



**Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department (HCIDLA)
First Substantial Amendment to the
46th Year (2020-21) Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan
(46-01)**

**Proposed Project Allocations for the CARES Act Supplemental
Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant and Housing Opportunities
for Persons With AIDS**

Purpose

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (found under 24 CFR Parts 91.105 and 91.505), and our Citizen Participation Plan, the City of Los Angeles is required to provide citizens with an opportunity to comment on all proposed Substantial Amendments to its Housing and Community Development Consolidated Annual Action Plan (Con Plan). The City wishes to notify the public of a substantial amendment to its 46th Year (PY 46) 2020-21 Annual Action Plan.

This notice provides proposed allocations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA-CV) supplemental funding, and all citizens and interested stakeholders are invited to share feedback. The CARES Act authorizes an expedited public comment period for CDBG-CV and HOPWA-CV proposed allocations, and the public will have at least five days to review and comment, in accordance with a federal waiver requested April 7, 2020 and effective April 9, 2020. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act exempts the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG-CV) supplemental funding from an official public comment period, and this notice is to provide information on proposed allocations.

Proposed Project Allocations

The CARES Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020, which included supplemental funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program (HOPWA-CV) to help prepare for, prevent, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects.

CDBG-CV: CDBG improves access to decent housing, suitable living environments, and expands economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. This amendment describes the proposed allocation of up to \$8,000,000 in CDBG-CV funds to a COVID-19 Emergency Eviction Defense Program.

HOPWA-CV: HOPWA provides housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. This amendment describes the proposed allocation of \$2,883,240 in HOPWA-CV funds to the Short-Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility assistance program.

ESG-CV: ESG funds support reaching out to the homeless population, improving the number and quality of homeless shelters, operating shelters and providing residents with essential services, rapidly rehousing individuals and families, and preventing at-risk people from falling into homelessness. This amendment describes proposed allocations of up to \$151,926,560 in ESG-CV funds to several homeless assistance programs designed to keep people in safe and secure housing.

CDBG-CV

The City was awarded \$31,963,374 in CDBG-CV funds as part of the CARES Act. While the City’s tenant protections will continue to be in place, it is expected that there will still be a swell of unlawful detainers when the courts open. Even in cases where that unlawful detainer is filed in violation of city laws, the tenant will still need to respond. For low-income tenants without the resources to hire private counsel, it will be difficult to navigate the unlawful detainer process and provide a legal defense. A COVID-19 Emergency Eviction Defense Program will grant legal assistance and representation to low-income tenants facing eviction, to ensure that low-income communities are not disproportionately impacted by the wave of evictions that is expected to come. The program will need to be available for tenants for at least a year and be funded at a level to provide assistance to those that qualify. Therefore, up to \$8,000,000 in CDBG-CV funds is proposed for a new COVID-19 Emergency Eviction Defense program.

HOPWA-CV

The City was awarded \$2,883,240 in HOPWA-CV funds as part of the CARES Act. The Short-Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU) program has been recommended to have the most impact in the current economic crisis by supporting the financial stability of people living with HIV/AIDS and low income to maintain proper housing. The STRMU program is a preventative housing intervention system that averts homelessness by allowing individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families to remain in their homes through providing temporary, financial assistance for rent, mortgage and utility costs. Clients would be eligible to receive both STRMU funding streams, regular HOPWA entitlement and HOPWA-CV, and would be allowed to receive assistance for longer than what the traditional program typically provides. The regular HOPWA grant funds allow a household to receive assistance for up to 21 weeks in a 52-week period, and the CARES Act allows recipients to receive up to 24 months of assistance. The Alliance for Housing and Healing is the current nonprofit service provider for the STRMU program and has demonstrated capacity to expand the program.

HUD waivers under the CARES Act allow up to 6% of the total to be allocated to HCIDLA for the costs of administering the program, and 10% of the remaining amount to the service provider for its administrative costs.

Table 1: HOPWA-CV Proposed Project Allocations

Program Name	Proposed Funding Amount
STRMU Program (provided by the Alliance for Housing and Healing)	\$2,439,221
Service provider administration	\$271,025
HCIDLA administration	\$172,994
TOTAL	\$2,883,240

Public Comment Period

HCIDLA will receive public comment on the proposed CDBG-CV and HOPWA-CV project allocations between September 2, 2020 through September 13, 2020.

Please address questions or comments on the proposed substantial amendment to:

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ESG-CV

With so many homeless persons in Los Angeles County, the City was awarded a substantial sum in the amount of \$183,598,812 in ESG-CV funds as part of the CARES Act to assist people experiencing homelessness and people at risk of homelessness. Most or all projects will be implemented by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The below projects are proposed:

Table 2: ESG-CV Proposed Project Allocations

Program Name	Program Description	Proposed Funding Amount
Leasing Interim Housing for Homeless Persons	The City is exploring options to lease interim housing, whether leasing empty lots to build interim housing, or leasing buildings to convert to interim housing.	\$3,951,600
Outreach to Target Populations	A dedicated outreach program is needed to ensure that interventions are targeted for the populations in the City's COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap. One (1) dedicated outreach team will be needed in each Council District to coordinate identification and navigation of individuals from the target populations into newly created interventions. More information on the COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap can be found in Council Files 20-0687 and 20-0841.	\$2,449,650
Rapid Rehousing & Shared Housing	The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has proposed a countywide COVID-19 Recovery Plan for Homelessness (Plan). The Plan proposes three (3) pathways for persons experiencing homelessness to be permanently housed in units in the private rental market using resources made available from the State and Federal governments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The three pathways are geared for populations with differing needs. Pathway 1 is for individuals that need a lot of support and are eligible for permanent supportive housing. Pathway 2 is for individuals who can eventually transition to private housing; this pathway provides heavy rental assistance for 12 to 18 months, case management, and then it tapers off to a small subsidy for rent or no assistance. Pathway 3 provides a small rental subsidy for people who can pay some, but not all of their market rent.	\$97,165,429
Rehabilitation of Homekey Program Units	Through the Homekey Program, the City is seeking funding from the State of California to acquire properties, and will provide them to qualified homeless housing providers. ESG-CV will pay for needed rehabilitation to the properties to make them habitable and suitable for interim or transitional housing.	\$30,000,000
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Administration*	Included in the CARES Act is the provision that up to 10% of the grant amount can be used for the administration costs. LAHSA may receive up to 6% of the entitlement.	\$11,015,929
Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department	Included in the CARES Act is the provision that up to 10% of the grant amount can be used for the administration costs. HCIDLA may receive up to 4% of the entitlement.	\$7,343,952

Program Name	Program Description	Proposed Funding Amount
(HCIDLA) Administration*		
TOTAL**		\$151,926,560

*These amounts have not been finalized and may be decreased.

**Please note that additional notices will be provided to address the total amount of funds awarded through the CARES Act.