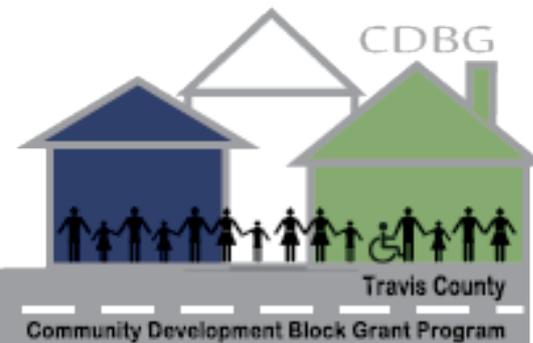


Travis County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Summary of COVID-19 Response: Substantial Amendments to PY19-23 ConPlan and PY19 Action Plan and Amendment to Citizen Participation Plan

Health & Human Services (HHS) Department

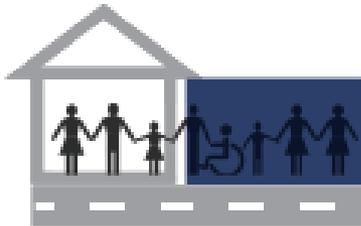
June 9, 2020 Public Hearing





CDBG-CV FUNDS:

To prepare, prevent, and respond to needs related to COVID-19.



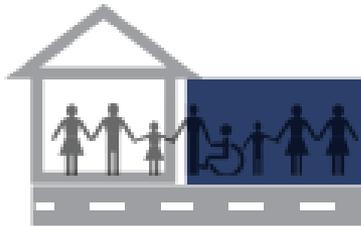
CDBG-CV AMENDMENTS TIMELINE

Timeline

- April 6: HUD issued Travis County CDBG-CV Award Letter- ***\$700,683***
- April 28-May 5: CDBG-CV Needs Survey to Service Providers
- May 5: Commissioner's Court Briefing / Needs Survey closed May 5
- May 12-22: Funding Application for Service Providers
- May 23-29: Application Review and Analysis
- June 4: Public Notice for Substantial Amendments of PY19 Action Plan, PY19-23 ConPlan, and Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)
- June 8-12: Public Comment Period
- June 9: Public Hearing during Commissioner's Court
- June 23: CDBG-CV Projects final approval at Commissioner's Court



NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE



NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY OVERVIEW

Of the 38 respondents:

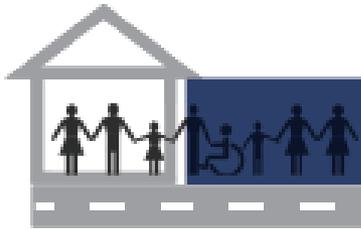
- 19 were staff from non-profit organizations;
- 18 were staff from governmental agencies; and
- 1 was staff from a faith-based organization.

Of the 6 top-ranked COVID-19 needs, 5 are in the Community Services category.

Top COVID-19 Needs, Ranked		
Needs	Weighted Total	Ranking
Food pantries/Food access/Meal delivery	32	1
Testing/Diagnosis at a fixed or mobile location	25	2
Rent/Utility/Financial assistance for basic needs	22	3
Access to the internet (including technology for access)	16	4
Homeless shelters and facilities	15	5
Mental health services and counseling	13	6



PY19-23 CONPLAN AMENDMENTS



PY19-23 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

CDBG High Priorities:

1. Infrastructure
2. Housing

CDBG Low Priorities:

1. Public Buildings & Facilities
2. Business & Jobs
3. Community Services
4. Populations with Specialized Needs

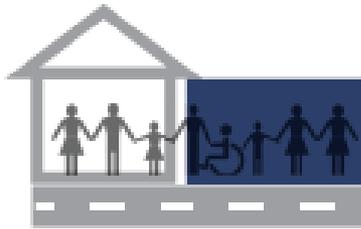
CDBG Focus:

1. Infrastructure (Roads, Water/Wastewater, Drainage, Resiliency & Disaster Response)
2. Housing (Primarily Home Repair and Septic Repair)
3. Fair Housing & Opportunity
4. Collaboration, Connection & Planning

Due to the need for COVID-19 Response, and based on the needs identified through the needs survey, the Substantial Amendment to the PY19-23 ConPlan will move Community Services from a Low Priority to a High Priority.



