

# Summary of CDBG-CV Round 3 Applications

## Food Programs

<b>Amistad</b>	<b>Food Assistance for Displaced Portlanders</b>	<b>\$85,000.00</b>
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Amistad will use the CDBG-CV funds to expand their pandemic responsive food assistance program by delivering boxes of food and hot meals to individuals on the streets, shelters, motels rooms, and displaced residences throughout the CCEJ.

<b>Gorham</b>	<b>Gorham Food Pantry</b>	<b>\$57,000.00</b>
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Purchase of a cargo van and commercial refrigerator. Since the start of COVID, the Gorham Food Pantry has seen a 115% increase in number of individuals requesting food support. Currently, the food pantry has volunteers use their pick up truck or mini bus to pick up food from local providers. It claims that both their current vehicles and food storage appliances aren't large enough to efficiently handle the increased volume of food COVID has brought upon them. As a result, their food supply chain has slowed, and volunteers are struggling to assemble an adequate number of food packages in time for delivery. GFP is requesting CDBG funds to improve their food delivery/storage capacities by purchasing a small cargo van and commercial food refrigerator

<b>Harrison Food Bank</b>	<b>Food Bank Response to the Coronavirus</b>	<b>\$27,244.93</b>
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Since the beginning of COVID, the Harrison Food Bank has been serving ~500 LMI clients/week (40% increase from prior to the pandemic). Up until now, a single operations manager has overseen all of the tasks required to feed those 500 clients, including: moving and storing over 40k pounds of groceries, prepping for and executing drive-through pantries, book-keeping/grant writing, and public relations (including all communications, donation management, etc.). The Harrison Food Bank is requesting CDBG funds to hire a second full time employee to help manage volunteers, keep facilities clean and prepared for visits from food recipients, and take on some of the burden of procuring/storing HFB's increased volume of food intake. HFB also hopes they can use CDBG funds to provide that employee adequate equipment for food storage/procurement.

<b>SMAA</b>	<b>Meals on Wheels Program</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
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Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, requests for enrollment in the SMAA Meals on Wheels program almost doubled (reflecting both increased food insecurity and loneliness amongst elderly Southern Mainers). SMAA is requesting CDBG funds to buy enough food and pay enough staff to meet their increased enrollment demands.

<b>Yarmouth</b>	<b>Lunch Crunch (Yarmouth Community Services)</b>	<b>\$74,563.00</b>
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Prior to COVID, Lunch Crunch aimed to use "community activities and crafts" to provide Yarmouth's LMI kids reliable breakfasts/lunches throughout the summer (when they can't access free meals via school). Once COVID hit (and demand for meals increased), LC focused on finding a COVID safe way to provide meals to all 110 LMI students in Yarmouth's school district (they ended up delivering meals to students rather than feeding them in person). Since LC doesn't anticipate being able to vaccinate their staff and/or students in time for their program start this summer, they're currently figuring out the logistics of operating remotely again---which means delivering meals to not only the 110 LMI children they served last summer, but a group of LMI children they identified who weren't on the school district's list of free lunch recipients. They're asking for CDBG funds to purchase a second van, which will make it noticeably easier to fulfill this summer's anticipated volume of food deliveries.

## **Job Training Programs**

<b>MSAD-61 Adult Ed Program</b>	<b>Health Professional Classes &amp; Laptops of remote learning</b>	<b>\$22,091.00</b>
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Issue 1: COVID has, unsurprisingly, increased demand for medical service workers in Southern Maine. That increase in health-related job opportunities has led to a surge in demand for MSAD-61's CNA, Medical Assistant, and Phlebotomy courses. They're request CDBG funds to subsidize scholarships for the LMI students who compose over half of those medical/healthcare related courses.

Issue 2: Outside of medicine, COVID has required an unprecedented percentage of professionals/students to complete their work remotely. While many professionals/students have signaled a willingness to participate in remote learning programs, most learners can't access computers to complete their work on. MSAD-61 requests CDBG funds to purchase laptops they can loan eligible students in their college readiness and digital literacy programs

<b>Common Treads</b>	<b>Industrial Textile Sewing</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
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Prior to COVID, Common Threads ran free, intensive programs to teach LMI adults how to sew. However, the pandemic (and its statewide mask mandate) has dramatically increased manufacturers' demand for sewers, which in turn is affording Common Threads an opportunity to employ its students as a faster clip. In their effort to seize that chance, CT wants to use CDBG funds to shrink its class sizes and redesign its curriculum to expressly qualify students to produce masks.

