

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, DEED's Small Cities Unit is reaching out to grantees/grant administrators to assist in DEED's initiative to reduce systemic barriers by encouraging more minority participation in the Small Cities Development Program.

Staff has already set up a mid-July on-line regional technical assistance session for the Northern Regions. Your respective SCDP Representative will be reaching out to set up mini regional technical assistance sessions with a smaller audience to provide for a more 1 on 1 experience. During these sessions, we plan to include a segment on brainstorming ideas/methods to engage with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) community for a more active participation in the grant. Through this effort, we hope to do our part in encouraging collaboration and creative way to reach out to the underserved population in the community.

Please complete the Community Outreach Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSQ6HDP>. The survey should not take more than 15 minutes to complete. This survey is intended to identify how administrators are conducting outreach/marketing in their communities and the challenges they may encounter. Your information is very valuable to us in seeking ways to promote the program and also to create potential marketing strategies that may be used as reference for fellow administrators.

CDBG-CV Grants Update

On August 20, 2020, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published its implementation notice for CDBG-CV (F.R. 85 51457). Section III.B.7 of the Notice imposed an "alternative requirement that each grantee must expend at least 80 percent of all CDBG-CV funds... no later than the end of the third year of the period of performance established by the CDBG-CV grant agreement." Currently, DEED's CDBG-CV grant has 21 months to meet the 80 percent expended at three years requirement and we are currently under target.

HUD emphasizes in the Notice that "an amount equivalent to the difference between the total amount expended at the end of the third year and 80 percent of all CDBG-CV funds," may be recaptured.

If additional assistance is needed to move the projects along, please do not hesitate to contact your respective SCDP representative.

Status of 2022 Small Cities Awards

Great news. We had been informed by HUD that the Small Cities Development Program had been allocated \$18,925,609 for the 2022 funding cycle. Our awards will be made later this year as we are in the process of finalizing the 2022-2026 Five-Year HUD Consolidated Plan for the State of Minnesota. Once the plan is submitted to HUD and approved, we will begin awarding grants. Pending on HUD’s approval, we plan on announcing SCDP grant awards in early September.

Our Implementation trainings will be conducted on-site in mid-September. Please stay tuned for more information on these trainings once we secure the dates and venue sites.

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