

The purpose of this amendment was to include the additional CARES Act CDBG funds that were allocated to the City of Brockton through the entitlement formula.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Agency types that provide services to persons with disabilities/HIV/Aids and child welfare agency were not consulted because there are no known/active agencies that participated in the Plan process.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

As of March 2020, the City of Brockton received \$841,179.00 in CDBG Care Act entitlement funds to assist with COVID-19 response and recovery. At this time, the City of Brockton plans to use the funds in three general ways; small business assistance, rent and mortgage payment assistance, and nonprofit direct support for the community needs created or increased during this time. In addition to the new funds coming in, the HOME Program has been issued several waivers to increase funding opportunities with the resources currently at hand. As of now, the City of Brockton hopes to utilize these waivers to newly support the decreased ability of many to pay rent.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

In considering funding priorities for this period, the City is attempting to address emergency critical needs, stabilization of foreclosed ownership properties and neighborhoods experiencing significant numbers of foreclosures; deteriorating rental housing stock and the on going need for more low income housing; accessibility modifications to public facilities to enable people with mobility impairments to enjoy public assets and services; improving the vitality of the city's downtown and increasing the appeal of local businesses opportunities; supporting and providing a broad range of public service needs for lower income residents; and supporting other special needs, including housing and supportive services, of Brockton residents.

In assigning priority to projects and need categories the City considers a variety of factors including community input, the community's emerging and critical needs, like the devastating foreclosure trend, significant public facility capital needs, and the service needs of residents; the number of low income

people served; and the number and relative percentage of people in need.

The City of Brockton intends to support efforts to reduce crime; enhance the quality of community life through the provision of better public facilities, neighborhood stabilization efforts, and infrastructure improvements aimed at supporting economic development; and reduce poverty and improve the quality of life for people living at or below the poverty level by expanding economic opportunities and supporting vital social/public service providers and facilities that help create and/or retain jobs. The City will also act to stabilize, improve and increase access to owner occupied housing for low and moderate income residents, including addressing the community's significant needs relating to the foreclosure crisis and stabilize, improve and increase the supply of affordable rental units for low and moderate income community members as well as residents with special housing and service needs.

While this consolidated plan anticipates that priorities may shift as current projects are completed and new projects are added in future years, the 2019 Annual Plan will accomplish these objectives through the following projects.

Projects

#	Project Name
36	Business Assistance
37	Public Facility
38	Housing Cost Payments Assistance
39	Public Services
40	Loss of Rental Income

Table 1 - Project Information

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

As of the amendment of this plan, the City of Brockton has seen an increase in many needs due to COVID-19 exacerbating financial hardship in the community. We have added in projects based on research within the community, to help fill in gaps that are unable to be filled by other funding sources at this time. This will be closely monitored and we will provide further amendments and improvements to ensure we continue to meet the community's greatest needs to the best of our ability.

36	Project Name	Business Assistance
	Target Area	Downtown - Main Street Downtown Corridor/Business District City Wide
	Goals Supported	Promote Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,000,000
	Description	This project is designed to provide grants or loans to local Brockton businesses to boost business, ensure continued business, or add new streams to the business.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We are hoping to assist 60 businesses with these funds, and up to 100 individual families and households with job retention or creation. This will assist working families employed by local businesses and local business owners and their families.
	Location Description	City wide opportunity
Planned Activities	There are two main planned activities with this project. The first comes from the \$1,500,000 in Section 108 Loan Fund, that will be for 3-6 businesses to assist in Kitchen Infrastructure to expand businesses through loans that will be repaid. The second activity is going to be for COVID-19 small business recovery efforts. We are hoping these funds will infiltrate the community and these businesses and allow them to find new ways of continuing business, make up small deficits that are occurring during their continued operations, and recovery to open up again as normal when the nation is ready for that.	
37	Project Name	Public Facility
	Target Area	Census tract 5104, 5108, 5109, 5114 Low and Moderate Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Homeless and At-Risk of Homelessness Services Promote Services that Promotes Self Sufficiency
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000

	Description	This project is to support public facility improvements in the City of Brockton. These improvements should be made to such facilities to improve their capacity, increase community access or use, or make safety or health improvements necessary for continued use/operation.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We are hoping to assist public facility improvements that service or are available to service the entire city at this time, specifically with access to goods and services to maintain basic living needs. With a number of serving at least 10,000 households a year with this amount of funding.
	Location Description	Preferably in a location in downtown at this time, as it is one of the most concentrated areas of low to moderate income families in need making it easier for them to access assistance.
	Planned Activities	
38	Project Name	Housing Cost Payments Assistance
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Prevention Stabilize and Improve At-Risk Neighborhoods Homeless and At-Risk of Homelessness Services Promote Services that Promotes Self Sufficiency
	Needs Addressed	Owner Occupied Housing Rental Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	This project is designed to assist homeowners and renters with housing cost payments during these extra difficult economic times created by COVID-19. It will assist households below 80% AMI with rent, mortgage, or utilities up to a determined limit each fiscal year.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We are hoping that funding this project will assist at least 50 families facing unprecedented temporary financial hardships as this is not designed for long-term assistance of individual households.
	Location Description	City wide assistance

	Planned Activities	Assist households below 80% AMI with rent, mortgage, or utilities up to a determined limit each fiscal year, not designed for long-term assistance of individual households.
39	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Homeless and At-Risk of Homelessness Services Promote Services that Promotes Self Sufficiency
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$41,179
	Description	This project is designed to fund public services in the direct response to COVID-19 needs being created and adding increased needs from the local organizations.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This funded project will assist low and moderate income families in Brockton that have experienced increased need for support from COVID-19 impacts.
	Location Description	City wide
	Planned Activities	Public services providing the direct response to COVID-19 needs being created and adding support for individuals in Brockton experiencing new and increased needs.
40	Project Name	Loss of Rental Income
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Stabilize and Improve At-Risk Neighborhoods Promote Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$200,000
	Description	This project is going to assist with loss of rental income from this COVID-19 period, either with a direct Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program or through assisting previous HOME Program rental projects experiencing a loss of rental income from their tenants.
	Target Date	12/31/2020

<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>With this amount of funding we are hoping to assist at least 40 families renting their homes, facing unprecedented temporary financial hardships as this is not designed for long-term assistance of individual households or 40 HOME Program Rental units.</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>City wide</p>
<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>Assist with loss of rental income from this COVID-19 period, either with a direct Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program or through assisting previous HOME Program rental projects experiencing a loss of rental income from their tenants.</p>