



The City of Rialto

2020-2021 ACTION PLAN – SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT No. 4
Revised Budgets/Scope of Community Development Block
Grant – CARES Act
(CDBG-CV) Allocations

DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
September 28, 2021 – October 12, 2021 (Public Hearing)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the President signed it on March 27, 2020 authorizing \$2.2 trillion in a variety of stimulus measures to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The law includes a special allocation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) to enable communities to effectively address the impact of COVID-19 on their communities, especially low- and moderate-income residents. This substantial amendment No. 4 to the City's 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan will account for the revision of proposed budgets to be carried out with the City's CDBG-CV3 funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); totaling \$1,339,584. It should be noted that the City's previous substantial amendments that allocated the CDBG-CV funds to activities (Substantial Amendments No.1, No.2 and No. 3) were previously approved by City Council on June 23, 2020 (Substantial Amendment No. 1), November 10, 2020 (Substantial Amendment No. 2), and April 13, 2021 (Substantial Amendment No. 3).

Sources

The City of Rialto's summary of grants from HUD under the CARES Act are identified below as:

• Rental/Mortgage Assistance	\$600,000
• Utilities Assistance	\$160,000
• Small Business Storefront Assistance	\$200,000
• Workforce Development/Job Creation	\$ 57,162
• COVID-19 Testing	\$100,000
• Personal Protective Equipment For Rialto Senior Citizens	\$ 25,260
• SWAG	\$197,162

These funds are separate and distinct from the City's regular CDBG funds and must comply with the requirements summarized in 24 CFR § 570 and the flexibilities authorized in the CARES Act and summarized in Federal Register Notice 6218-N-01. The Rialto City Council is responsible for determining how CDBG-CV funds will be used to prevent, prepare, and respond to the COVID-19 virus. In consultation with the City Council, City departments, and partners serving the needs of low- and moderate-income in the community, this submission to the City Council requests approval to invest CARES Act funding for the CDBG-CV project listed below.

Proposed Revisions of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV3 funds)

The Substantial Amendment No. 4, Budget Amounts to CDBG-CV Activities within the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, provides the following recommendations:

- Reduction and reallocation of previously allocated CDBG-CV funds from the Utility Assistance Program to other established assistance programs
- Discussion of the reduction and reallocation of previously allocated CDBG-CV funds from the Small Business Assistance Program to other established assistance programs
- Consideration of the increase of the level of assistance within the Rialto Utility Assistance Program from \$210 per applicant to \$500 per applicant with previous recipients having the opportunity to receive additional grant funds up to the \$500 assistance cap between their first award and potential second award. In addition, the City will establish an end date and create a notification letter to previously approved Rental/Mortgage Assistance applicants on a first come, first serve basis to apply for the balance of any new assistance amount.

- Discontinue the requirement to apply for only one form of assistance between Rental/Mortgage and Utility.
- Remove the requirement that Small Businesses must be in operation since at least January 1, 2020

PROCESS

The City’s Approved Citizen Participation Plan provides for additional flexibility for noticing of Substantial Amendments in times of emergency. The public comment period is reduced from 30 days to not less than 15 days.

The review period began on September 28, 2021 for the public hearing regarding the substantial amendment held on October 12, 2021. Residents can participate in the public hearing virtually by submitting public comments to the Rialto City Clerks office. Residents will also be able to view the meeting, watch it livestreamed on Spectrum Channel 3, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or online at <https://www.yourrialto.com/>.

To encourage review and comment on the proposed activities, the City of Rialto published notices advertising the substantial amendment on the City website, and social media accounts. An electronic copy of the amendment was available on the City website and hard copies were made available at the City Administration offices.

Sort Order	Activity	• Target Population	Summary	Summary of Comments Received
1.	Public Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minorities • Non-English Speaking • Persons with disabilities • Broad community • Residents of public/assisted housing • Stakeholders 	The City conducted its public hearing to review the Substantial Amendment No. 4 to the 2020 Action Plan on October 12, 2021.	<i>(to be completed after public hearing)</i>
2.	Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minorities • Non-English Speaking • Persons with disabilities • Broad community • Residents of public/assisted housing • Stakeholders 	The City conducted its comment period from September 28, 2021 – October 12, 2021, and the public hearing on October 12, 2021.	<i>(to be completed at close of public comment period)</i>

Table 1 – Resident Engagement

EXPECTED RESOURCES – 91.220(C)(1,2)

Introduction

For the special allocation of CDBG-CV resources, the City received an allocation of \$1,339,584. Should HUD authorize additional resources, the City will further amend its Action Plan.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Eligible Use of Funds	CARES Act Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG-CV	Public-Federal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Development Housing Public Services 	\$1,339,584	CDBG activities to prepare for, prevent, and respond to Coronavirus within the City of Rialto

Table 2 - Expected Resources

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state, and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

In the initial planning and programming of these resources, the Administrative and Community Development Departments have worked closely with other city departments as well as monitored other funding sources available at the local, state, and federal level to ensure that the City is not providing duplicative assistance and addressing unmet needs and gaps for low- and moderate-income residents.

Annual Goals and Objectives – 91.220(c)(3)

To allocate the CDBG-CV program, the City of Rialto has established one new goal for the CDBG-CV program.

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	COVID-19 Response	2019	2022	Public Services, Economic Development, Housing	Citywide	COVID-19 Impact	\$1,339,584	666 low-and moderate-income persons, 125 Households assisted; 40 small businesses assisted

Table 3 – Annual Goals

PROJECTS – 91.220(D)

Introduction

With the CDBG-CV allocation, the City of Rialto will revise the previously allocated funds to the following projects:

Projects

#	Project Name
1.	Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance Program
2.	Small Business “Store Front” Program
3.	Workforce Development/Job Creation Program
4	COVID-19 Testing
5.	Personal Protective Equipment for Rialto Senior Citizens
6.	The Social Work Action Group (SWAG)

Table 4 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

These projects were determined in consultation with City staff, departments, and stakeholders serving low- and moderate-income residents of Rialto to identify critical needs resulting from COVID-19 within the City.

Project Summary Information

CDBG-CV Activity	Original Budget	New Proposed Budget	Net change
Rental/Mortgage Assistance	\$600,000	\$0	- \$600,000
Utilities Assistance	\$160,000	\$0	-\$160,000
Small Business Storefront Assistance	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Workforce Development/Job Creation	\$57,162	\$57,162	\$0
COVID-19 Testing	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Personal Protective Equipment For Rialto Senior Citizens	\$25,260	\$25,260	\$0
The Social Work Action Group (SWAG)	\$197,162	\$197,162	\$0
Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance Program	\$0	\$760,000	+\$760,000