



**Community Planning and Grants Division  
COVID-19 Needs Hearings  
WebEx Conference Calls  
AGENDA**

**Dates & Times of Calls**

1. Thursday, April 30, 2020 – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
2. Tuesday, May 5, 2020 – 10:00 AM – 12 Noon
3. Thursday, May 7, 2020 – 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**The CARES Act**

Contained in The CARES Act is the requirement that expenditures be incurred “due to” the public health emergency means that expenditures must be used for actions taken to respond to the public health emergency. These may include expenditures incurred to allow the State, territorial, local, or Tribal government to respond directly to the emergency, such as by addressing medical or public health needs, as well as expenditures incurred to respond to second-order effects of the emergency, *such as by providing economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19-related business closures.*

**Framework of Call:**

- Name and the organization you represent.
- What are the struggles your clients are identifying to your organization since the COVID-19 State of Emergency was declared in mid-March?
- What is the significant impact this shut-down has had on your organization?

**Another Way to Provide Comments or Concerns:**

If time does not allow for everyone to be given a chance to speak, please feel free to provide comments by email to Elizabeth Meadows, Chief of Community Planning and Grants, at [emeadows@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:emeadows@howardcountymd.gov). Please use the framing questions above to provide your comments related to the impact of COVID-19 state of emergency on low-income Howard County residents.

**Next Steps:**

- Application Process – Nkechi Animashaun
- Due to the extreme need to get the funding out to the community, nonprofits must have an established process in place. This CDBG-CV funding is not for establishing a new program.
- Activities related to short-term rental assistance, eviction prevention and housing stability will be given priority consideration.
- Administrative cost limited to 15% of award; the majority is for direct client services.
- These applications will also be used for future award consideration if additional County funding is allocated for COVID-19 housing concerns
- **Applications Due Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 at 5:00 PM**