



Sonoma County Community Development Commission
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Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Community Development Block Grant- CARES Act (CDBG-CV)

Issue Date: July 17, 2025

Application Due Date: August 15, 2025, 5:00 pm

The Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Commission) is requesting applications from eligible organizations for eligible activities that prevent, prepare for, and/or respond to Coronavirus:

Program Year: FY 2020-21
Fund Source: CDBG-CV
Amount Available: \$113,295.85

The Commission administers federal funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) including Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME American Rescue Plan Act funds on behalf of the County of Sonoma, the Town of Windsor, and the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, and Sonoma (collectively, the "Urban County"). This NOFA and the associated guiding documents and policies govern the distribution of funds.

All applications must be submitted through the online application portal. A link will be provided to all interested applicants following a one-on-one technical assistance meeting between Commission staff and the interested applicant. The application materials include the FY 2025-2026 Federal Funding Policies and NOFA. Please review these materials carefully for important information on project/program eligibility and application procedures.

CDBG-CV Funds

On March 27, 2020 the President of the United States signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act making \$5 billion of supplemental funding available nationwide to federal grantees to address the impacts of the Coronavirus. The County of Sonoma, on behalf of the Urban County, received a total of \$2,963,500 of CDBG-CV funds from HUD of which \$113,295.85 remains available to allocate. Interested applicants must clearly demonstrate in their application how the proposed activity will prevent, prepare for, and/or respond to Coronavirus. Please note that in order to meet the federal expenditure deadline, all CDBG-CV funds allocated to subrecipients will be made available on January 1, 2026 at the earliest and must be fully expended no later than June 30, 2026.



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Eligible activities under the CDBG-CV regulations include:

- Public services
- Housing related activities
- Public improvements and facilities
- Activities to acquire real property
- Economic development activities

As noted above, eligible activities must clearly demonstrate they will prevent, prepare for, and/or respond to Coronavirus and must be able to expend the full award of funds between January 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026.

Key Date	Description
Thursday, July 17, 2025	NOFA publication.
Friday, July 18, 2025 through Friday, August 8, 2025	All interested applicants must schedule a one-on-one technical assistance meeting with Commission staff. This is a mandatory requirement prior to application submittal.
Friday, August 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m.	Funding applications are due to the Commission no later than 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 10:00 a.m.	Community Development (CD) Committee and Cities and Towns Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) concurrent meeting to make funding recommendations for the FY 2020-21 Action Plan Substantial Amendment. The committees may provide comments and ask clarifying questions of applicants. All applicants must attend to be considered for funding.
Thursday, September 18 through October 22, 2025	Draft FY 2020-21 Action Plan Substantial Amendment published for a 30-day public comment period.
Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 10:00 a.m. (Special Meeting)	CD Committee and CTAC concurrent public hearings to make final funding recommendations in the draft FY 2020-21 Action Plan Substantial Amendment.
Tuesday, November 4, 2025 (Date subject to change)	Board of Supervisors to consider adoption of the FY 2020-21 Action Plan Substantial Amendment.

Application Due Date

All funding applications must be submitted to the Commission by 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2025. Only applications submitted through the Commission's online portal will be accepted.

FY 2025-2026 Funding Priorities

The Federal Funding Policies guide the allocation process of the aforementioned funds and further the goals set out in the five-year Consolidated Plan. Interested applicants are

strongly encouraged to review the policies prior to application submittal. The policies can be viewed on this web page: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/development-services/community-development-commission/plans-policies-and-reports>

The Commission will recommend funding awards to the most competitive proposals that adhere to the basic threshold criteria and rank well under the selection criteria outlined in the Federal Funding Policies.

Selection Process

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated by Commission staff for completeness and eligibility. Staff will prepare an analysis for consideration by the CD Committee and the CTAC at a concurrent meeting. At the meeting, the committees will review staff analysis of funding applications submitted under the competitive funding categories, accept comments from applicants and the public, provide feedback, and make funding recommendations to staff that will be incorporated into the draft FY 2020-21 Action Plan Substantial Amendment. **All applicants must attend the meeting scheduled for September 17, 2025, to be considered for funding.**

The CD Committee and CTAC will hold concurrent public hearings on October 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to make final funding recommendations contained in the draft FY 2020-21 Action Plan Substantial Amendment that will then go to the Board of Supervisors for their approval in November.

Questions? Please contact Matthew Burns at (707) 565-1268 or by email at Matthew.Burns@sonomacounty.gov for questions and to schedule a one-on-one technical assistance meeting with Commission staff.