GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE IN IOWA
As public health professionals, you work within communities and can assist in identifying the infectious disease response necessary to support citizens. Please use this guide to determine if a federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) can be of assistance.

GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE:
• $2,400,000
• No match funds required

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
• All 99 counties
• All cities, EXCEPT* Council Bluffs, Sioux City, Ames, Des Moines, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Cedar Falls, Iowa City, Dubuque, Davenport and West Des Moines

ELIGIBLE SUB-APPLICANTS:
Non-profit organizations – letter application MUST come from city or county, but the money can be subgranted to a non-profit to carry out the activity

LETTERS OF APPLICATION:
• Letter on city or county letterhead
• Describe project (including number of persons to be served)
• Describe need
• Describe amount of funding requesting
• Describe why other funding is not available
• Include a statement that the proposed project is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
• Requests must be signed by the Mayor or County Board of Supervisors Chair.
• Please include the City/ County’s DUN number
• Include contact email for official signing request

METHOD OF GRANT DELIVERY
Funds available on a reimbursement basis after contract with IEDA is signed

* These cities receive their own CDBG funds and may also have funding available.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES EXAMPLES
Below is a list of example activities. Please call to discuss your ideas to determine eligibility.

New or expanded public services:
• Job training to expand the pool of health care workers
• Provide additional testing, diagnosis or other services at a fixed or mobile location
• New or expanded child care services by a non-profit organization
• Create an expanded meal delivery service for quarantined individuals

Requests for equipment to allow city/county staff to telecommute is not considered part of a new or expanded service and will not be considered under this program.

Equipment Purchases
Requests for personal protective equipment (PPE) and other COVID-19 related equipment should not be submitted under this program. Please contact Iowa Homeland Security regarding the availability of FEMA funding for equipment purchases.

APPLICATIONS ALREADY FUNDED
A list of previously funded applications is available here.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Call 515.348.6215 or email cdbg@iowaeda.com.

Completed letters of application should be emailed to cdbg@iowaeda.com.