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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

April 20, 2020

Honorable Michael P. Victorino
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Mayor Date

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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Alice L. Lee, Chair
and Members of Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee:

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV)

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5081, Bill 53 (2020) Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, we are hereby transmitting to you a copy of the notice of grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development for the funds listed above in the amount of \$1,104,173.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ext. 7213.

Sincerely,

Joseph Pontanilla
JOSEPH PONTANILLA
CDBG Program Manager

Attachment

cc: Michele Yoshimura, Budget Director

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COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 20-247



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

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

April 2, 2020

The Honorable Mike Victorino
Mayor of Maui County
200 S High Street
Building 9, Kalana O Maui Fl
Wailuku, HI 96793-2155

Dear Mayor Victorino:

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 is immediately allocating \$2 billion based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula. The remaining \$3 billion shall be allocated based on needs using best available data, in the following tranches: \$1 billion shall be allocated to States and insular areas within 45 days of enactment of the CARES Act, and \$2 billion shall be distributed to states and local governments at the discretion of the Secretary. Up to \$10 million will be set aside for technical assistance. Given the immediate needs faced by our communities, the Department has announced the first allocation of funds. Your jurisdiction's allocation is \$1,104,173.

The CARES Act adds additional flexibility for both the CDBG-CV grant and, in some cases, for the annual 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 Secretary to grant waivers and alternative requirements of statutes and regulations the 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 Department is developing a notice that will further describes the CARES Act's

provisions, a Quick Guide to the CARES Act flexibilities and other provisions, and other resources to enable swift implementation of CDBG-CV grants. As these 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 requirements that each grantee have adequate procedures to prevent the duplication of benefits. HUD will provide guidance and technical assistance on DOB and regarding prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse and documenting the impact of this program for beneficiaries.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Gibbs", is positioned above the typed name.

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