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VILLAGE OF RANTOUL

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

2019-2020

Amendment #2

Community Development Department
333 S Tanner St.
Rantoul, IL 61866

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

CDBG funds will be used to address the high priority needs identified for the community. This amendment #2 proposes to allocate the \$81,299 in additional CDBG-CV Round 3 funds that the Village was awarded thru the CARES Act. These funds will be used to create a new activity titled Household Emergency Assistance Program to assist qualified Village residents who meet the HUD low-moderate income limits and can demonstrate how the COVID pandemic has impacted their ability to make timely utility payments with grant funds to pay up to 3 months of past due utility bills to ensure that residents do not have to have utilities turned off or risk becoming homeless. The amendment would place the entire \$81,299 into the activity titled Household Emergency Assistance Program.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration - 2019
2	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - 2019
3	Public Services - 2019
4	Infrastructure Improvements - 2019
5	Economic Development – Small Business Assistance
6	Public Services – Household Emergency Assistance

Table 1 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The rationale for allocating investments to assist low-income populations is formed based on the needs as they exist. The Village of Rantoul works to fund a mix of activities that address the needs for housing and non-housing community development needs. Due to limited funding, which creates an obstacle to addressing underserved needs; housing rehabilitation, infrastructure improvements, public service activities, and economic development were identified as the highest priorities for the 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan and this 2019 Annual Action Plan.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

6	Project Name	Public Services – Household Emergency Assistance
	Target Area	Village Wide Availability
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$81,299
	Description	This project is designed to provide funds to assist qualified Village residents who meet the HUD low-moderate income limits and can demonstrate how the COVID pandemic has impacted their ability to make timely utility payments with grant funds to pay up to 3 months of past due utility bills to ensure that residents do not have to have utilities turned off or risk becoming homeless.
	Target Date	12/31/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This will be a low-mod limited clientele benefit activity with financial assistance provided on behalf of income qualified households located in the Village of Rantoul. An estimated 90 to 120 low to moderate income families/households will benefit.
	Location Description	Villagewide
	Planned Activities	Provide subsistence payments towards utility costs for income qualified families/households within the Village of Rantoul.

CDBG Program Allocations

Proposed 2019-2020

Housing Rehabilitations	\$67,910
Public Infrastructure Improvements	\$150,747
Public Services	\$51,075
Economic Development – Business Assistance (CARES CDBG-CV Round 1)	\$203,224
Public Services – Household Emergency Assistance (CARES CDBG-CV Round 3)	\$81,299 (+81,299)
 Subtotal for all projects	 \$554,255
 Administrative Reimbursement	 \$67,433
 Total	 \$621,688

Current 2019-2020

Housing Rehabilitations	\$67,910
Public Infrastructure Improvements	\$150,747
Public Services	\$51,075
Economic Development –Business Assistance (CARES CDBG-CV Round1)	\$203,224
 Subtotal for all projects	 \$472,956
 Administrative Reimbursement	 \$67,433
 Total	 \$540,389



VILLAGE OF RANTOUL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Household Emergency Assistance Grant Program is intended to provide funds to assist qualified Village residents who meet the HUD low-moderate income limits with funds to assist with payment of up to 3 months of past due utility bills to ensure that residents do not have utilities turned off or risk becoming homeless. The program provides grant funds with a minimum of \$250 and a maximum grant of \$1,000 for a single household. Awarded funds will be paid directly to the utility on behalf of the applicant.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Eligible applicants are homeowners or renters living within the Village of Rantoul Corporate Limits and the applicant must have lived in their current household location for at least 1 year and must income qualify under the 2020 HUD income limits (see attached).
- Eligible applicants must have a utility account that is in their name for their current household location.
- Eligible applicants must demonstrate how the COVID pandemic has impacted their ability to make timely utility payments.
- Applicants are eligible to apply even if they have applied for and received LIHEAP funds.
- Grant funds may only be used to pay off up to 3 months of past due Village utility bills. Funds will be paid directly to the utility on behalf of the applicant.
- Minimum grant award is \$250 and Maximum grant award is \$1,000. The amount the program is able to award will not always be equal to the maximum grant amount due to the availability of funds.
- Funds will be awarded as program budget allows. It is anticipated that a total of approximately \$81,000 in funds will be budgeted for this program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Contact Village Community Development staff at (217) 892-6824 to discuss your needs, review the program and get any questions answered. **The program application will be accessible on the Village's website beginning Wednesday, March 10th and completed applications will be accepted until Friday, March 26th.**

Completed program applications may be dropped off in the dropbox at Village Hall, 333 S Tanner St. or may be mailed to: Village of Rantoul, Attn-Community Development, 333 S Tanner St. Rantoul, IL 61866. An application will only be accepted and reviewed after receipt of a completed and signed grant application form.

Each application will be individually evaluated and approved applications and grant award amounts determined. Once an application is approved an award letter will be issued and grant agreement executed and grant funds will be disbursed as quickly as possible.