
- Equipment purchases to create PPE or supplies for healthcare workers
- Provide emergency payment of rent related to homeless assistance (paid directly to the landlord and utility provider over a limited period of time)
- Rent relief or protective equipment for businesses (allow businesses to reopen safely)
- Construction or rehab of structures to be used for isolation shelters, testing or equipment manufacturing (*must have public benefit*)

CDBG COVID-19 Award Examples

- Amherst County: Ventilator Manufacturing (retooling)
- Wise County: Food Security (hot meals delivery)
- James City County: Homeless Services Program
- Page County: Food Hub Pop-Up & Mask Production
- York County, Williamsburg & City of Poquoson: Regional Small Business Recovery

Resources

DHCD COVID-19 Resource Page:

<https://dhcd.virginia.gov/covid-19>

COVID Response Fact Sheet:

<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/Docx/cdbg/cdbg-covid-19-fact-sheet.pdf>

Small Business Recovery Assistance:

<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/Docx/cdbg/cdbg-small-business-recovery-assistance.pdf>

COVID-19 FAQ's:

<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/Docx/cdbg/cdbg-covid-19-faq.pdf>

CDBG Small Business Recovery Assistance

Eligibility:

- All applicants for Small Business Recovery Assistance must be non-entitlement units of local government
- Locally or regionally owned
- 20 or fewer employees

Activities:

- Grant maximum: \$500,000
 - Additional \$300,000 if 30% are Small, Women-owned, and Minority-owned (SWaM)
- Maximum \$5,000 for retooling/technology activities
 - Outdoor dining equipment, sanitization, masks, job training, space and technology upgrades
- Maximum \$10,000 for rent/mortgage relief



Public Hearings

Two public hearings are required

First Public Hearing: solicits input on local community development and housing needs and past use of CDBG funds

Second Public Hearing: solicits input on a locality's specific proposal

**Virtual meetings are acceptable*

Shortened Public Participation timeline – Locality Must Provide Reasonable Notice

<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/Docx/cdbg/cdbg-covid-public-hearing-requirements.pdf>