FY2019 Action Plan Amendment

Purpose of Amendment

Amended on July 1, 2020 to add CDBG CARES Act funds to the FY2019 Annual Action Plan.

Pinal County, Arizona was notified of award of CDBG-CV funds in the amount of \$1,082,111. Completing a substantial amendment to the FY2019 Action Plan was the preferred method to accept and expend funds in an expedited manner to ensure optimum community benefit in an effort to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus

Summary of Citizen Participation Efforts

In anticipation of coronavirus relief funding, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors put out a call for non-profit organizations to submit an application for funding assistance on March 25, 2020. The public notice was distributed by the County's Public Information office to public information officers in local communities, posted on the county website, and through email blasts.

Thirty organizations submitted a funding request. Upon review of the requests, fifteen qualified as relevant to CDBG-CV funding because of the project relevance to preventing, preparing for, and responding to coronavirus.

Additionally, the Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness sent a survey to its member agencies to determine which agencies could provide housing related services. Thirty one responses were received from 73 participating agencies through the Coalition. Some responses were duplicate agencies and from agencies that did not currently have a program in place in order to expend funds expeditiously. Five agencies with the experience, capacity, and existing programs were considered for funding.

Pinal County's Housing Department also requested funding for a rental assistance program which coincides with existing services the department already provides.

On June 10, 2020, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors held a work session and voted to provide CDBG-CV funding to area non-profits.

On June 16, 2020 Pinal County posted a public hearing notice for July 1, 2020 before the Board of Supervisors to solicit input and respond to questions pertaining to the use of CDBG-CV funds. The public notice was advertised according to the amended public participation plan.

From these discussions, requests, and public hearing, Pinal County seeks to amend its FY2019 Action Plan to include CDBG-CV funds to be expended as follows:

| # of | Type of | Total \$ | Coronavirus | National | Beneficiaries |
|-------------------|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| agencies | service | | relevance | Objective | |
| 2 | Domestic violence services | \$93,000 | Respond | LC | DV survivors |
| 1 | Financial stabilization services | \$30,000 | Respond | LMI | Low income persons |
| 4 | Food services | \$130,000 | Respond | LMI | Low income persons |
| 1 | Resource, referrals, and case management | \$50,000 | Respond | LMI | Low income persons |
| 6 | Housing | \$509,000 | Prevent | LMI/LC | Low income persons/homeless |
| 1 | Utility assistance | \$30,000 | Respond | LMI | Low income persons |
| 1 | Youth services | \$30,000 | Respond | LC | Youth/children |
| Pending requests* | Food services | \$121,000 | Respond | LMI | Low income persons |
| Pending requests* | Coronavirus related services | \$89,111 | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| | | \$1,082,111 | | | |

^{*}The Pinal County Board of Supervisors elected to set aside funds for additional support of area non-profits. Specifically, the Board set aside \$121,000 for food banks who have seen a dramatic increase in need due to the coronavirus. Similarly, the Board set aside \$89,111 to provide support to non-profits based upon the projects ability to prevent, prepare for, or respond to coronavirus.

Summary of comments

A list of comments received during the approved 5-day comment period including whether the comments were accepted or not and why will be added following the public hearing.

| Comments received | Accepted | Reason not accepted | |
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