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**Florissant to Request Release of
Community Development Block Grant – CV1 & CV3 Funds**

The City of Florissant will request the releases of 2019 CDBG-CV1 & CDBG-CV3 funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on April 15, 2021, following a 5-day period in which the public will have the opportunity to comment on the slated use of the funds.

The Florissant 2019 CDBG-CV Plan identifies community needs and has been proposed for the following projects:

- Mortgage, Rent & Utility Assistance – This program is an expansion of the City of Florissant’s CDBG MRU Assist Program to provide financial assistance for household rent, mortgage or utility assistance up to six months to reduce foreclosures, evictions, utility shutoffs, and to prevent dislocation and homelessness due to the increased need and demand due to the impact of COVID-19. CAASTLC currently holds the FY2019 CDBG MRU Assist contract.
- Food Bank & Coordinated Distribution Program - aides with food & supply relief as well as financial support for COVID related expenses and a Coordinated Distribution Program to increase the Program’s capacity to serve City residents with basic needs due to increased demand due to the impact of COVID-19.
- Mobile COVID Testing Clinic Assistance - Provides income eligible City of Florissant residents with COVID testing in the effort to prepare for, prevent and/or respond to COVID-19.
- Home Improvement Program CV – Provides grants to assist qualified Florissant residents with home repair who have experienced financial loss directly related due to COVID. Funding is designed to assist with the increased need and demand due to the impact of COVID-19.
- Program Administration - Utilize the CDBG-CV 20% administrative and planning cap to effectively administer CDBG-CV funding to properly and swiftly meet the needs of Florissant residents.

Written comments on these determinations may be directed to the Community Development Office at the Florissant Government Building, 1055 rue St. Francois, MO 63031, or to Dominique Waters, U.S. Housing and Urban Development, Community Planning and Development Division, 1222 Spruce Street, Room 6.101, St. Louis, MO 63103-2836.

The 2019 CDBG-CV1 & CV3 Plan is available at the Florissant Government Building, on the City’s Web site, www.florissantmo.com or by contacting Carol O’Mara at the Community Development Office at (314) 839-7680 or comara@florissantmo.com.

Directions: Take Exit #27/New Florissant Rd. Make left on South New Florissant drive approximately 1.4 miles. Make left on rue St. Francois, City Hall is located on the right-hand side of the street. Call (314) 921-5700 for more information.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF FLORISSANT
1055 RUE ST. FRANCOIS
FLORISSANT, MO 63031
314.839.7680**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
April 9, 2021**

To All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

On **April 15, 2021** (or one day after the end of the comment period, whichever is later), the City of Florissant will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.) for the release of Community Development Block Grant CV1 & CV3 funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

1. Mortgage, Rent & Utility Assistance (142,457.00): This program is an expansion of the City of Florissant's CDBG MRU Assist Program to provide financial assistance for household rent, mortgage or utility assistance up to six months to reduce foreclosures, evictions, utility shutoffs, and to prevent dislocation and homelessness due to the increased need and demand due to the impact of COVID-19. CAASTLC currently holds the FY2019 CDBG MRU Assist contract. This activity is Categorically Excluded under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, *not* subject to 24 CFR 58.5. After specific projects have been identified, a review of 24 CFR 58.6 will be completed and the records will be on file at the Government Building.
2. Home Improvement Program CV (\$60,000.00): to provide grants to assist qualified Florissant residents with home repair who have experienced financial loss directly related due to COVID. Funding is designed to assist with the increased need and demand due to the impact of COVID-19. This activity is categorically excluded under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, subject to 24 CFR 58.5. After specific projects have been identified, project-specific Environmental Review Records (ERRs) that document the environmental determination for this activity will be on file at the Government Building. If compliance actions are required, appropriate notices will be disseminated or published.
3. Food Bank & Coordinated Distribution Program (\$60,000.00): Aides with food & supply relief as well as financial support for COVID related expenses and a Coordinated Distribution Program to increase the Program's capacity to serve City residents with basic needs due to increased demand due to the impact of COVID-19. This activity is Categorically Excluded under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, *not* subject to 24 CFR 58.5. After specific projects have been identified, a review of 24 CFR 58.6 will be completed and the records will be on file at the Government Building.
4. Mobile COVID Testing Clinic Assistance (\$52,500.00): Provides income eligible City of Florissant residents with COVID testing in the effort to prepare for, prevent and/or respond to COVID-19. This activity is Categorically Excluded under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, *not* subject to 24 CFR 58.5. After specific projects have been identified, a review of 24 CFR 58.6 will be completed and the records will be on file at the Government Building.
5. Program Administration: To utilize the CDBG-CV 20% administrative and planning cap to effectively administer CDBG-CV funding to properly and swiftly meet the needs of Florissant residents. This activity is Exempt under H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this activity is on file at the Government Building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Community Development Office, Government Building, 1055 rue St. Francois, Florissant, MO 63031. All comments received by **April 14, 2021** (or the posting date plus ten days, whichever is later) will be considered by the City of Florissant prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Florissant certifies to H.U.D. that Timothy Lowery, in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities will be satisfied. H.U.D.'s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Florissant to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

H.U.D. will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Florissant's certification for a period of five days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Florissant; (b) the City of Florissant has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by H.U.D. regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by H.U.D.; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to: Dominique Waters, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Planning and Development Division, 1222 Spruce, Street, Room 6.101, St. Louis, MO 63103-2836. Potential objectors should contact H.U.D. to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Timothy Lowery, Mayor
City of Florissant, Missouri