



# City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE APPROVED 2020 CDBG ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas (“City”) was recently notified by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) of an error in the 2020 CDBG regular allocation formula which will result in a decrease of \$94, from \$616,257 to now \$616,163; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020, the City was also awarded the CDBG-CV-1 (Covid-19 relief funds under the CARES Act) for \$362,254 which was designated for Small Business Emergency Grants. However, only six applicants totaling \$60,000 met the federal guidelines, therefore, the City’s Community Development Department is requesting that the remaining \$302,254 be allocated to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus such as homelessness.

WHEREAS, recently, the City received a special allocation from the HUD CDBG-CV3 in the amount of \$366,336 program to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (COVID-19), which HUD has indicated must be added to the City’s 2020 Annual Action Plan Budget; and,

WHEREAS, a five day public comment period was held from November 19, 2020 to November 24, 2020 regarding the CV-3 funding, and a public hearing was conducted on November 19, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. and at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers; and,

WHEREAS, 18 citizens attended the CV-3 public hearing, and more than 50% of the comments and surveys indicated that homelessness is the main concern of Jonesboro’ citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the CDBG funds are 100% federally and local match is not required; and,

WHEREAS, the City’s 2020 Annual CDBG Action Plan was passed and approved through RES-20:060 by the City Council on June 9, 2020 and needs to be revised. The proposed revisions are indicated below:

1. Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance \$39,906 (reduced \$94 from HUD error)
2. Homeownership Assistance \$14,000
3. Demolition & Clearance Assistance \$10,000
4. Neighborhood Revitalization Program \$30,000
5. Veterans Village Outreach Center \$220,000
6. St. Patrick Street Sidewalks - Phase 3 \$130,000
7. Recovery, Inc.- ADA Parking Access IMP \$20,000
8. Hispanic Community Services, Inc. \$20,000
9. West End Neighborhood Association \$10,822.88

- 10. CDBG Program Planning & Administration      \$121,340.12
- 11. CDBG - CV1      \$362,524
- 12. CDBG - CV3      \$366,336

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: The 2020 CDBG Action Plan is hereby revised as indicated above.

Section 2: The City of Jonesboro will enter into an agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the amendment of the 2020 Action Plan.

Section 3: The City of Jonesboro will submit the request for release of funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the amended 2020 Action Plan.

Section 4: The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.



ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

October 22, 2020

**CORRECTED NOTICE**

The Honorable Harold Perrin  
Mayor of Jonesboro  
300 S Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401-2911

Dear Mayor Perrin:

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs, which provide funding for housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low- and moderate-income persons and special needs populations across the country. President Trump signed Public Law 116-94 on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, which includes FY 2020 funding for these programs.

Since issuing the original allocation announcement letters, HUD has discovered an error in the formula calculation for two CPD formula programs, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs, stemming from issues at HUD field offices in California which are currently being resolved. HUD informs you that the correction to the formula has resulted in a decrease in the allocation for your community, an amount representing 99.98% of your total CDBG grant for FY 2020. Jonesboro's original CDBG allocation was \$616,257. Your jurisdiction's FY 2020 available allocation is now as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$616,163
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This letter highlights several important points related to these programs. We remind grantees that CPD seeks to develop viable communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing and suitable living environments while expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income and special needs populations, including people living with HIV/AIDS. The primary means towards this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including both for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Based on your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year, you also have \$3,081,285 in available Section 108 borrowing authority. Since Section 108 loans are federally guaranteed, this program can leverage your jurisdiction's existing CDBG funding to access low-interest, long-term financing to invest in Opportunity Zones or other target areas in your jurisdiction.

HUD continues to emphasize the importance of effective performance measurements in all of its formula grant programs. Proper reporting in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) is critical to ensuring grantees are complying with program requirements and

policies, providing demographic and income information about the persons that benefited from a community's activities, and allowing HUD to monitor grantees. Your ongoing attention to ensuring complete and accurate reporting of performance measurement data continues to be an invaluable resource with regard to the impact of these formula grant programs.

