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1	Q. If we are planning for the 2021-2022 Action Plan/CDBG fiscal year, are virtual hearings allowed? I think it common sense due to our public health order/situation in LA County but the Notice only speaks to 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 in terms of what's allowed. Just need clarification.	Raymond Webster	raymond.webster@lacda.org	Answered Live
2	Q. Are real time questions and answers required during the virtual public hearing? Or, could comment and responses occur before and/or after the virtual public hearing such as in the form of a survey, submission of comments via email, etc	Raymond Webster	raymond.webster@lacda.org	Answered Live
3	Does the six month period for which emergency grant payments can be made under the waiver (ie rent, mortgage, Utilities) require that the six months must be paid consecutively, or that payments can be made over a six consecutive month period? We had an existing program that helped people with three months of housing costs. If we helped someone with May, June and July, then they paid August on their own, could we now help with September and October under the waiver? Or would the interruption of payments in August put us out of compliance? The language in the waiver is slightly different from the language of the regulation re the use of the word "consecutive" (24 CFR 570.207(b)(4)).	Natalie Evans	nevans@plano.gov	Answered Live
4	For CDBG-CV administrative costs. Can entitlements utilize this in the same manner as regular CDBG entitlement for administration? As in we will not have our regular allocation to utilize for general administration (City staffing cost directly for the grants) until we complete our AAP/Con Plan which has been extended for submission in order for our City to get our CDBG-CV funding into the community.	Tonya Shumaker	tshumaker@greatfallsmt.net	Answered Live
5	Is a written request to the field office required in order to take advantage of the waiver to extend emergency assistance to 6 months?	Judith Mezey	jmezey@whiteplainsny.gov	Answered Live
6	To clarify, subgrantees can reimburse for costs beginning January 21? Previously it was March 27, but this Notice overrides that?	Ruby Butler	rbutler@cityofmesquite.com	Answered Live
8	Under the six month emergency grant payments, can a grantee pay its city owned Utility?	Melissa Ervin	Mervin@nlr.ar.gov	Answered Live
9	I was informed by my HUD rep we could go back to March 27, 2020 when the CARES Act was signed to request reimbursement. SO this means we can actually request reimbursement back to January 21, 2020 instead? If so, would this also apply to Utility assistance programs under CDBG-CV?	Renee' Baker	rbaker@cityofgadsden.com	Answered Live
10	Urgent Need question: Does the economic impact on business closures qualify as a "community welfare" need. Can you have a community welfare need without an activity for a "health" issue?	Bob Jones	rjones@springfieldmo.gov	Answered Live
11	Will this document be made available? It is very hard to read and follow at this size/slide.	Cheryl Steinberg	csteinberg@c3gov.com	Answered Live
12	Would rent/mortgage/Utility assistance qualify as "urgent need"?	Hope Ealey	healey@knoxvilletn.gov	Answered Live
13	Do we need to "notify" HUD about what waivers we intend to use like the earlier wivers for HOME and CDBG?	Bob Jones	rjones@springfieldmo.gov	Answered Live
14	you keep going in and out. i am missing information	Lori Santaniello	lsibilia@springfieldcityhall.com	Answered Live
15	If we would prefer that our LMI ratio calculation not be severed from our annual funds (Because we usually have close to 95% for LMI and this would give us greater flexibility for CV funds) is this an option?	Alicia Hunt	ahunt@medford-ma.gov	Answered Live
16	Audio went out during conversation for funding mandatory for 70% of LMI. Did this go away too?	Chanel Ovalle	c_ovalle@ci.lompoc.ca.us	Answered Live
