



Written Q & A Responses re: Draft Consolidated Plan Documents for April 24-May 1, 2020

Question: “What accommodations, flexibility, and/or changes are available within these funding streams to support COVID-19 challenges in our community?”

Answer: We added a Priority Need and Goal to the Consolidated Plan’s Strategic Plan to “Provide Facilities and Services in Support of Needed Emergency Responses and Recovery.” This means that projects and activities that support emergency response and recovery, including activities to address response and recovery to the Coronavirus could be eligible for funding during any of the program years from 2020-2024 once the new Consolidated Plan is adopted and submitted to HUD.

In the meantime, Congress authorized emergency funding through the CARES Act that includes additional funding for several HUD funding sources that are available immediately to support community response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The City of Rochester is receiving the following additional funds through the CARES Act for Coronavirus Response:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV): \$4,881,038
- Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG-CV): \$2,444,707
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA-CV): \$142,029

In order to allow these funds to be spent *as soon as possible* (i.e., begin spending funds prior to July 1, 2020 when the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan takes effect), they are being processed through an amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. For more information on the amendment and the proposed activities to be funded with CARES Act funds please see <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/conplan>.

