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BROWNSVILLE TO RECEIVE \$1.5M IN CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY GRANTS

The City of Brownsville will be receiving aid in the form of recovery grants to address the financial impacts caused by COVID-19.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is finalizing some additional guidance on eligible uses for the grants provided in the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act which will be made available through the standard Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

Grantees may use CDBG funds for a range of eligible activities that prevent and respond to the spread of infectious diseases such as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Brownsville City Manager Noel Bernal feels this will provide much needed relief to the community, “While we as a city have done all we can to address and contain the spread of COVID-19, the economic impact is yet to be totally seen or felt. This will give the city the tools needed to provide assistance to our community.”

HUD has stated they are moving quickly to get the funding into the hands of grantees, and will have it completed by April 26th at the latest. Also note that the funds go directly to entitlement communities (Cities and Urban Counties specifically named below) and the state.

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