

**1. We usually serve primarily below 30% AMI. Is that allowed?**

Yes, CDBG funds must serve low income beneficiaries under 80% AMI.

**2. Is emergency rental assistance needed because of COVID-19 an eligible use of funds?**

Yes, CDBG allows for subsistence payments, typically no more than 3 months, the NOFA will clarify any changes or limits.

**3. Can funds be used to meet needs of households with an undocumented worker?**

This is uncertain as they are federal funds, the NOFA may provide some clarification.

**4. Who is eligible to apply?**

Non-profit agencies and County Departments.

**5. Can you say how many programs you hope to fund through this grant?**

The County can apply for up to three activities, the NOFA will clarify if that includes multiple public service activities.

**6. Is homeless prevention/housing stabilization for those impacted by the SIP an eligible use of funds?**

Yes, services directly related to persons experiencing homelessness due to COVID-19 are eligible expenses, however, the services must be provided in the the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County.

**7. Please restate the anticipated eligible uses? (COVID related of course).**

- i. Public services to respond to COVID-19 impacts
- ii. Public Facility improvements to increase capacity for healthcare facilities
- iii. Housing facilities for persons experiencing homelessness
- iv. Economic development support needs for working capital and furniture, fixtures, and equipment focusing on safety requirement

**8. Can nonprofits apply who have not previously been awarded CDBG by the county?**

Yes, nonprofits that have not been awarded in the past are eligible to apply. The activity proposed must be directly related to COVID-19.

**9. Is there a maximum amount any one organization can apply for?**

There is no maximum amount one organization can apply for, however, all funding must be expended in 12 months.

**10. Will the funding be renewable?**

The funding is not expected to be renewable and must be fully expended within 12 months.

**11. Will items that were purchased for adherence to social distancing/safety now be reimbursable?**

HCD has stated that some costs may be eligible for reimbursement, but the NOFA will provide clarification.