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### **City of Burlington Administers CDBG-CV Funds to Residents Struggling During Pandemic**

BURLINGTON, NC- The City of Burlington is helping residents access much-needed financial assistance using funds secured through the federal government’s CARES Act.

In response to the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has notified the City of Burlington that it will receive an allocation of \$277,455 to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020 to respond to the growing effects of this unprecedented public health crisis.

“The goal of the CDBG program is to develop strong communities, and in particular low-to-moderate income communities,” said Community Development Administrator, Sonyé Randolph. “It is the Community Development office’s sincere hope that this funding will strengthen and re-build the Burlington community, and help our community to continue to weather the storm caused by the pandemic.”

City of Burlington residents can apply to receive financial assistance in three different ways: City Water Utility Assistance, Microenterprise Loans, and Emergency Income Assistance for rent, mortgage, electric, or natural gas.

#### **City of Burlington Water Utility Assistance Program**

Some Burlington households are eligible to receive up to \$100/month for three consecutive months to help pay City of Burlington Water Utility bills. Households must meet the following qualifications:

- Residents must have experienced reduced income due either to COVID-related loss of work or to missing work due to COVID-related illness.
- Residents must meet low-moderate income qualifications as defined by HUD (see table below).

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income Limit	\$35,950.00	\$41,100.00	\$46,250.00	\$51,350.00	\$55,500.00	\$59,600.00	\$63,700.00	\$67,800.00

- Original due date on the bill that assistance is requested for is on or after March 10, 2020.
- Residents must not have received income assistance from other sources.

Assistance will be granted upon evaluation on a first-come, first-served basis. Assistance will be awarded until available funds are exhausted.

For more information on the City of Burlington Water Utility Assistance Program, please contact the Community Development Office. They can be reached via phone at 336-222-5070 or via email at [commdev@burlingtonnc.gov](mailto:commdev@burlingtonnc.gov) They can also email Leigh Sims [lsims@burlingtonnc.gov](mailto:lsims@burlingtonnc.gov) or Sonyé Randolph [srandolph@burlingtonnc.gov](mailto:srandolph@burlingtonnc.gov). Applications available here: <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/BURLINGTON/Participant>. Select **Water Utility Assistance Application**

### **Microenterprise Loans**

Qualifying Burlington businesses with five employees or fewer can apply for forgivable loans of up to \$7000. Funds must be used for approved expenses related to COVID-19 impacts. The business owner or over half of employees of the business must have low- or moderate-income as defined by HUD to be eligible.

“Small businesses and their employees continue to endure COVID-19 hardships, with many still not near recovery. We hope mobilizing this funding can help some Burlington shops and staff get back to business,” said City of Burlington Economic Development Director, Peter Bishop.

Microenterprise Loans will be accepted and reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis by the City’s Economic Development Office until funds are exhausted. For more information about Microenterprise Loans, contact Blake Moyer via phone at 336-222-5081 or via email [bmoyer@burlingtonnc.gov](mailto:bmoyer@burlingtonnc.gov).

Applications available here: <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/BURLINGTON/Participant>. Select **Microenterprise Loan Application**.

### **Emergency Income Assistance**

Grants have been awarded to local non-profit partners to provide a range of financial assistance for Burlington residents. Earlier this year, the Community Development office put out a request for proposals for funding projects that meet criteria set out by the CARES Act. Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

- **Allied Churches of Alamance County** for rental assistance. [\(336\) 229-0881](tel:3362290881)
- **Women’s Resource Center in Alamance County** for rental, mortgage, and utility assistance (electricity/natural gas). [\(336\) 227-6900](tel:3362276900)
- **CityGate Dream Center** for rental, mortgage, and utility assistance (electricity/gas). [\(336\) 438-1463](tel:3364381463)

Residents cannot receive funds from multiple sources for either type of funds [rent, mortgage, utility (water, electric, natural gas)]. Contact the organizations directly for more information.

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