17	Will this document be provided?	Sharon Rose	sharon.rose@baytown.org	Answered Live
18	UGLGS?	Jennifer Wenger	jenniferw@cctexas.com	Units of General Local Government
19	Will there be any waivers coming out with regard to income documentation for applicants to the CDBG-CV programs? (Not referring to program income)	Misty Goodwin	misty.goodwin@knoxcac.org	Answered Live
20	Do we need to provide a waiver request letter to HUD for the CDBG CARES waivers and to who, if we need to provide?	Alsie Bond	abond@bryantx.gov	Answered Live
21	Who can we talk to at HQ about MOA's. We would be interested in partnering with NY State.	Sylvia Bolivar	sbolivar@cmvny.com	Answered Live
22	Can you provide guidance on the use of CDBG-CV funds (including subsistence payments) to assist undocumented persons.	Judith Mezey	jmezey@whiteplainsny.gov	Answered Live
23	We recently ran the timeliness test on IDIS for CDBG and IDISI is including CDBG-CV funds in the calculation, which results in an untimely result. Will this get rectified in IDIS?	Tiffany Leung	tleung@newtonma.gov	Answered Live
24	Is mortgage payment assistance allowable under CDBG-CV for an LMI microenterprise assistance program or just lease payment assistance?	Amy Nordstrom Jones	amy.nordstrom.jones@phoenix.gov	Answered Live
25	We understand that quarterly reports will be required for CDBG-CV funds. Do you have additional guidance about that?	Judith Mezey	jmezey@whiteplainsny.gov	Answered Live
26	How do you submit a CAPER extension waiver?	Deborah Stevens	destevens@miramarfl.gov	Answered Live
27	Can you provide small business assistance in the form of a forgivable loan/grant to a non-profit?	Cristina Cabrera	cristinacabrera@miamibeachfl.gov	Answered Live
28	Can you talk about the timing of Environmental Reviews and expenditure of CDBG-CV funds, particularly for administrative costs to prepare RFPs, etc.	Sheryl Kenny	sheryl.kenny@arlingtontx.gov	Answered Live
29	Do we have to notify HUD if we are going to use CDBG waivers?	April Ensign	april.ensign@sanjoseca.gov	Answered Live
30	Is there a deadline date for Amending Action Plans and CPP for the CARES Act CDBG-CV funding?	Oneata Bailey	Oneata.bailey@shorelinecity.com	Answered Live
31	Any indication as to when the third tranche of CDBG-CV fund allotments will be announced/released?	Lindsey Connors	lindsey.connors@saratoga-springs.org	Answered Live
32	If we submitted waiver requests to our HUD field office immediately (April) after CARES Act announcements, is there an expiration date? Do we have to "re-apply" for waivers?	Cindy Emshoff	cindy.emshoff@sarasotafl.gov	Answered Live
33	Are Enterprise Funds considered private providers of Utilities in smaller entitlement communities?	Vanassa Flucas	vflucas@valdostacity.com	Answered Live

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34	So for clarification, we could pay in advance in September for Sept, Oct and November in order to meet the one time payment requirement?	Frances De Jesus	fdejesus@kissimmee.org	Answered Live
35	Income eligibility is very different between ESG and CDBG. How can we agree to pay three months under CDBG and now that we have the guidance, turn around and pay three months with ESG where they may not be eligible?	Jennifer Wenger	jenniferw@cctexas.com	Answered Live
36	If you assisted a household with up to 3 months of Utility assistance, then the timeframe was changed to 6 months can we not assist them again as long as it is 6 consecutive months?	Renee' Baker	rbaker@cityofgadsden.com	Answered Live
37	In connection with providing special economic development assistance, can the beneficiary be a not-for-profit entity or does the beneficiary need to be a for profit entity?	Gisela Torres	giselatorres@miamibeachfl.gov	Answered Live
38	Can you repeat the appropriate matrix code if not subsistence payments?	Emily Ball	eball@ashevillenc.gov	Answered Live
39	What is the emergency payment matrix code?	Karen Dickerson	kdickerson@hickorync.gov	Answered Live
