



# THE CITY OF MONTEREY

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## MONTEREY ONE OF ONLY 22 CITIES NATIONWIDE EARNING ADDITIONAL CDBG FEDERAL CARES ACT FUNDING

Monterey, CA. – The City of Monterey has been awarded an additional \$105,968 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Having used the previous two CDBG CARES Act funding to support the first in the region Emergency Rental Assistance Program, the City of Monterey earned additional money by demonstrating the capacity to quickly distribute the much-needed funds. The City was a leader in establishing the first Emergency Rental Assistance Program [during the early days of COVID-19](#) and distributed all the money to qualified low-income households.

Monterey's CDBG-CV1 first allocation received in May 2020 was \$152,845. By February 2021, 405 checks totaling \$962,287.32 to help 162 households were distributed using the CDBG funds and income from the City's widespread housing program. In October 2020, HUD then allocated a remaining \$3 billion, of which, \$26.7 million were allocated to the County of Monterey. This additional allocation brings Monterey's total CDBG-CV funds to \$653,923, with \$105,968 available in new funding.

City Manager Hans Uslar said, "We are proud to be selected among one of only 22 cities in the United States with a proven track record of getting federal funds out quickly to support the community. This is consistent with our [value driver](#), to 'Support efforts and policies that provide equitable access to affordable housing in Monterey and the region.'"

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## **Public Service Grant Program**

The City provides CDBG-funded Public Service Grants annually to eligible non-profits serving low-income and at-risk residents of the City, including seniors, the homeless and disabled persons. This partnership allows the City to receive beneficial services for low-income and at risk residents while not directly managing complex social service programs.

Each year, the City's non-profit partner agencies share that there is a great need for additional funding. Normally, the City is limited to spending no more than 15% of CDBG entitlement on public services; however, in recognition of the important role non-profit agencies play in responding to COVID-19, HUD has waived the 15% cap on public service grants is for CARES Act funding.

The City will allocate these funds in conjunction with the yearly Public Service Grant application period of Fiscal Year 2023-24, thereby ensuring a competitive, transparent application process for the additional funding.

"The new allocation will allow the City to use CDBG CARES Act funding to provide new and increased public service grants to agencies that serve low-income residents and employees within Monterey," explained Housing Programs Analyst Grant Leonard.

HUD regulations state that the City may fund activities to respond and prevent further spread of an infectious disease. The City will allocate CDBG-CV funds to those agencies that have the greatest need and will make the biggest impact. These funds will assist the local organizations serving Monterey residents to alleviate the impacts of COVID-19.

*To learn more, please read the September 6, 2022 [City Council Agenda Report](#).*

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