

## **Draft Funding Recommendations for U.S. HUD Coronavirus Response**

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**Note:** *The draft funding proposals reflect staff recommendations to address community needs responsive to COVID-19. Recommendations as to how best to fund these proposals may change based on funding availability from a range of sources to address these community needs.*

### Recommendations for use of CDBG-CV funds:

- Approximately \$2.6 million for emergency rental assistance for low- and moderate-income households impacted by the economic impacts of COVID-19 lasting no more than three consecutive months.
- Approximately \$1 million for the child care workforce to sustain jobs necessary for the response to coronavirus, avoid job loss caused by decreased enrollment of children in child care; incentivize overnight and weekend child care for essential workers by providing short-term working capital assistance to small businesses to enable retention of jobs held by low- and moderate-income persons; respite care for children whose parents or guardians are hospitalized or quarantined; and health and safety supplies needed for child care programs to operate during COVID-19 pandemic.
- Approximately \$600,000 for an educational program to provide funding to professional artists who have lost employment or income due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. The art could be in a variety of genres, including but not limited to dance, theatre, literature, visual arts, performance, media arts, music, etc., for education and awareness about issues such as COVID-19.
- Approximately \$400,000 for a loan guarantee for the Austin Economic Injury Bridge Loan Program, which is funded with Section 108 funding and provides loans for daily needs like rent, payroll, and debt. Eligible local businesses must be able to demonstrate an economic loss associated with the COVID-19 global pandemic. The loan is intended to “bridge the gap” between the time a major catastrophe hits and when a business secures recovery resources.

### Recommendations for use of ESG-CV funds:

- Approximately \$2.3 million for homelessness assistance and to procure goods and services to prevent, prepare for, and mitigate the economic effects of Coronavirus.

### Recommendations for use of HOPWA-CV funds:

- Approximately \$200,000 for services for the HOPWA program, including payments for short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance, tenant based rental assistance, hotel/motel voucher assistance, permanent housing placement, facility-based housing, master leasing, supportive services, and housing case management.