

# Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funding Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments June 2020 - May 2022

**Total Allocation\***

\$ 465,299

**LMI Benefit (70%)**

\$ 325,709

**Administration Costs**

\$ 46,530

**Description:**

Funding to pay AOG staff over two years to manage the CDBG-CV funding in the southeastern Utah region. This includes; salary, fringe, indirects, travel, and other related expenses.

**Projects**

**#1 Food Banks Aid**

\$ 85,000

**Total Beneficiaries**

Approximately 2,500 Individuals

**Description:**

This funding will be to purchase two (2) trucks -one for Grand County and one for Carbon County- and two (2) enclosed trailers -one (1) for Carbon/Emery and one (1) for Grand- to transport and pick up donations/food for the region's food banks. During the last month, Carbon, Emery, and Grand food banks have had a significant increase in clients due to COVID -19. Grand food bank alone has had a 100% increase in clients obtaining food bank services due to COVID -19, which has completely depleted food from their warehouse. In order to continue providing food to clients in Grand county, staff have made weekly trips to deliver over 15,000 pounds of food using their personal vehicles during the last month. Without functional trucks and trailers, it is difficult for the food banks to keep up on the increasing demands in our communities. Also, these vehicles and trailers will be utilized to pick up donation and food that happens very regularly but the SEUALG's food banks aren't taking advantage of this as there is a lack of transportation. This also limits donations from larger food pantries in Salt Lake and surrounding areas, as our agency does not have the equipment to pick up these donations, during and after COVID-19.

In addition to purchasing of transportation, a food bank in San Juan County will be assisted. This food bank is located in Blanding and is in the first stages of transition from a drop-off location to an actual location for Utah Food Bank. Funds from CDBG-CV will be used to purchase the following; shelving for food pantry area (\$1,000), purchase of 3 new refrigerators/freezers (\$6,000), and utilities for 1 year (\$2,400) - Total: \$9,400.

LMI OBJECTIVE

**#2 Health Department Testing**

\$ 50,000

**Total Beneficiaries**

Approximately 750 individuals

**Description:**

Funding will be extended to the Southeast Utah Health Department and San Juan Health to expand the testing capacity in the hospitals and clinics in the region.

URGENT NEED

**#3 Face Masks and Other PPE for Businesses and Public**

\$ 25,000

**Total Beneficiaries**

Approximately 45,000 individuals

**Description:**

Face masks will be for businesses to distribute to employees as well as customers/clients as the businesses start to open back up. Approximately 45,000 masks could be purchased with this allocation. Approximately 100 masks could be given to each business that wants/needs the masks. The businesses then could use these masks for employees and/or customers. Approximately 450 businesses would receive 100 masks each.

URGENT NEED

**#4A Online Business Resource Training for COVID Economic Recovery****Total Beneficiaries**

\$ 50,000

Approximately 42 businesses

**Description:**

As all of Utah's businesses and residents struggle with recovering from the COVID-19 disaster, SEUALG/SEUEDD is working to partner with the USU Extension Office to launch an online training platform for businesses and employees in the region and state. The platform will be an expansion of the existing Rural Online Initiative, and it will provide relevant recovery content to Utah residents. The target users will be both businesses and unemployed workers looking for training and information to guide them back toward economic stability. The one time funding of \$50,000 will build out the content and software package allowing Utah businesses and residents to register at no cost and use the recovery platform. SEUALG/SEUEDD and USU Extension will populate the online training center with high value training modules (including, but not limited to; managing loans/grants, how to create/read balance sheets and profit and loss sheets, etc.) that will drive economic recovery for businesses and residents during and after COVID-19.

Businesses need to either be low/moderate income owned or located in a low/moderate income area.

**#4B Small Business Grant Program - Assitance to >5 Employees****Total Beneficiaries**

\$ 125,261

Approximately 25 businesses

**Description:**

Small business grants to provide short-term working capital assistance to avoid job loss caused by business closures related to social distancing and to enable retention of jobs held by low- and moderate-income persons. In order to apply for these grants, a business must complete the "Online Business Resource Training".

Economic development directors from the region will be invited to develop the criteria and policies for these small business grants. As of now, the maximum grant award would be \$5,000/business and could be used cover operating and regular business expenses and/or pay loan payments and interest.

Businesses need to either be low/moderate income owned or located in a low/moderate income area.

**#4C Small Business Grant Program - Assitance to <5 Employees****Total Beneficiaries**

\$ 83,508

Approximately 17 businesses

**Description:**

Small business grants to provide short-term working capital assistance to avoid job loss caused by business closures related to social distancing and to enable retention of jobs held by low- and moderate-income persons. In order to apply for these grants, a business must complete the "Online Business Resource Training".

Economic development directors from the region will be invited to develop the criteria and policies for these small business grants. As of now, the maximum grant award would be \$5,000/business and could be used cover operating and regular business expenses and/or pay loan payments and interest.

Businesses need to either be low/moderate income owned or located in a low/moderate income area.

Small Business Recovery Funds

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**\*At least 70% of the total allocation must be of benefit to low to moderate income individuals/households/businesses.**