Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Grant Application Summary

HARCATUS Tri-County Community Action Organization, Inc. (HARCATUS) intends to apply for a one-time CSBG CARES Act grant that will cover the period of March 27, 2020 through September 30, 2022. CSBG funding is only available to designated Community Action agencies. This CSBG CARES Act grant must be used to help prevent, prepare for, or respond to the Coronavirus in our service area of Harrison, Carroll and Tuscarawas Counties. Client eligibility for CSBG services under this grant is 200% of the federal poverty level.

CSBG CARES Proposed Activities/Services by Workplan:

Employment:
➢ Expand COVID-19 safe transport options for Youth Employment Services Program. May include staff time or additional staffing. (Tuscarawas County only). (FNPI 1a)

Income & Asset Building
➢ Install computers/kiosks in Agency lobbies/waiting rooms throughout tri-county service area to file for Unemployment, Access Ohio Means Jobs and complete job applications due to higher unemployment in the tri-county area. May include staff time. Several HARCATUS programs offer essential services and will remain open even when other sources of computer access may be closed. (FNPI 3h)

Health and Social/Behavioral Development:
➢ Expand no contact food/meal delivery services to at-risk and quarantined individuals & families. May include purchase of delivery vehicles with climate controlled compartments as well as hiring drivers. (FNPI 5b, 5g & 5h)
➢ Increase volume of Agency food supplies for pantries and meal service. May include purchase of box truck and staff time. (FNPI 5b)

Housing:
➢ Financial Assistance with rent deposits for individuals/families impacted by COVID-19. Will include staff time. (FNPI 4a & 4b)
➢ Water bill assistance. Will include staff time. (FNPI 4g)

Services Supporting Multiple Domains:
➢ Stock Agency’s pantries with cleaning supplies, sanitizing supplies and other high demand items (e.g. toilet paper) and PPE to prepare, prevent and respond to pandemic.
➢ Purchase vouchers for interviewing/work clothing to assist with employment/re-employment needs
➢ Mobilize Agency’s pantries to make home deliveries of pantry items to low-income community. Purchase cleaning, sanitizing, hygiene supplies and PPE to keep delivery vans stocked. May include purchase of delivery vans & staff. Staff would also provide consumer education on CDC cleaning and sanitizing guidelines and infectious disease education materials.
➢ Financial Assistance with telephone/internet bills.

Agency Capacity Building
➢ Staff training on infectious disease, CDC guidelines, COVID-19 Safe workplace etc.
➢ Planner & planning activities related to preventing, preparing for & responding to pandemic.
➢ Purchase of PPE & Engineering Controls for Agency pantries & eligible CARES staff

Linkages:
➢ Building and maintaining community partnerships around preventing, preparing for, & responding to the pandemic. Staff time and educational materials.

Budget: $445,236

Written Comments or Questions will be received concerning the proposed activities to:

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