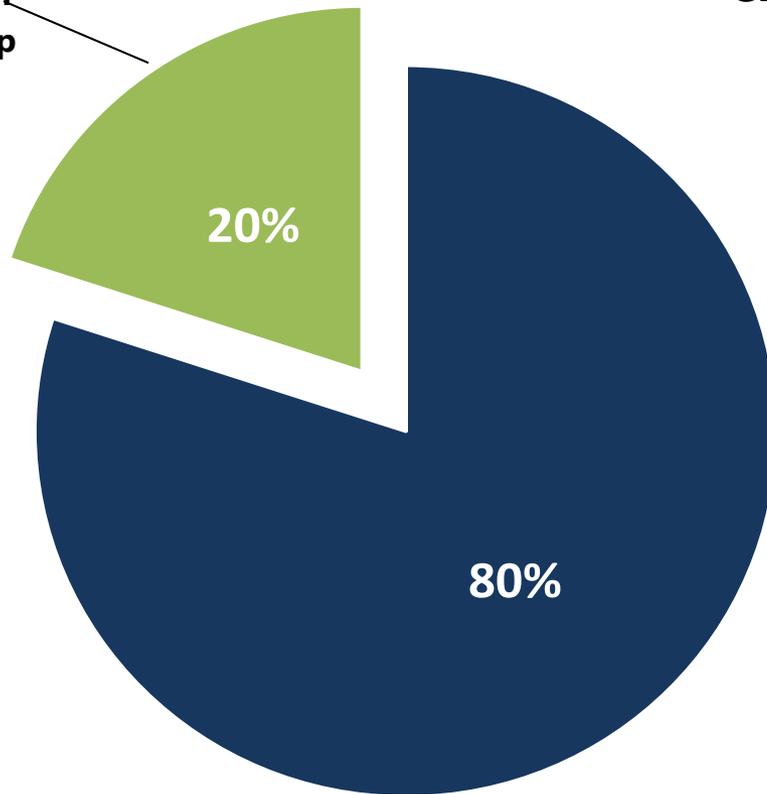
PY19 ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS: NEW CDBG-CV FUNDING & PROJECTS



