



# City of Muscatine



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

DATE:

November 19, 2020

### STAFF

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Jodi Royal-Goodwin, Community Development Director

### SUBJECT

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Public Hearing on the Proposed Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 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 discussing specific topics is required prior to contracting with subrecipient organizations to ensure residents are aware of and concur with how the funds will be used.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends Council open the public hearing, which will include a presentation of the required topics.

### 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 the \$53,004 requested for reimbursement of approved expenses. Per the terms of the grant agreement the City must hold a public hearing to discuss specific information regarding the use of funds and needs of low- and moderate-income families within the community as well as regulations that must be adhered to. The public hearing date and time were set at the November 5 meeting of the Muscatine City Council.

### CITY FINANCIAL IMPACT

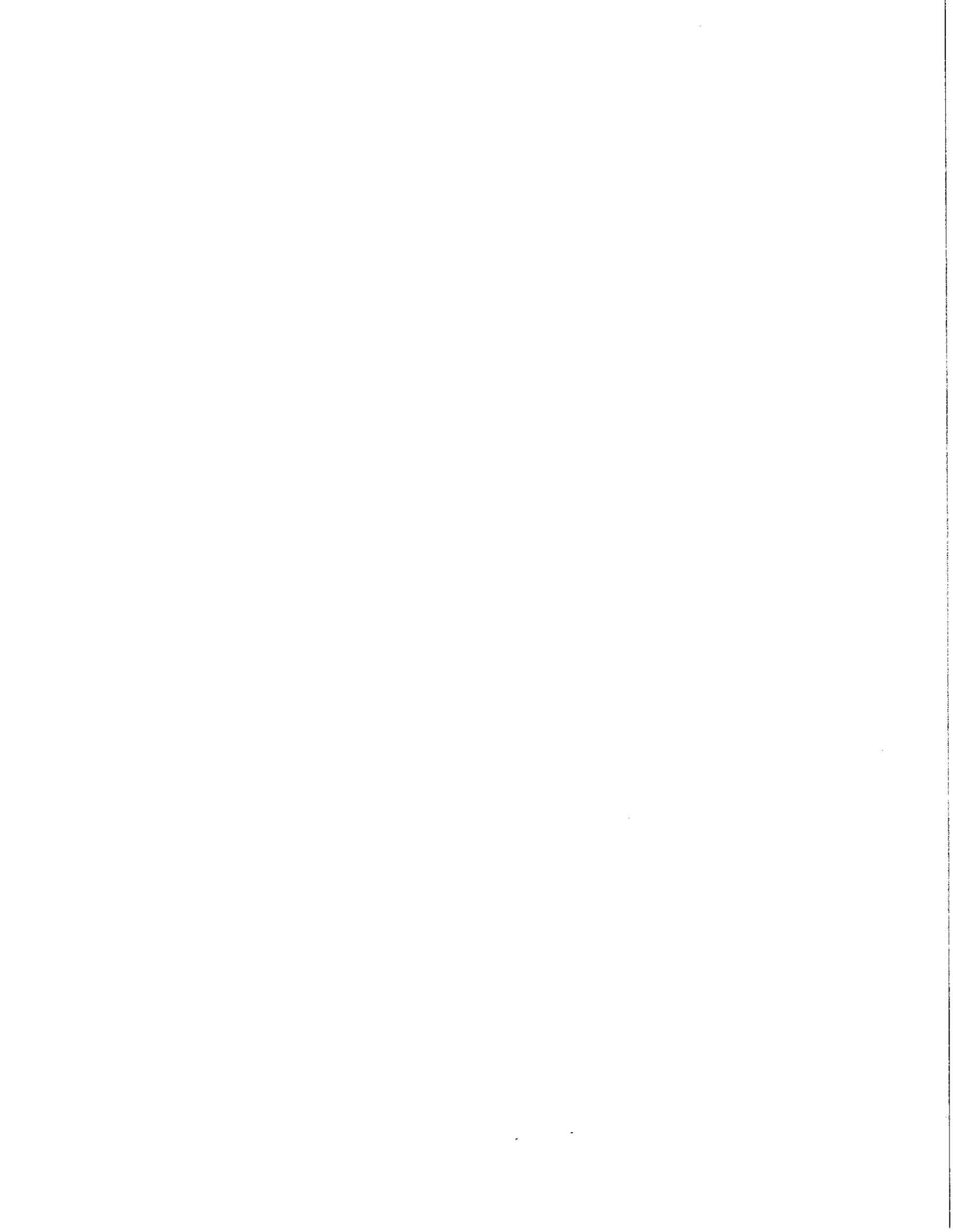
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This public hearing will allow the City to proceed with activities required to provide CDBG funds to the identified entities for responding to the COVID-19 crisis.

### ATTACHMENTS

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Presentation for public hearing



# Public Hearing COVID-19 CDBG Activities

## Impacts of COVID 19 & Need for Project

- ▶ Increased demand for food assistance within the City of Muscatine
- ▶ Impacts & changes to the health care system
  - ▶ Isolation of patients
  - ▶ Need to protect patients & health care staff
  - ▶ Support staff mental health

## Proposed Project

- ▶ Food Service
  - ▶ \$43,800 for increased food service within the community
  - ▶ Partner with MCSA, Salvation Army, United Way
  - ▶ Supply food banks, support food delivery, PPE for volunteers & staff
- ▶ Health System
  - ▶ \$9,204 to UnityPoint Health
  - ▶ Technology for telehealth & patient communication with support system
  - ▶ Mental Health First-Aid

## Other LMI Community Development & Housing Needs

- ▶ Additional units for extremely & very low income families
- ▶ Improved housing quality
- ▶ Range of housing types
- ▶ Basic needs
- ▶ Skill development programs
- ▶ Accessible routes to services & amenities

## Activities to Address LMI Needs

- ▶ Developing Housing Plan with strategies to address identified housing needs
- ▶ Pursue opportunities to increase resources to support goals
- ▶ Partner with organizations to deliver range of programs
- ▶ Implementation of sidewalk program

## IEDA Compliance

- ▶ This project will fund programs that will not result in the relocation of any individuals or families
- ▶ Adoption of required policies, contracts with nonprofits & a second public hearing
- ▶ Concerns regarding this project should be directed to Jodi Royal-Goodwin at 563-262-4141 or [jroyal-goodwin@muscatineiowa.gov](mailto:jroyal-goodwin@muscatineiowa.gov)



# Discussion of Proposed Project, Community Needs, and Possible Strategies