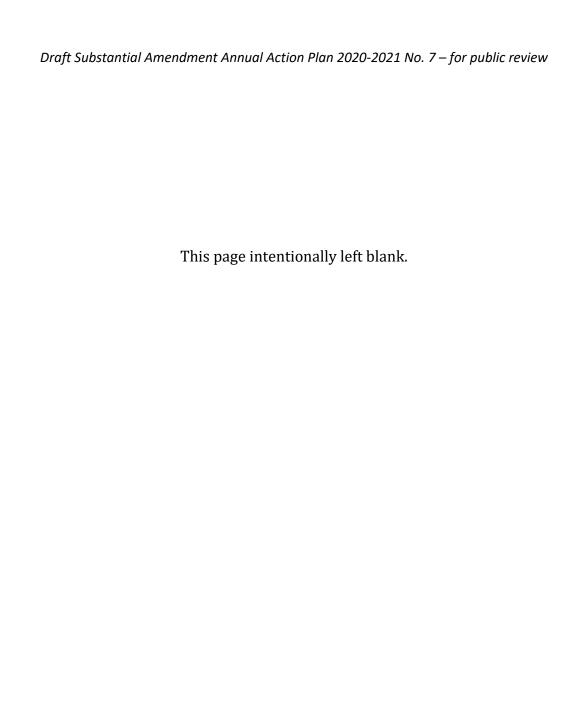


# The City of Rialto

## 2020-2021 ACTION PLAN - SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT No. 7

Revised Budgets/Scope of Community Development Block
Grant - CARES Act
(CDBG-CV) Allocations

DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
January 24, 2025 - February 25, 2025 (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. 7 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-CV 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 Amendment No. 6 was approved by City Council on May 9, 2023.

#### Sources

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

•	Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance	\$560,000
•	Small Business Storefront Assistance	\$200,000
•	Workforce Development/Job Creation	\$ 57,162
•	Food Insecurity	\$100,000
•	Personal Protective Equipment & Hot Meals for	
	Rialto Senior Citizens	\$ 25,260
•	The Social Work Action Group (SWAG)	\$197,162
•	Warming Centers	\$200,000

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. 7, Budget Amounts to CDBG-CV Activities within the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, provides the following recommendations:

- Decrease the Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance activity by \$26,497.29
- Decrease the Small Business Storefront Assistance activity by \$106,000.00
- Cancel the PPE & Hot Meals for Seniors in the total of \$25,260.00
- Decrease the Social Work Action Group (SWAG) activity by \$82,690.11
- Cancel the Warming Centers Activity in the total of \$200,000.00
- Addition and funding of the following Public Services Activities:
  - Senior Support Services \$37,000
    - Senior Support Services Program will staff a nutritionist who will teach seniors impacted by the pandemic how to prepare healthy meals and

- provide groceries. Additionally, it will offer access to mental health services, COVID education, and testing.
- COVID Test Kits and PPE \$40,000
  - Monthly distribution and disposal of COVID test kits and PPE at the Johnson's Community Center.
- Mobile Food Distribution \$100,000
  - The Mobile Food program will improve access to nutritious foods for low-income residents impacted by the pandemic at the Rialto Peach Center. The Program also provides food delivery to seniors in low-income areas.
- Rialto Legal Services \$50,000
  - The Rialto Legal Services program will provide legal representation to Rialto residents. It includes preparing legal documents and providing support to help residents prevent homelessness, maintain family unity, and protect against abuse. This initiative aims to enhance the well-being and prosperity of Rialto's community impacted by the pandemic.
- Landlord Tenant Services Coronavirus Project \$40,000
  - This landlord/tenant Coronavirus program will provide information, education, and mediation services to residents of Rialto who have been impacted by the Coronavirus.
- Reprogram remaining funds in the amount of \$173,447.40 for outdoor shade structures and/or other park improvements throughout the City to help prevent and reduce exposure to COVID-19.

### **PROCESS**

Per the City's approved Citizen Participation Plan, the Substantial Amendment was available for 30 days for public review and comment.

The review period began on January 24, 2025, for the public hearing regarding the substantial amendment held on February 25, 2025. Residents can participate in the public hearing by submitting public comments to the Rialto City Clerks office or in person at City Council Chambers. Residents will also be able to view the meeting, watch it livestreamed on the Rialto Network Spectrum Channel 99, or online at <a href="https://www.yourrialto.com/">https://www.yourrialto.com/</a>.

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 Meeting	<ul> <li>Minorities</li> <li>Non-English Speaking</li> <li>Persons with disabilities</li> <li>Broad community</li> <li>Residents of public/assisted housing</li> <li>Stakeholders</li> </ul>	The City held a public meeting on January 23, 2025 with the Adhoc committee to provide recommendations on use of CDBG-CV funds.	No comments received.
2.	Comment Period	<ul> <li>Minorities</li> <li>Non-English Speaking</li> <li>Persons with disabilities</li> <li>Broad community</li> <li>Residents of public/assisted housing</li> <li>Stakeholders</li> </ul>	The City conducted its comment period from January 25, 2025 – February, 25, 2025, and the public hearing on February, 25, 2025.	(to be completed at close of public comment period)
3.	Public Hearing	<ul> <li>Minorities</li> <li>Non-English Speaking</li> <li>Persons with disabilities</li> <li>Broad community</li> <li>Residents of public/assisted housing</li> <li>Stakeholders</li> </ul>	The City conducted its public hearing to review the Substantial Amendment No. 7 to the 2020 Action Plan on February, 25, 2025.	(to be completed after public hearing)

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.

### **Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Eligible Use of Funds	CARES Act Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG-CV	Public- Federal	<ul><li>Economic Development</li><li>Housing</li><li>Public Services</li><li>Administration</li></ul>	\$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	2020	2024	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.	Senior Support Services				
2.	COVID Test Kits and PPE				
3.	Mobile Food Distribution				
4.	Rialto Legal Services				
5.	Landlord Tenant Services Coronavirus Project				
6.	Citywide Outdoor Shade Structures				

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/Utility Assistance	\$560,000	\$533,502.71	(\$26,497.29)
Small Business Storefront Assistance	\$200,000	\$94,000	(\$106,000)
Workforce Development/Job Creation	\$57,162	\$57,162	\$0
The Social Work Action Group (SWAG)	\$197,162	\$114,471.89	(\$82,690.11)
Personal Protective Equipment and Hot Meals For Rialto Senior Citizens	\$25,260	\$0	(\$25,260)
Food Insecurity Program	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Warming Centers	\$200,000	\$0	(\$200,000)
Senior Support Services	\$0	\$37,000	\$37,000
COVID Test Kits and PPE	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
Mobile Food Distribution	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
Rialto Legal Services	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Landlord Tenant Services Coronavirus Project	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
Citywide Outdoor Shade Structures	\$0	\$173,447.40	\$173,447.40
TOTAL	\$1,339,584	\$1,339,584	\$0