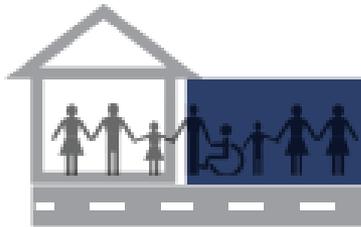
STANDARD SPLIT FOR CDBG-CV FUNDS

**Travis County
CDBG-CV Allocation:
\$700,683**

**Administration
& Planning Cap
(20% =
\$140,137)**

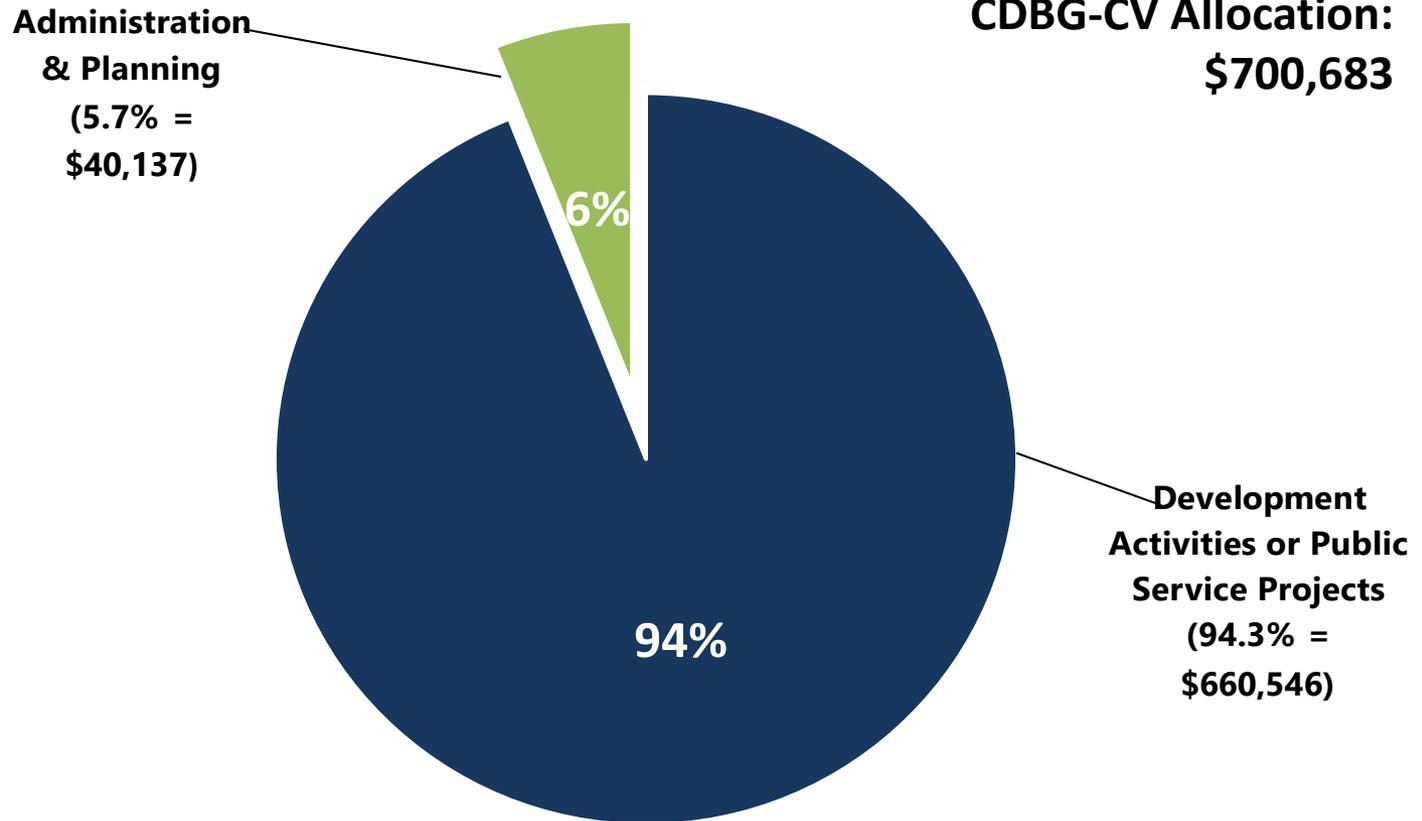


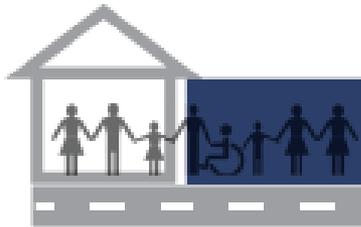
**Development
Activities or Public
Services (80% =
\$560,546)**



ALTERNATE PROPOSED CDBG-CV GRANT SPLIT

**Travis County
CDBG-CV Allocation:
\$700,683**





CDBG-CV FUNDING BREAKDOWN

Total Allocation: \$700,683

Project Allocation: 94.3%

□ \$660,546

Administrative & Planning Allocation: 5.7%

□ \$40,137



ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE



COVID-19 ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

CDBG programs implement a variety of community development activities including, but not limited to:

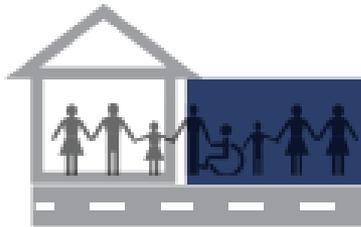
PLANNING

HOUSING

PUBLIC SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

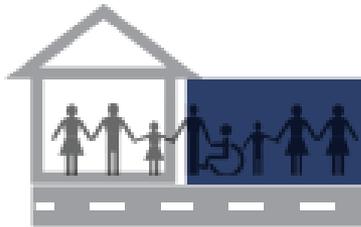
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



