



CITY OF MERIDIAN

# PY19 ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT

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## Purpose

The CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Of this amount, HUD allocated \$2 billion 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 and this constituted the second round of CDBG-CV funds. The remaining \$2 billion in CDBG-CV funds was allocated to states and local governments at the discretion of the Secretary of HUD on a rolling basis; this constituted the third round of CDBG-CV funds.

The first round of CDBG-CV funding for \$288,106 was approved by Council in the PY19 Action Plan Amendment on April 28, 2020. All funds were directed to public services with a priority on projects for services related to homelessness prevention and stabilization, food security, behavioral health (mental health and substance use disorders), and domestic/intimate partner violence and sexual assault.

HUD allocated an additional \$254,197 under the third round to the City of Meridian for a total of \$542,303 in funds to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19. This amendment will accept the additional funds.

## CDBG-CV Progress

All CDBG-CV funds must be 80% spent by June 4, 2023 and 100% spent by June 4, 2026. As of January 31, 2021 the City has reimbursed \$27,274, which is roughly 9% of the first allocation. The City is currently using CDBG-CV funds for the following projects:

- Jesse Tree of Idaho – Emergency Rental Assistance
- NeighborWorks Boise – Mortgage Assistance
- Terry Reilly – Allumbaugh House

## Use of Additional Funds

Staff will use admin funds to reach out to the community and determine the gaps in service that still exist for those affected by COVID-19. Staff will utilize this information to identify targeted service providers to address those needs.

## Substantial Amendment

The [2017-2021 Consolidated Plan](#) requires a substantial amendment if there is a change in the allocation plan that redirects more than 20 percent of annual funding to a different activity or if funds will be allocated to a project that was not previously approved. Due to the amount of funding allocated to the City during the third round and the fact that we did not request any funds to be used for admin, this project will require a substantial amendment. This process is similar to the approval of an Action Plan and includes a public comment period, public hearing, approval by Council, and adoption of a resolution.

### Summary of Changes

Below is a summary of the changes to the PY19 Action Plan. To see the full PY19 Action Plan with markups, please see link on CDBG Website (link will expire once the public comment period closes, but will be available upon request).

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#### 4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The second amendment was available for public comment from February 26, 2021 to March 23, 2021 with a public hearing being held on March 23, 2021. The City’s Citizen Participation Plan requires a minimum five (5) day public comment period when there is a HUD waiver in place as there is now due to COVID-19. The City has exceeded the five (5) day requirement by providing 25 days for the public comment period. The City published legal notices in two local newspapers (Idaho Statesman and Meridian Press Tribune) and posted the draft Action Plan on the City’s website on February 25, 2021. Presentations of the draft Action Plan and included projects were provided to the public and City Council on March 16, 2021 and March 23, 2021.

#### 5. Summary of public comments

Add comments for second amendment.

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#### Introduction

Meridian will receive an additional \$254,197 under the third round of CDBG funding under the CARES Act for a total of \$542,303. All CDBG-CV funds will be used for public services and to administer the additional funding.

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#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG-CV	Public – federal	Other: To prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus	542,303	0	0	542,303	0	CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus.

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**Goals Summary Information**

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Administration and Fair Housing Activities	2017	2021	Admin			CDBG: \$45,000  CDBG-CV: \$20,000	Other: 0 Other
4	Provide Social Services	2017	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs Low income services		Improvements in Economic Stability Homeownership Opportunities: 80-120 Percent of AMI Rental Assistance and Affordable Rental Units Improved Housing Options and Supportive Services Rental Assistance Programs and Rental Units Service Programs - Low Income and Special Needs	CDBG: \$53,500  Other – CDBG-CV: \$522,303	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 733 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 414 Persons Assisted

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<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	N/A
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	N/A
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$35,000 CDBG-CV: \$20,000

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<b>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CV-Public Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	N/A
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Social Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improvements in Economic Stability Improved Housing Options and Supportive Services Service Programs - Low Income and Special Needs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG-CV: \$522,303
	<b>Description</b>	CDBG public service projects for activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2023

Attachments:

The attachments will be updated to provide public participation information, updated SF-424 (application for funding), and resolution.

## Next Steps

The Action Plan is open for public comment from February 26, 2021 to March 23, 2021. There will be presentations of the Action Plan during the Council workshop on March 16, 2021 and at the regular Council meeting on March 23, 2021. At the end of the presentation on March 23, 2021 there will be a public hearing. The finalized plan will be submitted to Council for approval and adoption of the resolution on April 6, 2021. The plan will then be submitted to HUD by April 9, 2021.