



Saint Louis County

CARES ACT – COVID-19 FUNDING AMENDMENT TO THE ACTION PLAN FY 2020 – REALLOCATION

**St. Louis County
Urban County Entitlement**

**Community Development Block Grant Program
HOME Investment Partnerships Program
Emergency Solutions Grant Program**

**Northeast Minnesota HOME Consortium
Cook County
Itasca County
Koochiching County
Lake County
St. Louis County**



CARES ACT

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES)

St. Louis County

Public Participation Process

Reallocation

Rev. 1.0
(3-2023)

St. Louis County received special allocations of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address the COVID-19 pandemic. As an entitlement entity for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding, St. Louis County has been notified of two rounds of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding awards totaling \$1,821,377 in CDBG-CV and \$1,527,412 in ESG-CV. The city of Duluth separately received CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding.

Project eligibility for CDBG-CV and ESG-CV is the same as typical CDBG and ESG funding, but it must also assist with preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19. The St. Louis County Board approved Round 1 funding recommendations for CDBG-CV and ESG-CV on July 28, 2020, for \$578,797, approved Round 2 funding recommendations on June 02, 2021, for \$948,615, and Round 3 funding recommendations on June 14, 2022, for \$271,048. All CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds have been allocated.

A CDBG Advisory Committee meeting was held on January 19, 2023 to review a reallocation request from United Way of Northeastern Minnesota (UWNEMN). The request was to reallocate \$30,700.03 previously awarded in CDBG-CV Round 2. The funding was intended to assist low- and moderate-income clients with mortgage, rent, and utility support but has experienced limited usage. UWNEMN previously voluntarily returned \$150,000 of this award and retained \$30,700.03 to continue to provide the service. The program has not had any usage and UWNEMN requests the funding be reallocated to the Buddy Backpack Program, which received CDBG-CV Round 2 and Round 3 funding and has fully expended the award. The CDBG Advisory Committee completed its review of the request and unanimously approved the reallocation to the Buddy Backpack Program.

The total reallocation and amendment to the HUD 2020 Action plan for this public hearing is \$30,700.03 of CDBG-CV funding.

2020 CDBG Program		
CARES Act Funding Reallocation		
Project	Current Balance	Proposed Balance
CDBD-CV2 - United Way: COVID 19 Relief	\$30,700.03	\$0
CDBG-CV3 - United Way: Buddy Backpacks Program	\$0	\$30,700.03

The Advisory Committee recommendations and any public comments were presented to the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners for its review. The St. Louis County Board held a public hearing on April 25, 2023, and no comments were received. Upon closure of the public hearing, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners approved, by resolution, the CARES Act Amendment to the 2020 Action Plan for the reallocation of funding and its submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.