

**Five (5) Day Public Comment and Notice of Public Meeting  
For Review of DRAFT  
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT No. 3 TO THE  
POLK COUNTY FY 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO  
ADD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT –  
CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV3) FUNDS AND  
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT FUNDS CORONAVIRUS (ESG-CV2)  
DETAIL PROPOSED ACTIVITIES**

On March 27, 2020 the United States Congress passed The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (H.R. 748). The bill provided \$5 billion for CDBG to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by it, including the expansion of community health facilities, childcare centers, food banks, and senior services.

Polk County received Cares Act supplemental funding on September 11, 2020 for CDBG-CV3 in the amount of \$2,812,299 in Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG–CV3) funds. A Substantial Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan is required. Normally, a thirty (30) day public comment period is required however, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has waived this requirement and provided for no less than five (5) days for public comments on each substantial amendment. Polk County will take comments for this Substantial Amendment from November 23 to December 1, 2020.

The CDBG-CV 3 funds allocated under the CARES Act may be used for a range of eligible activities that prevent and respond the spread of infectious diseases such as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID- 19). The proposed activities must meet the three National Objectives as required by CDBG regulations:

- Benefit low-and-moderate income persons.
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, and
- Meet an urgent need.

Housing and Neighborhood Development staff is recommending to allocate these funds as follows:

<b>CDBG CV3 Cares Allocation Annual Action Plan Amendment No. 3 FY2019/2020</b>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,812,299</b>
<b>Facilities Improvements - Gospel Inc. Shelter for Covid – 19 Related services</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Rental Eviction Assistance -</b>	<b>\$1,005,000</b>
<b>Public Service Projects – total</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>
Salvation Army Hope for Homeless Families	\$65,000
Winter Haven Housing Authority Short term Medical Training	\$65,000
VISTE Services to Seniors	\$65,000
Citizen CPR Basic First Aid & CPR	\$65,000
Gospel Inc. Rental Assistance	\$65,000
<b>Administration allowed up to 20%</b>	<b>\$482,299</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,812,299</b>

Polk County received \$2,054,711 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV2) funding which was outlined in a prior amendment to the 2019-2020 Action Plan. This current amendment will identify projects for the ESG-CV2 funds in detail.

<b>ESG CV2 Cares Allocation Annual Action Plan Amendment No. 3 FY2019/2020</b>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,700,00</b>
<b>Public Service Projects – Helping Hands</b>	\$254,240
<b>Public Facilities Improvements Projects - Total</b>	\$1,700,000
Talbot House Facilities Expansion Covid-19 Related	\$900,000
Peace River Rehab Medical Facility Covid-19 Related	\$800,000
<b>Administration allowed up to 10%</b>	\$100,471
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,054,711</b>

In addition and for the purpose of an expedited use of the CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funding, the waiver **removes the requirement to hold in-person public hearings** in order to comply with national and local social gathering requirements, and allows grantees to be reimbursed for COVID-19 response activities regardless of the date the costs were incurred.

**Public Review**

Pursuant to HUD regulations, the County’s Citizen Participation Plan and current HUD waivers for grant programs and consolidated plan requirements to prevent the spread of COVID19, staff published a 5 - day comment period and will conduct a virtual public meeting using online meeting platform on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. **Please join the Public Meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82181041283?pwd=ejlBVGwxVFQwTTNrcEJDTFM2alp5QT09>

**Call in using your phone 1-646-558-8656**  
**Meeting ID – 821 8104 1283**  
**Passcode 333981**

Public comments and the Board of County Commissioners allocation recommendations will be included in the Substantial Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan presented at the Board meeting on December 15, 2020. Please email [HNDRequests@polk-county.net](mailto:HNDRequests@polk-county.net) or call Nancy Hurley, Housing Compliance Manager at (863) 534-5244.