

Notice of Public Comment Period

The state of Oregon through its state agency Business Oregon, is seeking public comments on the:

Proposed Amendment to the 2019 Method of Distribution CARES Act Funding

The **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed 2019 Method of Distribution** covers U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. On March 27, 2020, the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) into law. The CDBG Amended 2019 Method of Distribution to include CDBG CARES Act funds for COVID-19 related activities.

<https://www.orinfrastructure.org/Infrastructure-Programs/CDBG/>

All Oregon residents are invited to submit written or verbal comments during a five-day public comment period beginning **October 17, 2020, to midnight October 23, 2020**. The 7-day public comment period for the 2019 Amended Method of Distribution concludes at midnight on October 23, 2020. Written comments may be submitted to the attention of Fumi Schaadt, Community Development Block Grant Program and Policy Coordinator, by email at fumi.schaadt@oregon.gov or to Rena Schoen, Community Development Block Grant Program and Policy Coordinator, rena.schoen@oregon.gov.

For those cities or counties interested in applying for CARES Act CDBG, funding due to the effects of COVID-19, the state will provide applications for these funds through a series of Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Application details and more detail program guidance will be identified in the NOFA. The NOFA will be released to the public once all grant agreements with HUD have been signed and HUD releases the CARES Act funds.

Persons who are deaf or hearing-impaired may use a TTY by calling 503-986-2100. Persons needing copies in other languages or other accommodations should contact Fumi Schaadt at 503-986-0027 or via e-mail at fumi.schaadt@oregon.gov or to Rena Schoen at 503-949-6294 or via e-mail at rena.schoen@oregon.gov prior to the close of the comment period. Questions, concerns, complaints, or requests for information in alternative formats from individuals with disabilities must be submitted at least 2 days before the end of the October 23, 2020, comment period.

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