

Background

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) received a total allocation of \$200,518 of Community Development Block Grant Program –Coronavirus Response funds (CDBG-CV = \$101,580 and CDBG-CV3 = \$98,938) to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to 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 City of Douglas's federal Annual Action Plan details the funding strategy for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program each year. The Annual Action Plan implements a jurisdiction's multi-year Consolidated Plan and is developed through significant citizen participation, analysis, and planning. The CDBG-CV3 funds have been incorporated into the City's 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan through a Substantial Amendment.

Funding Requests

The City is proposing to amend the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan to include a new project titled, "Contactless Water Stations – CDBG-CV3". Below is a summary of the proposed budget provided by the Neighborhood Resources and Grants Department as of January 30, 2024:

Old Project Name: Community Garden

Description: Reallocation of CDBG-CV3 (**\$22,913.53**) funds from activity that did not/will not materialize to activities that will be completed with more urgency to address community needs;

New Project Name: Contactless Water Stations – CDBG-CV3 (\$18,413.53**)**

National Objective: Low- and Moderate-Income populations (Area Benefit)

CDBG Eligible Activity: Public Facilities Improvements

Project Description:

- Addition of new CDBG-CV activity not previously described in the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan. The City intends to install contactless water stations in several City facilities as funding allows. Locations include City parks (Veterans Park, Joe Causey Park, Spear Park), Visitor Center, and Aquatic Center

New Project Name: Planning and Administration (\$4,500**)**

National Objective: LMI – Limited Clientele

CDBG Eligible Activity – Planning and Administration

Project Description: Increase in Administration of CDBG-CV funds.

Public Process

The City of Douglas provided a public notice in the newspaper on January 24, 2024, advertising a 30-day public comment period as part of the Citizen Participation Plan requirements.



**CITY OF DOUGLAS, COCHISE COUNTY, AZ
2019-2023 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CDBG-CV3 Funding**

The City of Douglas will accept public comment during the 30-day public comment period beginning on January 30, 2024, through February 28, 2024. Citizens are asked to provide comment on the Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and 2019/2020 Annual Action Plan and the proposed use of CDBG-CV3 funds.

A copy of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan, 2019/2020 Action Plan, and draft of the CDBG-CV3 Substantial Amendment Summary will be made available to review and posted on the City's website, www.douglasaz.gov, beginning on January 30, 2024. Public comments can be e-mailed to the Neighborhood Resources and Grants Department at xenia.gonzalez@douglasaz.gov or can be mailed to the City of Douglas Neighborhood Resources and Grants Department, located at 425 E. 10th Street, Douglas, AZ 85607. For more information call 520-417-7309. Hard copies will be made available at the City of Douglas municipal buildings for review during the public comment period. Additional hard copies may be available upon request.

A public hearing is scheduled for February 28, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. It is anticipated the City of Douglas City Council will take action to approve the Amendments to the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan after the conclusion of the public hearing. The purpose of said hearing is to educate City officials and residents on the program and to receive input on the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV3) funds. Members of the public will be able to attend this meeting in person. If any member of the public would like to participate by telephone, they can call the City Clerk's office at (520) 417-7301 by no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2024, to request to speak at the meeting.

The City will provide technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in the review of program activities and program amendments. In addition, the City will make adequate and reasonable provisions to assist non-English speaking residents in interpreting program opportunities and provisions on a case-by-case basis, as well as provide auxiliary aides and services for individuals with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations must contact the City Clerk's Office at the contact information above.