40	Doesn't the rent/mortgage payment technically need to be late to show need of payment? So if a household is applying for July, August and September, cant we only pay July and August now if September is not late yet? But based on what you just said about CDBG-CV, we can't pay September after it is late since that would consist of 2 payments if we already paid out July & August.	Melanie Riley	mriley@lasvegasnevada.gov	Answered Live
41	CDBGDR guidance does not show that for a job retained allows the business to provide job/wage as suitable documentation for L/M	Michelle Burden	mburden@ci.richland.wa.us	Answered Live
42	Please speak to reporting for CDBG-CV.	Linda Rust	LRust@knoxvilletn.gov	Answered Live
43	when will communities receive the CDBG round 2 entitlements?	Leticia Kanmore	leticiak@cctexas.com	Answered Live
44	You mentioned not to use "subsistence Payments" matrix code for emergency payments... this is the language under the HUD matrix code definition. Subsistence Payments 24 CFR 570.207(b)(4) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) One-time or short-term (no more than three months) emergency payments on behalf of individuals or families, generally for the purpose of preventing homelessness. Examples include Utility payments to prevent cutoff of service, and rent/mortgage payments to prevent eviction.	Kelsey Thompson-White	kthompson@marietta.gov	Answered Live
45	Does someone who lived in a different city but worked in the entitlement city, and lost her job/reduced hours qualify? Now she will be moving to the entitlement city will she qualify for CARES assistance.	Vanessa Baker-Latimer	vanessa.bakerlatimer@cityofames.org	Answered Live
46	Perhaps I should rephrase my question. Could there be additional guidance with regard to income documentation for new sub grantees? Information on HUD exchange is not the easiest to interpret. Could you provide a source that would be helpful to review with regard to income documentation requirements under CDBG?	Misty Goodwin	misty.goodwin@knoxcac.org	Answered Live
47	Can Jessie repeat what she said about private vs public Utility payments? If a public Utility it is allowable, but if private we have to verify they haven't forgiven the debt?	Ruby Butler	rbutler@cityofmesquite.com	Answered Live
48	is a "public bid opening" a "virtual hearing"? 2 CFR 200 requires public bid openings. Can we hold bid openings over zoom/web ex and still be public?	Alex Cofield	aacofield@columbus.gov	Answered Live
49	Can HOME funds be used to provide case-management for permanent supportive housing?	Nicholas Muniz	munizng@elpasotexas.gov	Answered Live
50	Any word on when the last \$2B in CDBG and its associated formula will be rolled out?	Hans Mach	hdmach@mchenrycountyl.gov	Answered Live
51	What is an acceptable sample size for self income certification?	Sarah Ortiz	ortizsa@elpasotexas.gov	Answered Live
52	Are businesses assisted with CDBG-CV funding required to have a DUNS number, and must they register in SAM.gov? If so, is there a waiver or exemption available for that? Registration in SAM.gov takes time to complete. Are we unable to assist them until they appear in SAM.gov?	Irin Gomez	irin.gomez@myclearwater.com	Answered Live
53	For emergency housing payments, did you say that self-certification is okay?	Linda Rust	LRust@knoxvilletn.gov	Answered Live
54	The answer to the CAPER Extension question was confusing....do we have to request a waiver to extend past September 30th or is the extension automatic?	Susan Gonzales	sgonzales@rrnm.gov	Answered Live
55	Since 20-21 Con Plan submission deadline have been extended, how to agencies address fund year 20 expenses that have been incurred from July 1, 2020 through submission?	Jessica Gonzalez	jessica.gonzalez@phoenix.gov	Answered Live
56	When providing income payments to a client with CDBG-CV funds, are you able to pay multiple items? For example, can we pay rent and Utility for the same client?	Alex Borrego	alex.borrego@wichitafallstx.gov	Answered Live
