



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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LETTER OF INTENT

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration

Dear State of Wisconsin:

The City of La Crosse intends to fund the following activities with the CDBG-CV funds. The total amount awarded to the City is \$220,567.97.

\$125,000.00 (Rental or Mortgage Assistance)

The City, through its CDBG public service recipients (Couleecap, Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army, La Crosse Area Family Collaborative, ILR) would manage a fund intended to provide relief to individuals and families during Covid-19. These sub-grantees would manage application process, payments to landlords, and request City for reimbursement.

The fund would support up to 6 months of rental or mortgage payment assistance, no more than \$3000 per household to households that:

- Are City of La Crosse families that have a lost income due to Covid-19.
- Currently have an income of 60% AMI or less.
- At-risk of homelessness, eviction, foreclosure.
- Cannot cover utility payments
- May not be used by any individual who is a student enrolled in an institution of higher education, who is under the age of 24 and does not have a dependent child and is unmarried.
- If more than 3 months of assistance is provided, home must comply with Lead Safe rules.
- These families cannot owe back rent or payments to the landlord/property manager/bank prior to March 27, 2020.

6 months of rental assistance, not to exceed \$5000, to households that are:

- At City of La Crosse residents, 30% County Median Income
- At imminent risk of becoming homeless, as evidenced by an eviction notice, evidence of being doubled up with a family or friend, or currently residing at a motel/hotel.
- Must provide evidence or certification of no duplication of benefits.
- If more than 3 months of assistance is provided, home must follow Lead Safe Housing Rules.

Not eligible

- Households living in public housing or already possessing another rental subsidy.

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\$20,567.97 (After-School/Child Care Programs)

These funds would provide small grants to partner organizations, such as the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, other child care centers to cover the cost of running school-age programs to provide child care during Covid-19 at times when the La Crosse Public School District is closed. These reimbursement requests could be back-dated to September 1, 2020. These grants would be provided to organizations offering services in a low-moderate income services area OR where 51% or more of enrollees are Low-Moderate Income.

\$75,000.00 (Contact Tracing)

These funds would provide La Crosse County Health Department with infrastructure that supports Covid-19 response, specifically contact tracing. These funds will help support employees conduct contact tracing. The goal is for the staff to reach around 80 percent of cases and 75 percent of contacts within 2-3 days in order to keep the level of spread at the level it currently is, or to reduce below what it currently is. The amount of staff available for contact tracing in comparison to number of cases is important to successfully serve the community in Covid-19 response.