## **Public Services \$500,000 available**

<b>Big Brothers Big Sisters</b>	<b>Mentors for Children and Youth Program</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>
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BBBSSM wants to use CDBG funds to help staff its mentor-match program, which would help provide local kids the social support they need to stay resilient in the face of COVID-related emotional challenges. Their program creates social connections by taking children referred from "community partners" and matching them to a community volunteer with whom they share interests. In addition to a mentor, BBBSSM provides the child professional support to supplement any support kids receive from their mentors.

<b>Gorham Rec Dept.</b>	<b>Scholarships of out of school days</b>	<b>\$14,400.00</b>
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Since the start of the 2020-2021 school year, the Gorham Rec. Department has been hosting "out of school day camps." These camps are designed to make sure kids have the homework/technical support they need to stay engaged on days in which they are supposed to be learning remotely. Gorham Rec. is requesting CDBG money to fund scholarships that would allow kids to participate whose parents can't afford to pay an enrollment fee.

<b>Greater Portland Family Promise</b>	<b>Homeless Prevention and Rapid Resolution</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
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\*This application serves Greater Portland not just Portland. They work with the City of Portland HHS Dept. to offer case management and support services to families staying in motels. They plan to double their capacity to serve 4 families a month.

<b>Falmouth</b>	<b>Covid Prevention Staff</b>	<b>\$22,735.68</b>
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Every month, ~1000 residents and business owners need to show in person at Falmouth Town Hall to complete "essential transactions." To minimize the spread of COVID during those visits, the Town of Falmouth has hired a temporary staff member responsible for ensuring visitors follow health protocols (which may include mask compliance, social distancing, and limiting the number of people in a room at one time). That staff is also responsible for collecting visitor contact information (in case the town needs to contact trace). Falmouth is requesting CDBG funds to continue to fund this position for the remainder of 2021.

<b>Intercultural Community Center</b>	<b>Community CARES</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>
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Prior to COVID, ICC existed to provide emotional and academic/professional support services to immigrant families. They did so primarily to try and close Maine's nationality-based employment and educational achievement gaps. Now that COVID has broadened the inequalities that antecede those achievement gaps, ICC wants to use CDBG funds to make an even more thorough, COVID-safe push towards addressing immigrant families' educational and emotional needs. That push would use funding to fully staff both a more robust community outreach strategy and a flexible approach to support (that would allow staff to better personalize their interventions to clients' specific needs).

**Long Island Wellness Telehealth Program \$23,847.00**

Before COVID, Long Island residents could access healthcare services only by taking a ferry to Portland (that ran once every 45 minutes). Now, due to decreased demand, Casco Bay Lines have reduced the number of ferry trips per day, which makes it harder for Long Island residents (60% of whom are seniors) to get healthcare (during a period that, needless to say, has increased the public's need for healthcare services). That has left most Long Islanders reliant on in-home, cellphone or laptop-based telehealth appointments, which are typically less effective than organized telehealth visits due to a lack of steady internet access, lack of appropriate examination equipment, and/or a lack of privacy in which a patient can be candid about their ailments (either physical or emotional). Long Island is requesting CDBG funds to buy telehealth equipment (including a computer, monitor, software, and physiological examination equipment) for the town's wellness center. Once they add that equipment to the dedicated telehealth space and high speed broadband they currently have in their wellness center, they claim most (if not all) of the island's residents would be able to consistently access healthcare.

**My Place Teen Center My Place Teen Center \$99,750.00**

Need 1: MPTC has found that, because the COVID recession has eliminated many of the means by which families' consistently find food, kids are asking for a multiple of the servings they consumed prior to COVID. MPTC is seeking CDBG funds to triple their kitchen capacity by purchasing more food and staffing preparation/delivery.  
Need 2: In order to ensure their facilities are sufficiently safe for staff to occupy, MPTC has determined they need to hire someone to clean an extra 15 hours per week. They're requesting CDBG funds to help subsidize that cleaning.  
Need 3: A recent suicide by a program participant illuminated to MPTC the emotional toll COVID has taken on adolescents (especially amongst students of the lowest means). They're requesting CDBG funds to hire a full-time mental health support staff to meet their students' increased need for emotional support.

