

CITY OF VENTURA – USE OF CARES ACT FUNDING OF 2020

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) (CARES Act). The CARES Act provided \$5 billion in CDBG coronavirus response (CDBG-CV) funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, nationwide. The City of Ventura received funds in the amount of \$453,683 in the Spring of 2020 (Round 1), and \$829,576 in the Fall of 2020 (Round 3 funds; Round 2 funds were allocated to the States).

Updates to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan were made to incorporate the funds into immediate use. On July 13, 2020 CDBG-CV funds were awarded to the ARCH, the city's homeless shelter operated by Mercy House.

Round 3 funds are currently unencumbered, and the City will hold a Notification of Funding Availability to open opportunities for local organizations to apply for funding needs associated with services for residents and businesses affected by the Coronavirus. More information on these funds can be found on the following websites for CDBG-CV information:

Housing and Urban Development – HUD Exchange CARES Act

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-cv/>

City of Ventura CDBG and HOME – 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan

City of Ventura CDBG and HOME – 2020 Citizen Participation Plan Amendment

<https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/426/CDBG-and-HOME-Programs>