

**TOWN OF GREECE
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)
PROPOSED USE OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS**

As a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been authorized to provide supplemental funding to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, through the of the implementation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act). The CARES Act allows for these funds to be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of the crisis.

The Town of Greece will receive an anticipated \$705,583 as part of the third round of the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus funds (CDBG - CV) from HUD for use in the Town's 2019 program year, which began August 1, 2019.

As a result, on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., the Town of Greece is proposing substantial amendments to its previously approved 2019 CDBG Annual Action Plan to allow for the acceptance of the additional funds, and approval of the next phase of the town's CDBG - CV response initiatives. The meeting will take place in the Eastman Room at the Greece Town Hall, One Vince Tofany Boulevard, Greece, New York.

Written comments may be submitted regarding this proposal no later than Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Please submit written comments to the Office of Community Development; Town of Greece; One Vince Tofany Boulevard; Greece, New York 14612. Telephone inquiries should be directed to John T. Caterino, CDBG Administrator/Planner, at 585-723-2432, email address: jcaterino@greeceny.gov

The following activities, fund allocations, and amendments are proposed, subject to approval by HUD, in order to allow for the Town of Greece to receive and utilize the third round of CDBG-CV funds and the remainder of first round funds from HUD:

1. Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to reallocate the remaining balance of the Town's CV-Small Business Assistance Program to partially fund an additional amendment as outlined below.
2. Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to allow for the creation and funding for the following activities and programs:
 - a. GROW Greece Commercial Occupancy Incentive: \$314,508.31: Grant program designed to encourage occupancy of commercial floor space vacated as a result of the economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health crisis by assisting with renovation costs necessary to accommodate new business tenants. Applicants must demonstrate that vacancy occurred on or after the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declaration of a public health emergency, which was retroactive to January 21, 2020. Projects must result in a net reduction of vacant commercial floor space and may include construction of walls, flooring, windows and doors, HVAC, lighting and other electrical work, plumbing, and other fixed improvements needed to reestablish occupancy. This is a reimbursement grant program, funding 50% of project costs up to \$25,000 per application. Up to \$5,000 in additional funds (no additional match required) may be used for systems and enhancements that build up the business's resiliency to current and future public health emergencies including but not limited to touchless pay, online ordering, automatic/touchless entry, and outdoor operating capacity.
 - b. PPE Industry Assistance: \$250,000.00: Provide assistance to a PPE manufacturer who is expanding their operation in response to increased demand resulting from the COVID-19 public health crises.
 - c. Emergency Assistance to Non-Profit Organizations: \$45,000: Provide assistance to non-profit food shelves experiencing new and/or increased services due to the COVID-19 public health crises.
 - d. Town of Greece PPE Mask Distribution: \$15,000: This activity covers expenses incurred during mask distribution event(s) hosted at the Town of Greece campus and staffed by Town of Greece employees.

- e. Town of Greece Food Shelf – Food Drive: \$7,500: This activity covers expenses incurred during a food drive for the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf event, which was hosted at the Town of Greece campus and staffed by Town of Greece employees.
- f. General Administration of CDBG-CV programs: \$143,409.45: This activity includes salary, office expenses, and other undertakings associated with the administration of programs funded with Round 1 and 3 of the COVID-19 supplemental CDBG funds.