57	Rental assistance- my understanding that we could not pay any rent in arrears- only future rent payments.	Alicia Zoeller	zoellera@holyoake.org	Answered Live
58	If a municipal has a water Utility setup as an enterprise fund and funding not in general operating fund can payments of outstanding bills be made?	Yolanda Fields	yfields@fayetteville-ar.gov	Answered Live
59	Our funds for rental and Utility assistance are being provided to subgrantee non-profit organizations. These organizations are making Utility payments to the local utility. The City appoints the local Utility's board. Is that considered a situation in which the City is essentially paying itself through the subgrantees use of funds?	Bob Atchley	batchley@springfieldmo.gov	Answered Live
60	So yes or no to using 05Q matrix code	Sharon Rose	sharon.rose@baytown.org	Answered Live
61	The answer that you can't pay public utilities (yourself as an Entitlement) is confusing, because you can pay it under regular CDBG programs. Why would you pay some one rent, when they get a disconnect notice for Utilities???	Vanessa Baker-Latimer	vanessa.bakerlatimer@cityofames.org	Answered Live

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62	HUD issues a FAQ that recommends agencies obtain verification for 20% of files that use self-certifications. Can this requirement be waived for CDBG-CV funds/ programs.	Jessica Gonzalez	jessica.gonzalez@phoenix.gov	Answered Live
63	Where is it in the regulations???	Vanessa Baker-Latimer	vanessa.bakerlatimer@cityofames.org	Answered Live
64	yes to hire or retain	Cristina Cabrera	cristinacabrera@miamibeachfl.gov	Answered Live
65	Utility payments are for a private resident that is eligible for the program- if a city owns the utility company they are not being paid to use the funds for their own (government use) but for the eligible clients needs. When will there be technical assistance on this?	Alsie Bond	abond@bryantx.gov	Answered Live
66	Can emergency rental assistance payments be made to assist with the tenants portion of rent for public housing and or vouchers?	Melva Henry	melva.henry@durhamnc.gov	Answered Live
67	How long do we have to submit Amended Action Plans for CDBG-CV?	Oneata Bailey	Oneata.bailey@shorelinecity.com	Answered Live
68	So for clarity, a non profits cannot receive assistance with CDBG CV funds in the form of a loan?	Shauntia Lewis	slewis@augustaga.gov	Answered Live
69	For assisted businesses that do not retain or create full-time equivalent jobs, can the assistance provided be forgiven/granted? Or would those assisted business have to be repaid?	JOSE VAZQUEZ	javazquez@modestogov.com	Assuming the PJ does not meet the aggregate number of retained/created FTE employees.
70	CShe was not in a lease here when her hours were reduced, and will be signing a lease here in Sept	Vanessa Baker-Latimer	vanessa.bakerlatimer@cityofames.org	Answered Live
71	So if we've paid for a LMI person who only asked for 1 month but doesn't get a job. Can we pay for Sept for that person if he or she is still unemployed?	Ellen Hill	ellen.hill@ci.monroe.la.us	Answered Live
72	Can you talk more about providing internet services to low income families with school age kids that are attending virtual classes	Wanzina Jackson	wjackson@maconbibb.us	Answered Live
73	You noted that the emergency income payment time frame has been extended to 6 months. If we have a program that is up and running based on the original 3 month cap per recipient, can it simply be extended for up to 6 months if need exists?, or should a second time frame. If need still exist	Lincoln Jeffers	ljeffers@lewistonmaine.gov	Ours is up and running and was based on the original 3 month cap per recipient also. Once it was extended, we chose to provide up to 6 consecutive months per household. We simply extended this up to 6 months without setting a second time frame.