COVID-19 PROJECT RULES

COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) Funding Projects:

- Must be used for the prevention, preparation, and response to COVID-19
- Eligible Project Types: Public Service, Building Improvements, Economic Development
- Must be eligible (per 24 CFR 570.201)
- Must meet a national objective (per 24 CFR 570.208)
- Must benefit recipients within the Travis County CDBG service area
- Must adhere to Duplication of Benefits (DOB) standards
- Must be submitted to HUD to ensure project eligibility



TRAVIS COUNTY PY19 CDBG SERVICE AREA

Projects must be located within the unincorporated areas of the county (gray areas) or in the Villages of Webberville or San Leanna.



All areas (both incorporated and unincorporated) within the Villages of Webberville and San Leanna are within the Travis County CDBG Service Area.



TRAVIS COUNTY CDBG INTERACTIVE MAP

TNR GIS staff and CDBG collaborated on creating our first public Travis County [CDBG interactive map](#) available to the public.

- ❑ The map shows our current CDBG Service Area and provides access to LMI and race and ethnicity data for all the block groups in Travis County. It includes layers that can be turned on/off that can also show zip codes and Commissioner precinct boundaries.
- ❑ Additionally, an “About” window includes some general information about our CDBG program and project eligibility.

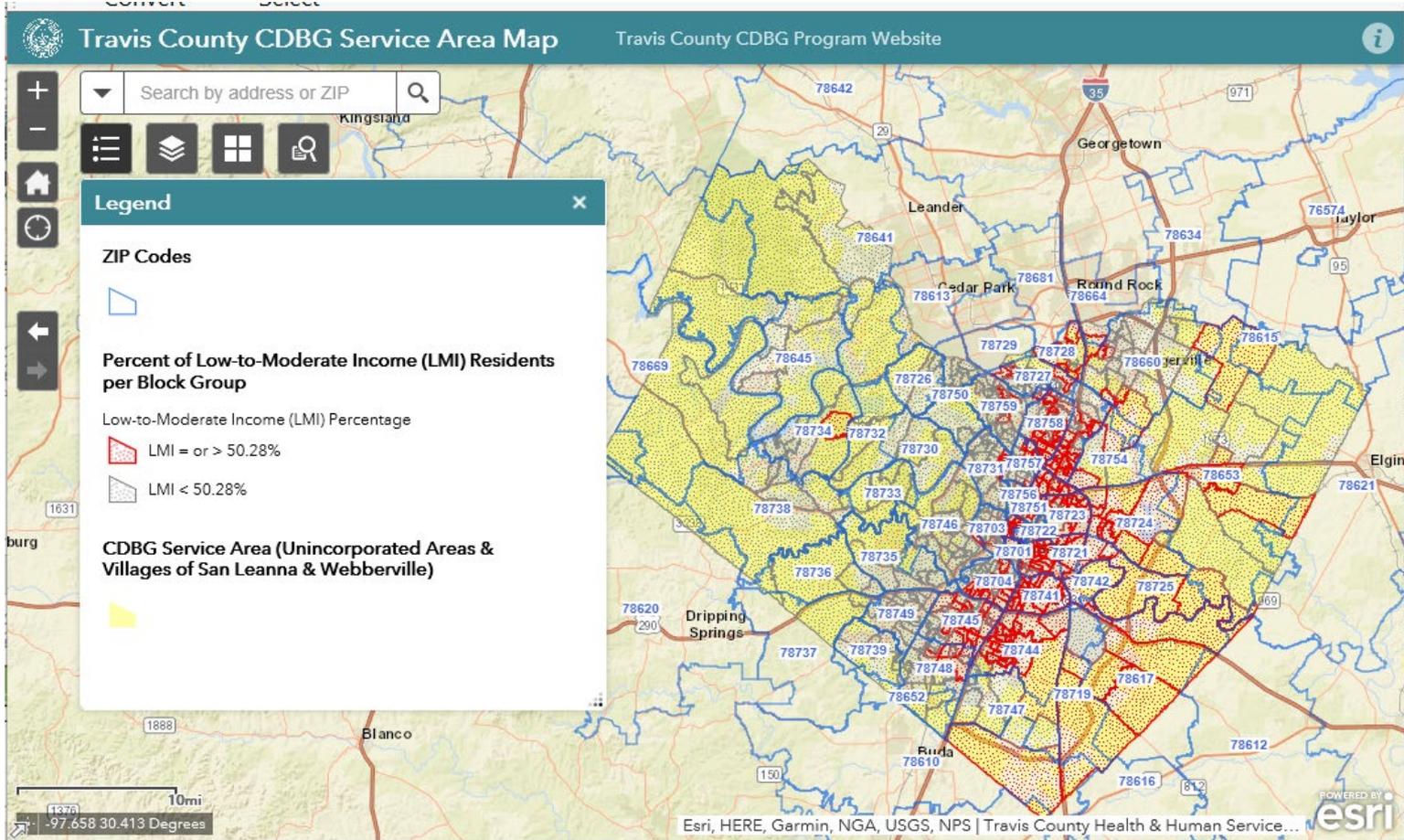
The map includes the ability to:

