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SUBJECT: City of Duluth requests proposals to allocate 2nd round of CARES Act funding

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[Duluth, MN] The City of Duluth has released a Request for Proposals to allocate the 2nd round of funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) that the City will receive from the U.S. CARES Act. The Request for Proposals can be found here: <https://duluthmn.gov/purchasing/bids-request-for-proposals/>.

The City receives approximately \$3 million each year from HUD in development funds to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

Last year, the City received the first round of CARES Act funds for \$2,147,117. These funds have been allocated following an earlier RFP process. The second round of CARES Act funds has been assigned to the City for \$1,752,840. These funds have been broken down into \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grants and \$1.2 million in Emergency Solutions Grants.

City staff will host a technical assistance meeting on Thursday, January 7, at 11:00 a.m. for those interested in applying for these funds. Those wanting to attend the meeting can find the link here: <https://duluthmn.gov/live-meeting/planning-development-public-meetings/>. The session will be recorded and added to the Planning & Economic Development page on the City's website.

Proposals must help the community in preparing for, preventing, or responding to COVID-19. The City has set a minimum proposal amount of \$50,000.

Generally, eligible applicants include 501 (C) 3 nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and public agencies. Proposals are due on January 22 at 4:00 p.m. Funding decisions are expected to be finalized in March of 2021.

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