74	In response to the pandemic, to assist local businesses with take-out, can CDBG-CV funds be utilized to pay for delivery service?	JOSE VAZQUEZ	javazquez@modestogov.com	Answered Live
75	Should we have a separate set of Monitoring documents to use specifically for CDBG- CV? I mean when we can get back out there monitoring of course, but meanwhile doing desk monitorings.	E. Betty Rawnsley-Erazo	BRawnsley@lowellma.gov	Answered Live
76	Urgent need says it has to address community health or welfare. Helping a business affected by the pandemic closure doesn't address a health need only a community welfare by stabilizing a business. Does that qualify under Urgent Need without a Health condition being addressed with CV funds?	Bob Jones	rjones@springfieldmo.gov	Answered Live
77	Point of clarification did you say there is no requirement for DUNS # and SAM registration for recipients or subrecipients of CDBG funds?	Kathleen Girouard	kathleen.girouard@town.barnstable.ma.us	Answered Live
78	On nature and location, do we need to collect demographic information for IDIS accomplishments? Like income levels of beneficiaries, race, etc?	Alicia Zoeller	zoellera@holyoke.org	Answered Live
79	There is a CDBG FAQ that says contractors as well as recipients of federal financial assistance must be registered at sam.gov. Does recipient just refer to the grantee and not to small businesses they are assisting with grants or loans?	Melissa Ervin	Mervin@nlr.ar.gov	Answered Live
80	We are getting applicants for CDBG-CV who need rent payments for July, August and for upcoming rent (September). Are you saying we should not be paying July and August because that is considered past due? This would be someone that is over income for ESG so that would not be an option.	Misty Goodwin	misty.goodwin@knoxcac.org	Answered Live
81	Would it be possible to use CDBG-CV to pay for funeral/burial costs?	Hope Ealey	healey@knoxvilletn.gov	Answered Live
82	we are providing CDBG-CV \$ to a subrecipient that is located in another City but will be providing food boxes to our City's residents. Would you consider this subsistence payments or food bank. if it is a low-mod area, can it be considered for nature and location or safer to qualify folks one by one?	Sharon Cohen	sharon.cohen@rocklin.ca.us	Answered Live
83	2 CFR 200.331(a)(1)(ii) requires DUNS # for Subrecipient Agreements	John Callow	johnccallow@bellsouth.net	Answered Live
84	Please give the regulations where an entitlement cannot pay itself for Utilities..please!!	Vanessa Baker-Latimer	vanessa.bakerlatimer@cityofames.org	Answered Live
85	We're pretty sure we know the answer to this already, but we're getting pressure from our supervisor and we just want to hear it from you. Is CDBG allowed to help pay contractors for the housing authority to turn units faster? Our PHA has about 60 units that need turned and we have 100 people on our shelter waiting list.	Jackie Sudhoff	jsudhoff@springfieldohio.gov	Answered Live
86	What about funding for internet service for a temporary homeless camp?	Yolanda Fields	yfields@fayetteville-ar.gov	Answered Live
87	Can you repeat which businesses assistance programs can be considered DOB?	Frances De Jesus	fdejesus@kissimmee.org	Answered Live
88	We have gotten requests to fund computers and software updates from an agency that helps the visually impaired to be trained remotely for jobs. If we were to purchase the laptops, do we have to track these and for how long?	Sonia Carnaval	sonia.carnaval@orlando.gov	Answered Live
89	Can you use CDBG-CV funds for community gardens?	Frances De Jesus	fdejesus@kissimmee.org	Answered Live

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90	In terms of equipment, like the laptops that you suggested could be purchased to assist LMI students with virtual learning due to COVID-19, would those laptops have to be returned to the entitlement community post-grant or can they stay with the families as long as the household is still LMI? Or it would it be better for the laptop to be assigned to each public housing unit to avoid having to return?	Amy Nordstrom Jones	amy.nordstrom.jones@phoenix.gov	Answered Live
91	Our City Council and public commenters mandated that we get the to the people immediatley. Most will be expended before HUD issues all guidance --How lenient will HUD be if we didn't meet all the requirements that the new "guidance " on the CV program after the fact?	Bob Jones	rjones@springfieldmo.gov	Answered Live
92	So is eviction the only basis for paying Utilities? What if your commmunity does not enforce a requirement to have Utilities? They can still live in the house and not be in danger of being on the street.	Cheri Hagler	chagler@springfieldmo.gov	Answered Live
93	We are facing an issue whereby emergency rental assistance payments made directly to landlords (vendors) are bound by the state's procurement law, which limit payments to right under\$10,000. Anything above that requires getting three quotes. Any thoughts?	Vilma Martinez-Dominguez	vmartinezdominguez@cityoflawrenc e.com	Answered Live
94	If the Public power Utility is not for profit, can the grantee pay the payment to the City. Is it still considered paying yourself.	Michelle Burden	mburden@ci.richland.wa.us	Answered Live
95	To be clear again, two fold.....DUNS account and registration setup is not required BUT DUNS # would be for CDBG?	Michelle Burden	mburden@ci.richland.wa.us	Answered Live
96	I believe 2 CFR 200 has special guidance for computer equipment --and I belive under \$5,000 is considered as supplies with minimal tracking required.	Bob Jones	rjones@springfieldmo.gov	Answered Live
97	Can you explain the ERR requirements for the CBDG- Cares ACT funding. The audio went out during the conversation.	Barbara Francis	bfrancis@albanyga.gov	Answered Live
98	We're expanding a program in response to COVID-19 (it will require a substantial amendment), it needs to happen quickly to effectively respond to the need. Can we start implementing the expanded program now and do the public hearing/Council vote afterward?	Mary Kate Bevel	marykate.bevel@dallascityhall.com	We're expanding a program in response to COVID-19 (it will require a substantial amendment), it needs to happen quickly to effectively respond to the need. Can we start implementing the expanded program now and do the public hearing/Council vote afterward?
