NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME PROGRAM FUNDS

Richland County is issuing this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the allocation of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Development Block Grant subject to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (CDBG-CV) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) for Federal Fiscal Year FY 2022. The federal funds are entitlement funds allocated to the County through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Richland County intends to allocate a portion of its CDBG, CDBG-CV, and HOME funds to non-profit organizations for social (public) service programs to very low- and low-income residents of Richland County and to non-profit or private developers for construction activities. CDBG applications will only be accepted for affordable housing, public facilities and improvements, public service, and economic development activities. CDBG-CV applications must be proposals for activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among individuals and families.

On Monday, October 10, 2022, Richland County Community Development Department will start accepting proposals, reviewing, evaluating, and scoring applications, and determining the allocation of CDBG, CDBG-CV, and HOME Program funds in HUD's Program Year 2022. All applications and proposals must be consistent with the established priority needs of the 5 Year Consolidated Plan. The 5 Year Consolidated Plan is a HUD requirement as a condition of receiving federal housing and community development funds. The current Plan includes the period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2026. Richland County's 5 Year Consolidated plan can be found on the Richland County Community Development Website sited below:

https://richlandcountysc.gov/Government/Departments/Community-Development/Housing-Urban-Development

The federal grant program applications must be for projects that will have a direct impact on very lowto moderate-income residents living within Richland County exclusive of the City of Columbia and incorporated municipalities in the County. Funding available for each program includes up to the following amounts listed below:

- CDBG: \$1,693,966
- CDBG-CV: \$980,000
- HOME: \$868,030

Applications for funding will be available Monday, October 10, 2022 on the County's website: <u>https://richlandcountysc.gov/Government/Departments/Community-Development</u>. To request an application by email please contact **Richland County Community Development Department** via email at CommunityDevelopmentInfo@richlandcountysc.gov or via phone at (803) 576-2230. Applicants must submit their applications electronically by email per the instructions listed in each application based on the funding source. **Please submit all applications and attachments in a single compressed file.**

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All proposals and applications must be received no later than 4:30 PM on Thursday, November 10, 2022. Applications that are faxed, handwritten, submitted late, or substantially incomplete, will <u>not</u> be accepted, no exceptions.

A mandatory application training will be held virtually throughout the day on Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

- CDBG Public Service at 9:00 am
- CDBG-CV Public Service at 9:00 am
- CDBG Projects at 1:00 pm
- HOME at 3:00 pm

At the mandatory application training, Community Development staff will discuss the grant programs, application requirements and criteria, and answered questions on how to develop a competitive application. For application training registration, please visit the County's website at https://richlandcountysc.gov/Government/Departments/Community-Development. Please direct all questions to the Richland County Community Development Department at (803) 576-2230. Richland County does not discriminate based on disability status in the admission or access to its programs. South Carolina Relay Center - TDD users dial 711.