

**This amendment is a substantial amendment to the
2019 CDBG Action Plan**

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**NORTH DAKOTA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM - CV
DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

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**ALTERNATIVE FORMATS FOR DISABLED
PERSONS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**



Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Cares Act funds.

The State of North Dakota's CDBG Cares Act allocation is \$6,380,334. These funds will be used to prevent, prepare, and respond to the Coronavirus.

The Federal Register Notice [Docket No. FR-6218-N-01] Notice of Program Rules, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements Under the CARES Act for Community Development Block Grant Programs Coronavirus Response Grants, Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 Community Development Block Grants, and for Other Formula Programs. North Dakota will take advantage of the allowed waivers, which will allow the state to expedite the response to the coronavirus.

All CDBG-CV funds must be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. CDBG-CV grants cannot be used for any other purpose. North Dakota will assure that activities will be limited to the necessary and reasonable costs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

North Dakota Duplication of Benefits (DOB) Policy for CDBG-CV

The Notice of Program Rules, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements Under the CARES Act for Community Development Block Grant Program Coronavirus Response Grants, Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 Community Development Block Grants, and for Other Formula Programs require that grantees prevent the duplication of benefits that is caused when a person, household, business, or other entity receives financial assistance from multiple sources for the same purpose, and the total assistance is more than the total need.

Any person or entity receiving CDBG-CV assistance (including subrecipients and direct beneficiaries) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus must agree to repay assistance that is determined to be duplicative.

- A Duplication of Benefits occurs when:
- A beneficiary receives assistance, and
- The assistance is from multiple sources (ie. SBA, FEMA, Treasury, IRS, USDA, HHS, EDA, non-profits, City, State, etc.), and
- The assistance amount exceeds the need for a particular purpose.

Any person or entity receiving CDBG-CV assistance (including subrecipients and direct beneficiaries) must agree to repay assistance that is determined to be duplicative.

To identify and assure that CDBG-CV assistance does not duplicate other funds received for the same activity (i.e. does not replace other funds received), the following process steps to prevent a DOB from occurring:

1. Identify the total need for assistance prior to any assistance being provided.
2. Identify all potentially duplicative assistance received or to be received.
3. Deduct assistance determined to be duplicative.
4. Determine maximum award.
5. Determine program cap (if applicable).
6. Determine final amount of assistance.

The following is an example of the use of the six-step process:

1. Applicant's total need prior to any assistance	\$100,000
2. All potentially available duplicative assistance	\$ 35,000
3. Assistance determined to be duplicative	\$ 30,000
4. Maximum eligible award (item 1 less item 3)	\$ 70,000
5. Program cap (if applicable)	\$ 50,000
6. Final award (lesser of items 4 and 5)	\$ 50,000