

Meeting The CARES Act Expenditure Deadlines CDBG- CV Program Design/Thought Process in Alexandria, Virginia



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- Size: 16 square miles
- Population: approx. 155,000
- Located just across the river from Washington D.C.
- Offers array of historic and cultural attractions
- Historic center: Old Town
- One of the highest-income jurisdictions in Virginia
- Well served by public transportation (AMTRAK, DASH, Metro, VRE, Airport)
 ...ABOUT THE CITY



THE CITY'S THOUGHT PROCESS

- What should we use funds for?
- □ Who is most in need?
- What are we already doing?
- Can we partner with anyone?
- □ What is the right amount of assistance?
- □ How did we get the money spent?



What should we use funds for?

Decision right away for emergency rental assistance highest need and other city programs for business assistance

Who is most in need and where do they live?

- Service industry
 - Restaurant
 - Taxi/Uber/Lyft drivers
 - Hotel workers
 - Affordable Housing buildings (none Public Housing and Vouchers)
 - Previous surveys showed 75% of one affordable housing provider units households were in these industries



What are we already doing?

Funding the development of Affordable Housing

Can we partner with anyone?

Nonprofit owners of affordable housing

Already have client income and qualification info

What is the right amount of assistance?

- Analyzed what it costs keep the lights on in a unit
 - \$600 per month
 - Does not include mortgage and taxes



How did we get the CDBG CV spent?

Funded Nonprofit owners of affordable housing

- Executed Agreements with 6 providers and Housing Authority
- Already had client info
- Nonprofit staff collected additional info need
 - Rent rears
 - Covid-19 related income loss
- Local Program with local CARES ACT Funds
 - Individual cases
 - □ High level of staffing



How much we received?

- □ \$700K CDBG CV 1 City Cares Act \$6m
- \$960K CDBG CV 3 City Funds \$1m
- State Run Program started in Summer 2020 and expanded in Fall and continues today

When was it expended?

- CDBG CV 1 \$700k by Fall 2020 over 400 Households
- City Cares Act \$6m November 2020 Over 2,000 Households
- CDBG CV 3 \$600k by May 2021 Over 200 Households



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