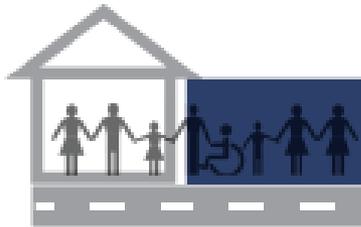
- ❑ Search by address or zip code,
- ❑ Change the base map from the normal streets version to satellite view, and
- ❑ Use a query button that allows users to extract data for all block groups with LMI $\geq 50.28\%$, which is the current CDBG LMI exception criteria for Travis County.

The following slide shows a clip from the website.



TRAVIS COUNTY CDBG INTERACTIVE MAP





COVID-19 PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

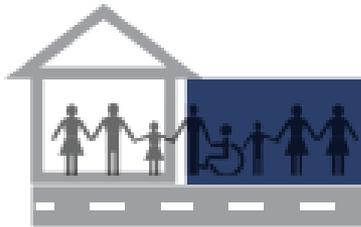
COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) Project Rationale:

- Quality of Applications Received (Score)
 - Were all critical elements provided?
 - Project type, national objective, project eligibility, COVID-19 response eligible, serving clients within the CDBG Travis County service area, as well as other organizational capacity criteria were assessed.
 - Assessment of staff capacity, policies and procedures, conflict of interest, segregation of duties and internal controls, good financial management practices, all of which are critical elements when selecting subrecipients.
- Alignment of Community Needs (Assessment Survey Match)
- Diversity of Services



BREAKDOWN OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

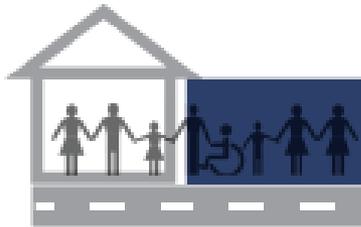
Number Received	Late Applications	Overall Reviewed for Funding (late app removed)	Non-Profits	For-Profits	Total Funding Request	% of Requested Funding vs. Funding Available
17	1	16	13	3	\$2,765,693	419%



DIVERSITY OF PROJECT APPLICATIONS

Ranked #1	Ranked #2	Ranked #3	Ranked #4	Ranked #5	Ranked #6	Not Ranked	Not Ranked	Ranked #3-b	Not Ranked
Food Pantries/ Meals on Wheels (Delivery)	Testing/ Diagnosis	Rent/Utility/ Financial Assistance	Access to Internet (Digital Literacy) - Education	Homeless Facilities	Mental Health	Housing (Private Property Improvements)	Business Improvements	Job Creation or Training / Avoid Job Loss (Financial Assistance)	Grant Writing for Non-Profits
2	1	2	1	0	5	1	1	2	1

