

## **Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan for the Incorporation and Use of Community Development Block Grant -COVID Funds in Allen, TX**

The following information presents a summary of the recommended use of funding made available by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These draft funding proposals reflect staff recommendations to address community needs responsive to COVID-19. Recommendations as to how best to fund these proposals may change based on funding availability from a range of sources to address these community needs. Future amendments will be made in accordance to HUD's guidelines and the City of Allen's Citizen Participation Plan as amended.

### **ACTIVITY: EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE**

**FUNDS:** Approximately \$152,429

**HUD FUNDING CATEGORY:** Public Services

- The Community Enhancement Department in conjunction with the Community Services Department will operate an emergency utility assistance program (water bills). The program provides up to six months of subsistence payments to low-moderate income families in order to bridge a financial crisis directly related to a COVID-19 financial loss. It is estimated that this funding will aid approximately 262 families.

### **ACTIVITY: Senior Food Assistance**

**FUNDS:** Approximately \$87,428

**HUD FUNDING CATEGORY:** Public Services

- The Community Enhancement Department in conjunction with subrecipient(s) will provide funding for increased demand for food services directly related to COVID-19 for eligible Allen seniors including, but not limited to, meals, emergency food boxes and nutritional supplements. It is estimated that this funding will aid approximately 46 seniors over the course of a year.

### **ACTIVITY: Tutoring Assistance**

**FUNDS:** Approximately \$152,429

**HUD FUNDING CATEGORY:** Public Services

- The Community Enhancement Department in conjunction with the Allen Independent School District (AISD) will provide tutoring services through private contractors for low-moderate income students who have fallen behind as a direct result of COVID-19 related restrictions such as at home learning or periods of quarantine away from the classroom. It is estimated that this funding will aid approximately 100 students.

ACTIVITY: Small Business Grants

FUNDS: Approximately \$250,000

HUD FUNDING CATEGORY: Economic Development

- The Community Enhancement Department in conjunction with the Allen Economic Development Corporation will provide grants to eligible brick and mortar small business (55 employees or less) directly impacted by COVID-19. It is estimated that this funding will aid approximately 10 small businesses.

ACTIVITY: Community Needs and Resource Assessment

FUNDS: Approximately \$30,000

HUD FUNDING CATEGORY: Administration

- The Community Enhancement Department in conjunction with University of North Texas's School of Public Administration and Nonprofit Management will conduct a needs assessment focused on community needs including how those needs have shifted since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, identify community resources, identify barriers to effective service delivery, explore best practices and role of City.