

Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development
City and County of San Francisco



London N. Breed
Mayor

Eric D. Shaw
Director

TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Brian Cheu, Director of Community Development

DATE: March 19, 2021

SUBJECT: Department of the Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grants Coronavirus Program Round 3 Entitlement Grant (CDBG-CV3) – Retroactive Request

The CARES Act allocated \$5 billion in CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. After receiving a Round 1 allocation of \$10,972,734, San Francisco received an additional Round 3 allocation based on a new needs-based formula for \$9,626,923 (CDBG-CV3).

We respectfully request retroactive approval to accept and expend the CDBG-CV3 funds for period beginning December 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

CDBG-CV eligible uses include rental assistance, eviction prevention services, foreclosure intervention services, capital improvements to community facilities, digital connectivity, financial assistance to small businesses, food programs, and other flexible uses for low and moderate-income individuals, including reimbursement for the costs of eligible activities incurred during the pandemic regardless of date.

MOHCD received the award letter from HUD on September 11, 2020, and worked with community stakeholders and other City departments including OEWD, HSH, and HSA to determine preliminary allocation of funds.

We are proposing to retroactively apply CDBG-CV3 funds to the San Francisco Food Bank's food pantry services (see Expenditure Schedule). Retroactivity would free up the City's FY20-21 General Fund to support the Chinatown SRO Food program and allow the Controller to return previously used reserves to the COVID Contingency Reserve. This strategy allows for optimal funding of the SF Human Services Agency's various food programs.