

INTRODUCED: March 8, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-064

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$1,362,346.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development’s Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Special Fund by \$1,362,346.00 for the purpose of funding prevention, preparation, and response activities intended to address the COVID-19 pandemic in the city of Richmond.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAR 22 2021 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to accept funds in the amount of \$1,362,346.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of funding prevention, preparation, and response activities intended to address the COVID-19 pandemic in the city of Richmond.

§ 2. That Ordinance No. 2020-050, adopted May 11, 2020, which adopted a Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and made

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

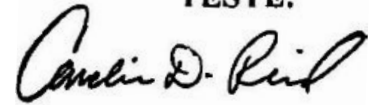
ADOPTED: MAR 22 2021 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

appropriations pursuant thereto, be and is hereby amended by increasing revenues from the funds accepted pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance by \$1,362,346.00 and increasing the amount appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Special Fund by \$1,362,346.00 for the purpose of funding prevention, preparation, and response activities intended to address the COVID-19 pandemic in the city of Richmond.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlin D. Reed".

City Clerk



CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

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REQUEST

DATE: February 12, 2021 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor *L.M.S.*

THROUGH: J. E. Lincoln Saunders, Acting Chief Administrative Officer *JELS*

THROUGH: John B. Wack, Director of Finance *JBW*

THROUGH: Jay Brown, Director, Department of Budget & Strategic Planning *JAB*

THROUGH: Sharon L. Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Economic Development and Planning *Sharon Ebert*

FROM: *mat* Michelle B. Peters, Deputy Director, Housing and Community Development

RE: Acceptance of Grant Funding CARES Act (CDBG-CV)

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept COVID-19 funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to address the COVID-19 pandemic and to accept an additional \$1,362,346 CDBG-CV funds (third tranche) for the fiscal year of 2021 Special Fund Budget as part of the 2019 Annual Action Plan of the five year Consolidated Plan.

REASON: The US Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded additional entitlement grant funds CDBG-CV to the City of Richmond Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$1,362,346.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval is recommended by the City Administration.

BACKGROUND: The City has been receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) since 1975 to implement housing and community development programs.. In March 2020, Congress passed the CARES Act that was signed by the President that provided CDBG-CV funding to address the needs of our citizens affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fiscal Impact/Cost: The total additional amount of the CDBG-CV funds is \$1,362,346.

Fiscal Implications: Acceptance of these awards will allow the City Of Richmond's Department of Housing and Community Development to continue to address COVID-19 pandemic related issues for our citizens.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes to amend Special Fund Ordinance #2020-050

REVENUE TO CITY: The City Of Richmond will receive a total of \$15,435,973 in entitlement funds from HUD to be appropriated to the FY2021 Special Fund Budget. This Amount exceeds the previous revenue of \$14,073,627 by \$1,362,346.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: March 22, 2021

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: March 8, 2021

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: March 22, 2021

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Finance & Economic Development

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Budget & Strategic Planning, Planning & Development Review, Housing & Community Development

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): Additional activities will be added to the staff work program for monitoring and implementation.

ATTACHMENTS: HUD Grant Award letter for CDBG-CV (3rd Tranche) .

STAFF: Michelle B. Peters, Deputy Director II – 646-3975
Daniel Mouer, Housing & Community Development Administrator – 646-7025



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

September 11, 2020

The Honorable Levar Stoney
Mayor of Richmond
900 E Broad Street
Suite 201
Richmond, VA 23219-6115

Dear Mayor Stoney:

I am pleased to inform you of a special allocation to your jurisdiction of Community Development Block Grant funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis.

The CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Of this amount, the Department immediately allocated \$2 billion on March 27, 2020, the same day President Trump signed the Act, based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula; this constituted the first round of CDBG-CV funds. Next, \$1 billion was required by the Act to be allocated to States and insular areas within 45 days of enactment of the Act; HUD accomplished this on May 11, 2020, and this constituted the second round of CDBG-CV funds. Finally, the remaining \$2 billion in CDBG-CV funds was required by the Act to be allocated to states and local governments at the discretion of the Secretary on a rolling basis; HUD accomplished this on September 11, 2020, and this constituted the third round of CDBG-CV funds. Additionally, up to \$10 million will be set aside for technical assistance.

Accordingly, this letter informs you that your jurisdiction's allocation for the third round is \$1,362,346. Your cumulative amount for all allocation rounds is \$4,045,895.

The CARES Act adds additional flexibility for both the CDBG-CV grant and, in some cases, for the annual FY2019 and FY2020 CDBG grants in these unprecedented times. The public comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days, grantees may use virtual public hearings when necessary for public health reasons, the public services cap is suspended during the emergency, and States and local governments may reimburse costs of eligible activities incurred for pandemic response regardless of the date.

In addition, the CARES Act authorizes the HUD Secretary to grant waivers and alternative requirements of statutes and regulations the HUD Secretary administers in connection with the use of CDBG-CV funds and fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG funds (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment). Waivers and alternative

requirements can be granted when necessary to expedite and facilitate the use of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

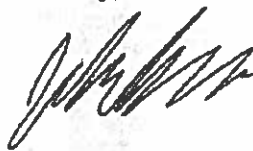
The CDBG CARES Act Federal Register Notice (FR-6218-N-01) was released on August 10, 2020. The notice describes the allocations and grant procedures applicable to the CDBG-CV grants. It also describes the program flexibilities, waivers, and alternative requirements that apply to the CDBG-CV grants as well as the fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG grants. As further such flexibilities become available, they will be posted on HUD's website and distributed to grantees. The Department will also support grantees with technical assistance.

As you develop your plan for the use of these grant funds, we encourage you to consider approaches that prioritize the unique needs of low- and moderate-income persons and the development of partnerships between all levels of government and the private for-profit and non-profit sectors. You should coordinate with state and local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support state or local pandemic response. CDBG-CV grants will be subject to oversight, reporting, and the requirement that each grantee have adequate procedures to prevent the duplication of benefits (DOB). HUD will provide guidance and technical assistance on DOB, the prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse, and on documenting the impact of this program for beneficiaries.

Reminder, all CPD Grantees must ensure they maintain active Dun and Bradstreet Numbering System (DUNS) numbers in the System for Award Management (SAM) system. Entities must have an active and unexpired DUNS before execution of grant agreements to avoid delays in the obligation of funds- which will delay your ability to drawdown funds in the Integrated Disbursement & Information System (IDIS). Grantees are required to maintain an active SAMs registration by re-activating their DUNS number annually in the SAM system for the entire drawdown period of their grants. DUNS numbers can be registered and renewed each year at the following website: <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>.

The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) is looking forward to working with you to successfully meet the urgent and complex challenges faced by our communities. If you or any member of your staff has questions, please contact your local CPD Field Office Director or CPDQuestionsAnswered@hud.gov.

Sincerely,



John Gibbs
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development