

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MA

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
HOPWA CARES ACT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS - ACTION PLAN 2020

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated supplemental Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds in the amount of \$101,003 to the City of Springfield for the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA) made up of Hamden, Hampshire and Franklin Counties. These HOPWA funds are authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, and provides additional funding to HOPWA grantees to maintain operations and for rental assistance, supportive services, and other necessary actions, in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

The City will distribute the supplemental HOPWA funds to its existing subrecipients as follows:

Agency	Supplemental Amount
Cooley-Dickinson Hospital-A Positive Place	\$25, 353
New North Citizens Council	\$30,000
River Valley Counseling Center	\$45,650
TOTAL	\$101,003

Subrecipients plan to use the funds for the following activities:

- Assisting HOPWA eligible households in accessing essential services and supplies such as food, water, medications, medical care, and information;
- Educating assisted households on ways to reduce the risk of getting sick or spreading infectious diseases such as COVID-19 to others;
- Providing transportation services for eligible households, including costs for privately owned vehicle transportation when needed, to access medical care, supplies, and food or to commute to places of employment;
- Providing nutrition services for eligible households in the form of food banks, groceries, and meal deliveries;
- Providing lodging at hotels, motels, or other locations to quarantine HOPWA-eligible persons or their household members; and
- Providing short-term rent, mortgage, and utility (STRMU) assistance payments to prevent homelessness of a tenant or mortgagor of a dwelling for a period of up to 24 months.

Subrecipients may use the supplemental award to reimburse allowable costs incurred prior to the receipt of the supplemental award provided such costs were to prevent, prepare for, or respond to coronavirus.

The CARES Act provides that the City must follow our existing requirements for development of this substantial amendment to our action plan that describes the amount of funding in the supplemental allocation and the planned use of funds. However, that the 30-day minimum for the required public comment period is waived or this substantial amendment; instead, the City must provide no less than five (5) days for public comment on the substantial amendment.

This amendment has been published to the City's website and advertised on the City's social media accounts on April 17, 2020. A public hearing will take place on Facebook live on April 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofSpringfieldMA>. Spanish-speaking staff will be present and available for translation at the hearing. Accommodations for disabilities will be provided upon request.

Comments may be submitted on Facebook during the public hearing.

Comments may also be submitted in the following ways:

- Written comments via email to Cathy Buono, cbuono@springfieldcityhall.com.
- Written comments mailed to the Springfield Office of Community Development, 1600 E. Columbus Ave., Springfield, MA 01103
- By telephone: contact 311, the City of Springfield's main source of government information and non-emergency services, or the Office of Community Development at (413) 787-6082

Comments will be accepted until April 24, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

The Facebook live hearing was held on April 23, 2020: 2,003 people were reached with 794 views, and 3 shares.

No comments were received.