



City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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**Broken Arrow City Council
Meeting of: 05-05-2020**

Title:

Consideration, discussion and possible approval of providing funding from the Community Development Block Grant program to assist qualifying residents with short term financial assistance due to COVID-19

Background:

President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) into law, providing assistance to the American people as the country works diligently to combat COVID-19. After the President signed the CARES Act, Secretary Ben Carson directed the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to immediately begin allocating \$3.064 billion to help America's low-income families and most vulnerable citizens.

HUD is making a total of \$861,792.00 in grants available to Tulsa County through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The funding is being distributed to area communities by the Indian Nation Council of Governments (INCOG) through the County. The City of Broken Arrow's portion is estimated to be \$220,000.00

The CDBG funds can be used to help local citizens with providing housing assistance payments for rent, mortgage, and utilities. A nonprofit agency will be selected by INCOG to distribute the funds to the citizens of Broken Arrow.

Cost: \$0

Funding Source: N/A

Requested By: Larry Curtis, Community Development Director and Russell Gale Assistant City Manager - Administration

Approved By: City Manager's Office

Attachments:

Recommendation:

Approve the allocation of funding