



# **CITY COUNCIL**

## **CBDG-CV3 Funding Allocation and Proposed Budget**

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## Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

- Congress provided \$5 billion in the CARES Act for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- The City of Long Beach received an initial allocation of \$3,618,830 in round one of CDBG-CV1 funding. This funding was used exclusively for the LB CARES Emergency Rental Assistance Program. CDBG-CV2 was an allocation made to states.
- Now in its third funding round, **CDBG-CV3** has awarded the City of Long Beach an allocation of \$4,585,285 for additional COVID-19 response and support to communities impacted by the pandemic.



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## Public Comment

- Pursuant to HUD public notice requirements, details regarding how the City proposes to use its CDBG-CV3 allocation as well as an opportunity for public comment were posted online on the Department of Development Services website.



## Proposed Activities

### **Activity 1: Property Acquisition**

- Approved by City Council on November 17, 2020
- Amount: \$1,392,600
- Description: Acquisition of a 102-unit hotel property located at 1725 Long Beach Boulevard for Project Homekey. The hotel property is intended to be used for interim housing for people experiencing homelessness and in a COVID-19 high-risk category.

## Proposed Activities

### **Activity 2: Residential Rent Repayment Match Program**

- Requested by City Council on June 23, 2020
- Amount: \$645,638
- Description: \$3,000 emergency matching rental assistance payment to lower-income households who have been financially impacted by COVID-19 (job loss, furlough, COVID medical expenses). Serves 215 households.
- Qualified households will be required to contribute a 50% matching rent payment, or up to \$1,500 covering the period of March 2020 through the date the City's payment is made.

## Proposed Activities

### **Activity 3: Commercial Rental Assistance (CDBG-Eligible Area)**

- Requested by City Council on June 23, 2020
- Amount: \$1,000,000
- Description: \$4,000 one-time rental assistance payment for COVID-19-impacted businesses that have been forced to close due to the County/Long Beach Health Order. Businesses must be in a CDBG-Eligible Area. Serves 250 businesses.

## Proposed Activities

### **Activity 4: Lower-Income Artist Assistance**

- Requested by City Council on November 17, 2020
- Amount: \$550,000
- Description: Partner with Long Beach Arts Council to provide \$3,000 grants to low-income artists impacted by COVID-19. Serves 150 individuals. \$450,000 to artists/\$100,000 to Arts Council for implementing and materials/supplies (program delivery).

## Proposed Activities

### **Activity 5: Enhancing Fair Housing Foundation Eviction Assistance**

- Amount: \$40,000
- Description: Increased funding assistance to the Fair Housing Foundation to assist a larger number of Long Beach residents with COVID rent payment and eviction issues.

### **Activity 6: Eviction Assistance Advertising**

- Amount: \$40,000
- Description: Informing the community about the Right to Counsel Program, Stay Housed L.A. County. The Program provides free legal assistance and virtual education assistance to households facing eviction.



## Proposed Activities

### **Activity 7: Administration**

- Amount: \$917,057
- Description: Essential staffing expenses for labor-intensive processing of rental, commercial and artist assistance programs. Income certification, data collection, accounting, and audit requirements as established by HUD.
- Fund staffing costs from previous LB-CARES programs and activities.



**Thank you**

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