

SUBMITTAL OF SUBSTANTIAL CARES ACT AMENDMENT  
NO. 2 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 ACTION PLAN  
AND ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL  
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA UNDER  
THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC  
SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT),

City Council

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December 1, 2020

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- COVID-19 pandemic resulted in Shelter-in-Place orders
  - March 17, 2020 Sonoma County Public Health Officer
  - March 19, 2020 California Public Health Officer
- CARES Act signed March 27, 2020
  - Provides additional funds to HUD grantees for response to COVID-19
- May 2020 Council Item - Santa Rosa allocated funding:
  - \$859,608 CDBG-CV
  - \$65,180 HOPWA

- HUD waivers & guidance provide flexibility and include:
  - Reduced public comment period to 5 days
  - Suspension of CDBG public services cap
  - HOME-funded Tenant-Based Rental Assistance rapid deployment
- Amendment to Action Plan required:
  - To utilize additional CDBG-CV funds;
- Five-Day comment period from November 16 – November 20
  - Comments received will be included in the Amendment to Action Plan

- Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers
  - Over 2,000 households assisted
- City-wide COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program
  - Launched Summer 2020
  - Up to \$600,000 available to assist low-income households that has reduced or lost wages
- CDBG-CV3 Funds
  - Provide additional tranche of funds to provide short term rental assistance

The proposed action will authorize submittal of Substantial CARES Act Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Action Plan (Plan) to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to utilize new federal funds for the City's COVID-19 response; accept and appropriate additional Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV3) funds in the amount of \$1,281,401, as allocated to Santa Rosa under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Approval of this action will allow deployment of the City's CDBG-CV3 funds for Rental Assistance/Housing Instability to income eligible households that have been impacted by COVID-19.

Questions?

