



# City of Muscatine



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

DATE:

November 5, 2020

### STAFF

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Jodi Royal-Goodwin, Community Development Director

### SUBJECT

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Resolution to Set Public Hearing Date for the on the Proposed Use of Community Development Block Grant Funds

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The City was awarded CDBG Grant Funds to Support Infectious Disease Response from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for \$53,004 to support the community's expanded food services for those in need and needs of the health care system in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis. A public hearing is required to ensure residents are aware of how the funds will be used prior to contracting and all payments must be for reimbursement of approved expenses.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends Council set a public hearing for November 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. during the regular meeting.

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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In light of the COVID-19 public health crisis, the IEDA established a grant opportunity, CDBG Grant Funds to Support Infectious Disease Response, to support local response activities. Only non-entitlement cities or counties are eligible applicants. No match funds are required for this grant.

The City partnered on the application with the United Way, Muscatine Center for Social Action, and the Salvation Army, to increase food service delivery capacity. In addition funds were requested for Trinity Public Health to provide psychological first aid training to mental health providers and purchase iPads to support patient connections and increase telehealth services.

The City was awarded \$53,004 for reimbursement of approved expenses. Per the terms of the grant agreement the City must hold a public hearing to provide specific information regarding the use of funds and other regulations that must be adhered to before contracts may be executed or funds disbursed.

### CITY FINANCIAL IMPACT

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This action has no financial impact to the City.

### ATTACHMENTS

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- 1) Resoution to set public hearing
- 2) Publication

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0377**

**A RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Muscatine applied for and was awarded \$53,004 under the CDBG Grant Funds to Support Infectious Disease Response program from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA); and

**WHEREAS**, IEDA requires grant recipients to hold a public hearing to inform residents of the proposed use of funds; and

**WHEREAS**, a the City must publish notice of the required public hearing not more than 20 nor less than 4 days prior to the date of the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, in the City's application for funding the City proposed assist the United Way of Muscatine, Muscatine Center for Social Action, and the Salvation Army, to increase food service delivery capacity to those in need, and Trinity Public Health to provide psychological first aid training to mental health providers and purchase iPads to support patient support connections and increased telehealth services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Muscatine City Council hereby sets a public hearing for Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., and invites the public to comment regarding the City's planned uses of funds and compliance with federal regulations.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

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DIANA L. BRODERSON, MAYOR  
CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA

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CAROL WEBB, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND  
TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO  
DISCUSS THE  
CITY OF MUSCATINE'S PROPOSED USE OF  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS**

The public is invited to comment on the City of Muscatine's proposed use of CDBG funds awarded under the CDBG Grant Funds to Support Infectious Disease Response program from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). The City anticipates using the \$43,800 to support local nonprofits in the expansion of food delivery services to address the increased need resulting from the COVID-19 public health crisis. An additional \$9,204 will be used to provide mental health first aid to medical workers and purchase equipment to support social connections or patients and increase telehealth services.

A Public Hearing will be held November 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. during the Muscatine City Council meeting. Public participation in the Hearing will be electronic. The GoToMeeting link and call in information will be published on the official agenda at the City's website not later than November 17. If you are a person requiring a special accommodation for a disability or language barrier, please contact the City at 563-262-4141 at least three (3) business days in advance of the meeting date.

Comments may be submitted in person or by mail to the City of Muscatine, 215 Sycamore St, Muscatine, IA 52761 or electronically to [jroyal-goodwin@muscatineiowa.gov](mailto:jroyal-goodwin@muscatineiowa.gov) prior to the November 19 Public Hearing.

