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
• 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.
• Include the City/County’s DUN number

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

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
• Provide additional equipment, supplies and materials necessary to carry-out a public service
• Create an expanded meal delivery service for quarantined individuals

Equipment Purchases:
Before requesting assistance with equipment, please:
• Check with FEMA to see if funding would be available for the purchase, rather than CDBG funding
• Ensure the equipment is available and can be ordered & received in a timely manner

Please plan to address the two points above in a request for any COVID-19 related equipment.

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

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