

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED ACTIVITIES
PER 24 CFR 58.35(a)

June 24, 2021

City of Bessemer
Economic and Community Development
1700 3rd Avenue North
Bessemer, AL 35020
Telephone: 205-424-4060

To all interested Agencies, Groups, and Persons:

CDBG-CV CARES ACT FUNDING
Grant Number: B-20-MW-01-0009

On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared COVID-19 a national emergency under Section 501 (b) of the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 512-5207) and the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C 1601, ET SEQ.) Or about July 16, 2021, the City of Bessemer Economic and Community Development will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Community planning and Development Birmingham, Alabama to release Federal funds for the CDBG-CV CARES Act Funding for the following types of eligible projects and activities:

These programs were design to prevent and respond to COVID 19. Those which was impacted by COVID 19. The eligibility requirements will have to be met in order to obtain assistance for this program will include the Small Business/ Micro enterprise Recovery and Resiliency program, Emergency Assistance Program and Meals on Wheels. The program participants must be Bessemer Resident of a Small Business Micro-enterprise Business owner. The funding sources and project areas are identified below:

City of Bessemer Project No.: B-20-MW-01-0009 Project Area(s): City of Bessemer CDBG-CV: \$521,118.00
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This Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Bessemer City Hall 1700 3rd Ave. N Bessemer Alabama 35020, and is available for public examination and copying upon request

between the hours of 8:00 A.M.-4:45 P.M. Please note the ERR includes and Environmental Monitoring for Unspecified Sites Strategy for Housing Related Activities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the office of Community and Economic Development, c/o Abraham Ward, 1700 3rd Ave. North Bessemer Al. 35020. All written comments received by July 16th, 2021 will be considered by Bessemer Community Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Bessemer will undertake the project activities described above the CDBG-CV CARES Act funds from the City of Bessemer under Section 501 (b) of the Stafford Disaster relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.512-5207) and the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C 1601, ET SEQ.) The City of Bessemer Community Development Department is certifying to Department of HUD that Kenneth E. Gulley, in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, The City of Bessemer may use CDBG-CV and will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Office of Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept an objection to its release of funds and The City of Bessemer's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer of The City of Bessemer; (b) that The City of Bessemer has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1508.25 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to U.S.Department of Housing and Urban Development, Birmingham Field Office, Medical Forum Building Suite 900. 950 22nd Street North Birmingham Alabama 35203-5301. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kenneth E. Gulley, Mayor
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

**CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED ACTIVITIES
PER 24 CFR 58.35(a)**

June 28, 2021

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Economic and Community Development
1700 3rd Avenue North
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Telephone: 205-424-4060

To all interested Agencies, Groups, and Persons:

**CDBG-CV /ADECA
Grant Number: CV-EC-20-011**

On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared COVID-19 a national emergency under Section 501 (b) of the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 512-5207) and the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C 1601, ET SEQ.) Or about July 16, 2021, the City of Bessemer Economic and Community Development will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Community planning and Development Birmingham, Alabama to release Federal funds for the CDBG-CV CARES Act Funding for the following types of eligible projects and activities:

These programs were design to prevent and respond to COVID 19. Those which was impacted by COVID 19. The eligibility requirements will have to be met in order to obtain assistance for this program will include the City of Bessemer has partner with Create Birmingham (sub recipient) to assist microenterprises through the provision of technical assistance program aimed at strengthening their business platforms in the wake of COVIP-19.

The City is requesting funds from ADECA to assistance with the purchase of equipment which allow public facilities to safety re opening. The funding sources and project areas are identified below:

City of Bessemer Project No.: CV-EC-20-011 Project Area(s): City of Bessemer CDBG-CV: \$70,000.00
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Alabama 35020, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 A.M.-4:45 P.M. Please note the ERR includes and Environmental Monitoring for Unspecified Sites Strategy for Housing Related Activities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the office of Community and Economic Development, c/o Abraham Ward, 1700 3rd Ave. North Bessemer Al. 35020. All written comments received by July 22nd, 2021 will be considered by Bessemer Community Development prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Bessemer will undertake the project activities described above the CARES Act CDBG-CV /ADECA from the City of Bessemer under Section 501 (b) of the Stafford Disaster relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.512-5207) and the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C 1601, ET SEQ.) The City of Bessemer Community Development Department certifies to ADECA that Kenneth E. Gulley, in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ADECA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and allows the City of Bessemer to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ADECA/ Alabama will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Bessemer's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer of The City of Bessemer; (b) that The City of Bessemer has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to ADECA in care of CARES Act CDBG-CV Grant Program Environmental Objection. ADECA, Directors of Office of Community and Economic Development Program. 401 Adams Avenue, Suite 580. P.O.Box 5690, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5690. Potential objectors should contact ADECA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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