

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Grant Opportunities to Prepare, Prevent,
and Respond to COVID-19



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Image: Head Start, Brookings, Oregon

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CARES ACT FUNDING

Business Oregon has made available Cares Act funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Several grant opportunities are now open for applications for communities affected by COVID-19.

Emergency Small Business & Microenterprise Assistance Program

This grant program is intended to help low- and moderate-income (LMI) businesses and employees prepare, prevent, and respond to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

What funds are available?

Up to \$100,000 for a single city or up to \$500,000 for multiple cities collaborating.

Up to \$500,000 per county.

What can the grant be used for?

Assistance to revitalize businesses and labor force affected by COVID-19 including:

- Cash Grants
- Job Training
- Licensing
- Certifications
- Marketing
- Business Redesign

Program Limits:

- One (1) LMI job must be created/retained for every \$2,500 awarded to the applicant
- One (1) microenterprise must be assisted for every \$10,000 awarded

Who can apply?

All Oregon cities, counties, and tribes.

How do I apply?

Applications are available until funding is fully obligated. To submit an application, visit the Business Oregon [CDBG- COVID-19 Programs webpage \(https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/CDBG/Pages/default\)](https://www.oregon.gov/biz/programs/CDBG/Pages/default).

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must meet all of the following:

- Low-Moderate Income (LMI)
- Documented COVID-19 impacts
- No access to other assistance for the same time period costs (no duplication of benefit)
- Complete the project within one year
- Eligibility requirements are in the current NOFA that expires May 31, 2022

Contact [Jeremy McVeety](#), Regional Project Manager at (971) 375-8051 or jeremy.mcveety@biz.oregon.gov for assistance and more information.

Business Oregon 's infrastructure finance programs assist communities to build infrastructure capacity to address public health safety and compliance issues as well as support their ability to attract, retain and expand businesses, We strive to coordinate the delivery of infrastructure financing to Oregon communities and to better collaborate with local partners.

Emergency Housing Related Assistance Program

This grant program provides housing assistance to low-to-moderate income (LMI) households impacted by COVID-19.

What funds are available?

Up to \$400,000 for a single city or up to \$500,000 for multiple cities collaborating.

Up to \$600,000 for a single county or up to \$800,000 for multiple counties collaborating.

Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance

What can the grant be used for?

Assist LMI households with up to six months of past due rent, mortgage, or utility bill assistance.

- Rent must be within the Fair Market Rent or from a rent reasonable study conducted by the applicant or a local Public Housing Authority
- Rental assistance excludes late fees
- Mortgage assistance may include taxes, insurance, and late fees
- Utility assistance excludes water or sewer bills
- All assistance must bring the household into a current billing status
- All assistance payments must be made to the landlord, mortgage servicer, or gas/electric service provider

Housing Rehabilitation Assistance

What can the grant be used for?

Health and Safety Activities: Rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes that improve the quality of life for households affected by COVID-19 including:

- Improved ventilation
- Removal of lead-based paint
- Private well and water lines
- Private septic and drain fields
- Standard building code improvements

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COVID-19 Impact Assistance Program

This grant program helps mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on low- and moderate-income (LMI) beneficiaries.

What funds are available?

Up to \$250,000 per city/county recipient.

What can the grant be used for?

Assistance to provide new or expanded services in response to COVID-19 including:

- Participate in new or existing childcare services
- Support job creation in new and expanding businesses that manufacture medical supplies necessary to respond to infectious disease including purchasing machinery, equipment, and working capital
- Broadband connection planning to extend services to LMI communities

Impact Assistance Public Services Grants

What funds are available?

Up to \$50,000 per city/county recipient.

What can the grant be used for?

Assistance to provide new or expanded public services to LMI communities in response to COVID-19 including:

- Carry out job training to expand the health care workforce available to treat disease within a community
- Conduct training for COVID-19 literacy and implement measures to reduce the impact of COVID-19 outbreak on businesses, workers, customers, and the public
- Provide vaccines, testing, diagnosis, treatment, or other services at fixed or mobile locations
- Increase existing health services and facilities capacity and availability for infectious disease response
- Provide equipment, supplies, and materials necessary to carry out a public service
- Deliver meals to individuals with medical vulnerabilities
- Project Turnkey Operations to support operational capacity for temporary shelter

Impact Assistance Public Facilities Grants (Acquisition, Rehab, Construction)

What funds are available?

Up to \$750,000 per city/county recipient.

What can the grant be used for?

Assistance to acquire, construct, or rehabilitate community facilities and infrastructure in LMI communities related to COVID-19 including:

- Facilities to provide vaccines, testing, diagnosis, treatment, or other services at fixed or mobile locations
- Child care facilities
- Food bank facility expansion or storage rental, and food distribution
- Repurpose a motel or hotel building to use as a temporary shelter or enable permanent housing
- Facilities to manufacture medical supplies necessary to respond to infectious disease
- Broadband connections and related infrastructure to residents and community facilities
- Replace water distribution system and water supply