

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOFA – NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) McHENRY COUNTY

The McHenry County Department of Planning and Development - Community Development Division (CD Division) is hereby issuing notice that the County is accepting CONCEPT PAPERS for competitive allocation of 2021 CDBG funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from Thursday, October 1, 2020 starting at 4:00 PM CDT through Friday, December 4, 2020 at 4:00 PM CST. McHenry County estimates an allocation of \$1,420,000 (One Million Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents) in funding from HUD. Late Concept Papers will be rejected.

For planning purposes, 2021 CDBG funding will be available starting on or after October 1, 2021.

Please note that this is NOT COVID-19 funding originally authorized under the CARES Act, and is eligible for regular use as regulated by 24 CFR 570.

Concept Papers are being accepted for any eligible CDBG activity, which includes but is not limited to: infrastructure, housing (including site preparation and homeowner occupied rehabilitation), housing downpayment assistance programs, public facilities, historic preservation, elimination of slum and blighted properties, microenterprise and special economic development activities, and public service projects. CDBG allocations will be made to eligible non-profit organizations, for-profit businesses, and municipalities within McHenry County.

A leveraging requirement of 10% applies for all projects and no applications for assistance under \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) will be accepted. Project applicants are highly encouraged to review the federal regulations codified under 24 CFR 570 related to the CDBG Program in shaping their Concept Paper.

Public Service projects will be capped to a maximum of 15% of the total award allocated to McHenry County. Historic preservation and elimination of slum and blight activities combined are limited to a total of 30% of the total award allocated to McHenry County. Awards are subject to authorization by Congress and formula allocation to McHenry County.

The Five Year Consolidated Plan 2020-2024 is in development; project Concept Papers as well as citizen and community partner participation and data help to focus of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Applicants are encouraged to bring forth project concepts even if they are ideas being developed for future activities. Applicants are also encouraged to

be creative with utilizing CDBG funds to attract new state, local, private, and federal funding.

Applicants are encouraged to participate in open meetings scheduled for the following dates and times:

Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 2:00 PM CDT – Online GoToMeeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM CDT – Online GoToMeeting

The link to access these meetings will be available no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting at the CD Division website located at www.mchenrycountyil.gov/cd

At these open meetings, CD staff will outline the CDBG Program and answer questions related to project eligibility and the funding process and estimated timelines. CD staff will also outline eligible activities of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program at these meetings. Public Meetings will be held online for the purposes of social distancing. If special accommodations are required, please contact the CD Division no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting start date and time.

The Concept Paper, instructions, CDBG Procedures and Operations Guide, Citizen Participation Plan, and related materials will be available at: McHenry County Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Suite 208, Woodstock, IL 60098, or online at: <http://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/CD>

Please contact the CD Division for questions related to this notice at 815-334-4560 or via e-mail at: McHenryCountyComDev@mchenrycountyIL.gov

Compliance with 2 CFR 200.203:

Federal Awarding Agency: United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Funding Opportunity Title: Program Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Announcement Type: Initial

Funding Opportunity Number: B21-UC-17-0007

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 14.218

Key Dates and Times:

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Tuesday, October 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM CDT: Public Meeting

Friday, December 4, 2020 at 4:00 PM CST: Concept Paper period closed