99	Just to clarify or comment, I believe I heard that the waiver on virtual public hearings is not being extended yet. For those of us with a January 1 start date for the Program Year, that means we are to have our AAP ready to go by November 15. While we can rarely submit since we don't get our budget, we always act as if the 11/15 date will hold. This means we have to have a public hearing in Sept with a commission and October for Council for the 2021 AAP. When will we know if virtual public hearings are allowed?	Sarah Bridgeford	sbridgeford@cityoffederalway.com	Answered Live
100	I think a lot of our confused. Which HUD Matrix code do we use for emergency payments if not 05Q?	Raymond Webster	raymond.webster@lacda.org	Answered Live
101	HUD highlighted a city who used CDBG-CV funds to pay small business restaurants to provide meals to homeless and LMI residents. This would help the restaurants have income and also benefit residents. Would there be any guidelines as to how the restaurants can be selected to participate? And if the meals were handed out in various low income neighborhoods, could nature/location apply so that income did not have to be verified.	Melissa Ervin	Mervin@nlr.ar.gov	Answered Live
102	Below is San Antonio's guidelines are below (looks like they are paying for Utilities):	Vanessa Baker-Latimer	vanessa.bakerlatimer@cityofames.o rg	Answered Live
103	The Emergency Housing Assistance Program makes a one-time payment to the landlord or creditor for no more than three consecutive months or \$3,5000. Residents applying for housing assistance are also eligible to have up to \$1,500 of their Utility and internet bills paid through the program. Clients approved for the housing assistance through this program are eligible for up to \$300 cash assistance for fuel and groceries.	Vanessa Baker-Latimer	vanessa.bakerlatimer@cityofames.o rg	Answered Live
104	Does Urgent need NO still end 18 months from the earliest National or State Declaration of Emergency?	David Bachrach	dbachrach@eastprovidenceri.gov	Answered Live
105	Numerous individuals are indicating that their HUD representatives are saying yes to allowing emergency grant payments to a city-owned Utility. However, if I understood your response, you disagree due to 2 CFR 200 considerations. Can we get additional clarifications on this as to who we should be listening to for a final determination?	David Bess	dhbess@ci.pekin.il.us	Answered Live
106	What about debarment checks and DUNS number?	Dee Dee Catalano	dcatalano@bellevuewa.gov	Answered Live
107	Please ask if there will be a deadline on submitting the Amended CPP and Action Plans for CDBG-CV?	Oneata Bailey	Oneata.bailey@shorelinecity.com	Answered Live
110	What is the difference between arrears and past due rent/Utility	Michelle Burden	mburden@ci.richland.wa.us	Answered Live
111	This was awesome. Thank you!!!	Wanzina Jackson	wjackson@maconbibb.us	
112	Thank you all for your time and expertise!	Renee' Baker	rbaker@cityofgadsden.com	
113	Thanks, Jesse!!	Shirletta Best	sbest@mckinneytexas.org	
114	Thank you Jesse!! wealth of information	Monica Hughes	mhughes@cmvny.com	
115	MAHALO!!	Kerri Barros	kbarros@kauai.gov	
116	Thank you!	Alex Borrego	alex.borrego@wichitafallstx.gov	