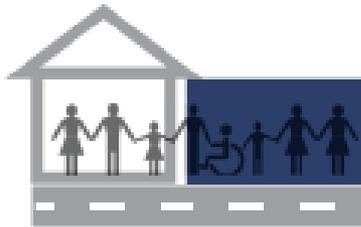
16 total applications



APPLICATION PROCESS DISCLOSURES

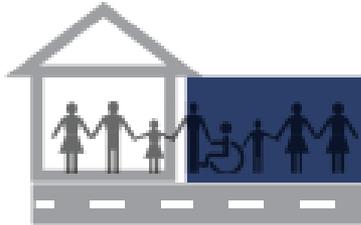
Concerns and Disclosures

- ❑ Application was revised on May 15th, based upon feedback from legal that bonus points for HUBs could not be included.
- ❑ One applicant was notified via email that the application was late and therefore could not be accepted.
- ❑ One applicant, who submitted their application on May 14th, was notified that the application was reviewed and scored based upon on criteria, but the HUB bonus points had to be removed.
- ❑ Skillpoint Alliance, a 501(c)3 non-profit, disclosed HHS R&P/CDBG Director Lawrence Lyman serves as a board member. Staff requested a legal opinion for a non-procurement exemption prior to disclosing the conflict of interest to HUD.



PROJECT FUNDING COMPOSITION

Rank	Ranked #1	Ranked #6
Needs Assessment Category	Food Pantries/ Food Access/ Meal Delivery	Mental Health
Number of Applicants Proposed to be Funded	1	3



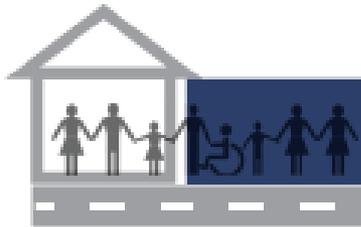
FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Applicant Type	Needs Survey Match	Clients Proposed to be Served – at or below 80% AMI	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended
Food Pantries/ Food Access	Food Pantries/ Food Access/ Meal Delivery (#1 ranked)	2,321	\$136,500	\$136,500
Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health (#6 ranked)	56	\$100,000	\$100,000
Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health (#6 ranked)	181	\$399,958	\$324,046
Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health (#6 ranked)	40	\$100,000	\$100,000

If funded, these projects will serve 2,598 low-to-moderate income clients for much needed COVID-19 response efforts.

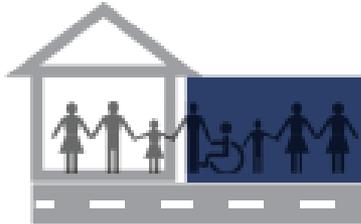


CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN (CPP) AMENDMENTS



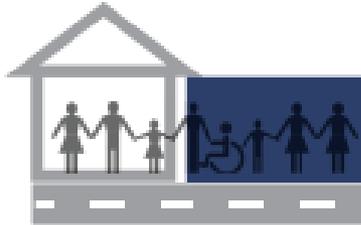
CPP AMENDMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Added a “Disaster Response and Recovery” section to outline CPP changes during times of emergency;
- Added information about virtual public hearings and community meetings when public gatherings are discouraged or not permissible for public health reasons; and
- Changed the Community Meetings requirements to allow more flexibility in the frequency and format of meetings with residents and neighborhood groups.



NEXT STEPS

1. Public Comment Period: *June 8-12*
2. Add public comments to the amended plans, then submit final revisions to Commissioner's Court for approval on *June 23*.
3. Notify successful applicants by *June 30*.
4. Submit amendments to HUD via IDIS.
 - HUD has final say on approval of all projects.
 - If HUD reject any projects, the projects cannot be funded.
 - This important notice was published in the May 5 briefing and via the application.
5. Once HUD approves all projects, HUD will issue contracts to Travis County for execution.
6. Once contracts are executed, Travis County will begin executing contracts with subrecipients.
7. Funds may be spent immediately, but all HUD required administrative processes, proper documentation of all amendments, and signed contracts must first be completed and provided to HUD.



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