

# Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds for Housing Assistance

Funding Sources and Amounts and Allowable and Proposed Uses



The following chart does not represent a commitment of funding for any particular activity. Virginia Beach Housing & Neighborhood Preservation will present its draft plan on the proposed uses of CARES Act funds during a City Council Special Session after the public comment period expires. If approved, City Council will be asked to authorize the proposed uses of funds by ordinance during the special session.

*Proposed programs and amounts may change after publication of this notice for several reasons, including due to comments received.*

| Source   | Amount             | Location       | Allowable Uses   | Proposed Uses<br>(see definitions below)   |
|--|--------------------|----------------|--|--|
| HUD - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)               | \$1,209,508        | Virginia Beach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing rehabilitation</li> <li>Economic development</li> <li>Acquisition of housing or land</li> <li>Public facilities, such as homeless shelters</li> <li>Public services, including homeless assistance and many other services</li> <li>Rent or mortgage assistance on a limited basis</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rent assistance to prevent eviction</li> <li>Mortgage assistance to prevent foreclosure</li> <li>Staffing, support and equipment costs</li> </ul> |
| HUD - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)                        | \$ 606,131         | Virginia Beach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be used to assist people who are homeless; or households at or below HUD's very low-income threshold, even if not currently homeless, can be assisted.</li> <li>Funds can be used for sheltering, preventing homelessness, and providing housing</li> </ul>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hotel sheltering options</li> <li>Homelessness prevention*</li> <li>Rapid Re-Housing*</li> <li>Staffing, support and equipment costs</li> </ul>   |
| HUD - Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA) | \$ 282,244         | EMSA           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assist qualifying households in the Extended Metro Statistical Area (Currituck to James City County) with emergency or other housing assistance</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hotel/motel sheltering</li> <li>Eviction prevention*</li> <li>Short-term rental assistance</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Federal Total</b>   | <b>\$2,097,883</b> |                |  |  |

**Notes:**

- Geographic Coverage:** All funds, except HOPWA funds, will be used to benefit only residents of Virginia Beach. HOPWA funds will be used to benefit qualifying residents of Virginia Beach and the Extended Metro Statistical Area (EMSA), from Currituck to James City County.
- Program Eligibility:** Eligibility requirements vary for each funding source. Staff will closely review regulations and consult with funding agencies to ensure that eligibility is defined correctly and broadened in alignment with regulations when feasible.
- Operating Agencies:** Programs may be operated by the Department of Housing & Neighborhood Preservation and/or contracted out to nonprofit providers with experience with these programs.

**\* Definition of Terms:**

**Homelessness prevention and eviction prevention** include assessment, discussion with landlords, identification of all available other resources, and potential provision of financial assistance needed to avoid eviction or avoid homelessness.

**Rapid Re-Housing** means assisting a currently homeless person to obtain housing soon after they become homeless. It includes housing location assistance, short term rental assistance potentially including security deposits, and follow up to help ensure housing stability.