**NAMI Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aid \$24,000.00**

COVID-related isolation has led to an uptick in depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and other similar mental health issue amongst Americans. As a result, demand for emotional support services (such as counseling and therapy) has increased as well. NAMI sees Mental Health First Aid as a uniquely effective (and scalable) tool for identifying the types of distress COVID has triggered in Mainers and directing them to appropriate support services. NAMI is applying for CDBG funds to scale MHFA to meet Maine's increased COVID-related mental health services needs.

**New England Arab American Org. Keeping Our Neighborhoods Healthy \$45,000.00**

NEAAO has a contract w/ DHHS to provide mental health services to families referred to COVID quarantine. However, that contract doesn't cover families who don't interact w/ DHHS due to their possible exposure to COVID. NEAAO is applying for CDBG funds b/c they think such families have an urgent (but currently unresponded to) need for mental health services. Specifically, NEAAO would use CDBG funds to: provide basic needs services to neglected/isolated elders, provide counseling and "empowering" activities to teenagers, and make childcare available to any working community members.

**Port Resources Mental Health Outpatient Services \$22,800.00**

Port Resources is the only organization in Southern Maine providing specialized outpatient counseling to individuals diagnosed with both Intellectual Development Disability and Mental Illness. Due to COVID, PR decided to take all of its counseling services online. Because Maine state funding doesn't reimburse technology needs, Port counselors have conducted all of their remote counseling over old laptops with glitchy software and near-dysfunctional hardware. Additionally, without office-grade technological equipment, Port counselors have struggled to come up with ways to consistently print, scan, and collect signed documents. PR wants to use CDBG funds to provide its counselors laptops suited to the rigors of treating patients with IDD/MI and scanning/printing equipment to make their counselors' administrative tasks less cumbersome.

<b>South Portland Rec Dept</b>	<b>Out of School Care Program</b>	<b>\$27,500.00</b>
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Out of School Care programs are meant to help children develop the socioemotional skills that, for whatever reason, they might not be learning at home. Due to COVID, more families than ever are requesting that their kids participate in OoSC programs. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-related recession, those families are less able than ever to fund their kids' participation. The City of South Portland has tried to subsidize as many students' learning as possible, but has only been able to cover costs for about 25% of qualifying families (qualification is determined according to HUD's financial guidelines). SoPo would use CDBG funds to subsidize the participation of children from the other 75% of qualifying families.

<b>South Portland</b>	<b>Paramedic Outreach Program</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
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Months ago, the City of South Portland figured out that refugee and immigrant constituents were "disproportionately affected" by COVID-19. Since drawing that conclusion, the city's local health office teamed up with the SoPo Fire Department to spend eight hours a week providing hygiene products, cold weather clothes, non-perishable food, and COVID safety materials to immigrants/refugees housed at local motels (anyone housed at a motel was referred from a homeless shelter). The program stopped operating when funds from the Keep Maine Healthy program ran out; the City of SoPo is hoping to reboot the program for the rest of 2021 using (in part) CDBG funds.

<b>Through These Doors</b>	<b>Shelter and Homeless Prevention for Survivors of DV</b>	<b>\$58,740.00</b>
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Normally, TTD uses a 16-person shelter in Portland to provide support services to victims of domestic abuse (who don't have housing options apart from their abuser). However, due to COVID-related social distancing requirements, that shelter can only safely house a portion of the 16 survivors it was built for. As a result, TTD is requesting CDBG funds to ensure they don't have to restrict their service capacity to that of their primary shelter. They propose to expand their capacity in two ways. First, they want to use local hotels/motels as an alternate source of shelter (which entails paying for the service recipient's lodging, food, laundry, and transportation). Second, they want to provide rental assistance to prevent survivors' families from becoming homeless, and thus, from requiring sheltering services at all.

<b>Woodfords Family Services</b>	<b>Early Childhood Services Program</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>
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If parents are required to take care of their children with special needs, it becomes near impossible for them to focus on their work obligations. That's why, after taking the time to come up with a robust health and safety protocol, Woodfords chose to re-open their early childhood schools for in-person teaching.\* Unfortunately, the PPE, cleaning supplies, and additional staffing that such a thorough health protocol requires ran WF's early childhood programs into the red. WF's is requesting CDBG funds to support a full time cleaning position, so they can continue to operate safely without running a deficit. \*It's worth mentioning that 75% of Woodfords families qualify for MaineCare, which I'm guessing is the LMI piece of their service provision.

<b>Total Requests:</b>	<b>\$989,671.61</b>
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