

# Kingston News

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### *Letters of Intent in Lieu of Applications Due May 6*

**UPDATE: Deadline has been extended to May 6, 2020**

KINGSTON, NY – Mayor Steven T. Noble and the Office of Economic and Community Development are pleased to announce that the City of Kingston has received over \$440,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to aid in COVID-19 recovery.

Through the provisions of the recent Federal CARES Act, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development has allocated the City of Kingston an additional \$440,426 of CDBG-CV funding to support the needs of residents during and in the wake of this pandemic. Due to the emergency nature of the current situation, the City is not required to conduct its traditional application process to allocate these funds, and instead is asking for proposals for projects, programs or services that will help our community fight this pandemic and recover quickly. In order to speed up the process of distributing funds to documented not-for-profit organizations, the City is calling for letters of intent. Letters must explain how the funds will be used in direct response to the COVID-19 health emergency and any damages, injuries or challenges caused by it. The recovery efforts proposed must take place within the municipal boundary of the City of Kingston and the beneficiaries of proposed activities must primarily be low- to moderate-income residents of the City.

“We are fortunate to receive this incredibly needed funding, and our aim is to identify as many effective and innovative uses as we can,” said Mayor Noble. “I personally recognize the need for housing and rent assistance, emergency and long-term food support, job creation, and other unique programs to help uplift those who are struggling to make ends meet. Our community has already shown so much ingenuity in the ways they’ve helped each other and this funding will support and enhance these efforts.”

Letters of intent should be submitted to Brenna Robinson, Director, Office of Economic & Community Development via email to [brobinson@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:brobinson@kingston-ny.gov) no later than 4:30 PM on **Wednesday, May 6, 2020**. No late submissions will be accepted.

The City of Kingston receives an annual Entitlement Grant allocation through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD’s) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. These funds are used to support projects and programs that primarily serve low and moderate income residents of the City through activities that expand economic opportunities and provide for decent housing and a suitable living environment.

[See the CDBG-CV Crisis Recovery Funding FAQ here.](#)

UPDATED FORM: [https://kingston-ny.gov/filestorage/8399/8469/8547/2020\\_CDBG-CV\\_proposal\\_form\\_042320.pdf](https://kingston-ny.gov/filestorage/8399/8469/8547/2020_CDBG-CV_proposal_form_042320.pdf)