

**City of Rocky Mount  
Amendment to the FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan  
and the FY 2018 – 2021 Consolidated Plan**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was created on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this public health pandemic. In response to COVID-19, the US Congress has authorized the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to entitlement communities such as the City of Rocky Mount.

CDBG-CV should be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of COVID-19. The funds will be distributed nationally in accordance to the most recent formula that HUD uses which includes poverty, age of housing, and population factors. On September 17, 2020, the City of Rocky Mount was notified that it will be receiving an allocation for the third round of CDBG-CV funds. The City’s allocation of \$328,242 was authorized by the CARES Act on September 11, 2020.

As required, the City of Rocky Mount is amending its FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to incorporate the additional CARES Act CDBG-CV funding as shown below.

The City of Rocky Mount intends to collaborate with the Warm Program, nonprofit organizations, and small businesses. The focus will be on services that are benefitting low to moderate income residents that are experiencing hunger, housing challenges, loss of wages or work, or other issues due to the coronavirus. Additionally, the focus will be on providing economic assistance for small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

Anticipated uses of CDBG-CV funds include:

- Emergency Rental Assistance for up to 6 months
- Utilities assistance for up to 6 months
- Economic development for small business assistance

The chart below shows the proposed allocations for activities related to CDBG-CV funding. The City’s CDBG-CV will be distributed through a Letter of Intent process to solicit proposals from local nonprofit organizations.

<b>Sources of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CDBG-CV	\$328,242
<b>Activity</b>	
Utilities Assistance	\$100,000
Economic Development (small business assistance)	\$150,000
Emergency Rental Assistance	\$ 78,242
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$328,242</b>

#### Description of Activities:

- Utility Assistance – The Department of Community & Business Development will partner with the Department of Business & Collection Services to provide a one-time grant for up to six (6) consecutive months of utility assistance to low-to-moderate income households impacted by the loss of income due to COVID-19 pandemic. The maximum amount of utility assistance for per household is \$1,000.
- Emergency Rental Assistance – The City will partner with a Subrecipient to provide emergency rental assistance grants to income-eligible individuals or families economically impacted during COVID-19 pandemic through job loss, furlough, or reduction in hours or pay, residing in the City of Rocky Mount. The Subrecipient will provide up to \$784 in rental assistance per month (Rocky Mount's median gross rent) for a period of no more than six (6) consecutive months (total award not to exceed \$ 4,704).
- Small Business Assistance – The City will provide small business assistance grants to help eligible small businesses to replace lost revenue needed to pay for the following regularly reoccurring costs, provided that they retain or create jobs held by individuals with low-to-moderate income: payroll for employees, rent/mortgage, utilities, and personal protective equipment (PPE) hand sanitizer and other sanitary supplies (consumable) for employees and customers. Grants will be available up to \$10,000.