

**REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
CITY OF LANCASTER
CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG-CV)
DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SERVICE**

Proposals Due: August 2, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has provided Lancaster County and the City of Lancaster with an allocation of CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) as enabled in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136).

The City of Lancaster (City) has developed an application to request proposals from public service providers seeking CDBG-CV CARES Act funding to provide multiple types of public services to the downtown area. Services may include housing information and referral services, cleanups, health services, mental health services, crime awareness and prevention services. Public services must prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The City can use CDBG funds to pay for labor, supplies, and material as well as to operate and/or maintain the portion of a facility in which the public service is located. This includes the lease of a facility, equipment, and other property needed for the public service.

To utilize CDBG funds for a public service, the service must be either: A new service; or a service that has seen a significant increase in the level of that existing service.

CDBG-CV FUNDING DETAILS

In compliance with 24 CFR Section 105(a)(8) The CDBG regulations allow the use of grant funds for a wide range of public service activities, including, but not limited to:

- Employment services (e.g., job training);
- Crime prevention and public safety;
- Child care;
- Health services;
- Substance abuse services (e.g., counseling and treatment);
- Fair housing counseling;
- Education programs;
- Energy conservation;
- Services for senior citizens;
- Services for homeless persons;
- Welfare services (excluding income payments);
- Down payment assistance; and
- Recreational services.

Costs must also be related to COVID

SUBMISSION & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

City of Lancaster Staff will be available to provide technical assistance in determining the eligibility of the proposed program or activity or any other questions that an applicant may have about this RFP.

Email completed applications to City of Lancaster (sthorsen@cityoflancasterpa.com) by Monday, **August 2, 2021**.