The Office of Community Planning and Development is looking forward to working with you to promote simple steps that will enhance the performance of these critical programs and successfully meet the challenges that our communities face. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please contact your local CPD Office Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gibbs", written in a cursive style.

John Gibbs  
Assistant Secretary (Acting)  
for Community Planning and Development  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

September 11, 2020

The Honorable Harold Perrin  
Mayor of Jonesboro  
300 S Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401-2911

Dear Mayor Perrin:

I am pleased to inform you of a special allocation to your jurisdiction of Community Development Block Grant funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis.

The CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Of this amount, the Department immediately allocated \$2 billion on March 27, 2020, the same day President Trump signed the Act, based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula; this constituted the first round of CDBG-CV funds. Next, \$1 billion was required by the Act to be allocated to States and insular areas within 45 days of enactment of the Act; HUD accomplished this on May 11, 2020, and this constituted the second round of CDBG-CV funds. Finally, the remaining \$2 billion in CDBG-CV funds was required by the Act to be allocated to states and local governments at the discretion of the Secretary on a rolling basis; HUD accomplished this on September 11, 2020, and this constituted the third round of CDBG-CV funds. Additionally, up to \$10 million will be set aside for technical assistance.

Accordingly, this letter informs you that your jurisdiction's allocation for the third round is \$366,336. Your cumulative amount for all allocation rounds is \$728,860.

The CARES Act adds additional flexibility for both the CDBG-CV grant and, in some cases, for the annual FY2019 and FY2020 CDBG grants in these unprecedented times. The public comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days, grantees may use virtual public hearings when necessary for public health reasons, the public services cap is suspended during the emergency, and States and local governments may reimburse costs of eligible activities incurred for pandemic response regardless of the date.

In addition, the CARES Act authorizes the HUD Secretary to grant waivers and alternative requirements of statutes and regulations the HUD Secretary administers in connection with the use of CDBG-CV funds and fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG funds (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment). Waivers and alternative requirements can be granted when necessary to expedite and facilitate the use of funds to prevent,

prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

The CDBG CARES Act Federal Register Notice (FR-6218-N-01) was released on August 10, 2020. The notice describes the allocations and grant procedures applicable to the CDBG-CV grants. It also describes the program flexibilities, waivers, and alternative requirements that apply to the CDBG-CV grants as well as the fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG grants. As further such flexibilities become available, they will be posted on HUD's website and distributed to grantees. The Department will also support grantees with technical assistance.

As you develop your plan for the use of these grant funds, we encourage you to consider approaches that prioritize the unique needs of low- and moderate-income persons and the development of partnerships between all levels of government and the private for-profit and non-profit sectors. You should coordinate with state and local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support state or local pandemic response. CDBG-CV grants will be subject to oversight, reporting, and the requirement that each grantee have adequate procedures to prevent the duplication of benefits (DOB). HUD will provide guidance and technical assistance on DOB, the prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse, and on documenting the impact of this program for beneficiaries.

Reminder, all CPD Grantees must ensure they maintain active Dun and Bradstreet Numbering System (DUNS) numbers in the System for Award Management (SAM) system. Entities must have an active and unexpired DUNS before execution of grant agreements to avoid delays in the obligation of funds- which will delay your ability to drawdown funds in the Integrated Disbursement & Information System (IDIS). Grantees are required to maintain an active SAMs registration by re-activating their DUNS number annually in the SAM system for the entire drawdown period of their grants. DUNS numbers can be registered and renewed each year at the following website: <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>.

The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) is looking forward to working with you to successfully meet the urgent and complex challenges faced by our communities. If you or any member of your staff has questions, please contact your local CPD Field Office Director or [CPDQuestionsAnswered@hud.gov](mailto:CPDQuestionsAnswered@hud.gov).

Sincerely,



John Gibbs  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Community Planning and Development  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development