

CDA Community and Economic Development Updates

May 14, 2021

CDA updates	<p>-Our housing counselors are available at any time to discuss pre-purchase/ homeownership, budget and credit counseling, rental counseling, foreclosure prevention, and home improvement loans.</p> <p>The next Homestretch class (virtual) is May 25-27 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. each night. Households interested in attending can sign up here.</p>
Upcoming meetings	<p>-There are no upcoming meetings planned at this time.</p>
Upcoming grant/funding opportunities	<p>-The CDA has pre-development funds available through the Community Growth Partnership Initiative program. If you have any planning or pre-development work you are considering let me know.</p> <p>-The Metropolitan Council is gearing up for their Livable Communities grant cycle for 2021. See their webpage for the latest on opportunities available and the timelines associated with each funding source.</p> <p>-SCDP Coronavirus program funds are available through DEED with an application deadline of June 1, 2021. Funding can be used for public services (rent assistance program, food shelves, PPE), retrofitting buildings to improve health and safety purposes and broadband. More information can be found on DEED's website.</p> <p>-Minnesota Housing's Super RFP is open with applications due in July (note that some programs have an intent to apply due May 20). Find out more on Minnesota Housing's website.</p> <p>-Our partners at Carver County have a Youth Employment Program they are recruiting for right now. The program helps local businesses fill staffing needs. The program pays wages and worker's comp for youth ages 14-24, while the work-site provides supervision, work direction and training, with employment counselor available for assistance with youth performance. Program runs for 10 weeks during summer months with some opportunity for work throughout the school year, PT employment up to 25 hours/week, wages vary from \$11 – 13/hour. If interested in participating, please contact Michael Branscum at 952-361-1717 or mbranscum@co.carver.mn.us.</p>
COVID updates	<p>-The CDA, with funds from Carver County, is administering a housing assistance program to help pay rent, mortgages and utilities for December 2020 and forward. The program is also available to landlords if they have tenants who are behind. Information, program guidelines and application links can be found on the CDA's website. Minnesota Housing also recently launched Rent Help MN which provides additional assistance for renters. Don't know where to send people? Feel free to have them call the CDA at 952-448-7715 and we can direct them to the appropriate location.</p> <p>-The Emergency Business Support Program is now closed. Any businesses who have applied, but are pending have a limited time to send in their documentation to NextStage.</p> <p>-The SBA has programs available to small businesses effected by the pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PPP Program (second round) open until May 31, 2021. • The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant is now open again. • The Restaurant Revitalization Fund is open as well. <p>-Guidance was released this week on the ARP funds. The League of Minnesota Cities is hosting a webinar on Tuesday, May 18 to walk through some of this.</p>