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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Government Officials and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Iris C. Payne, Director
Division of Rural Economic Development

DATE: July 13, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020 Neighborhood Revitalization Program - REVISIONS

Administering Agency: Division of Rural Economic Development (REDD), N.C.
Department of Commerce, 301 North Wilmington Street, 4346
Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4346

Program Description: The Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) category is designed to provide grants to local units of government for housing, housing-related activities, and public facilities. Awards are made on a competitive basis based on the number of applications received compared to funding availability.

Eligibility Guidelines: All municipalities in North Carolina are eligible to receive Small Cities CDBG funds with special consideration for COVID-19 impacted areas, except for the 24 entitlement cities in the state that receive funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The North Carolina entitlement cities are listed as follows: **Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Concord, Durham, Fayetteville, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Jacksonville, Kannapolis, Lenoir, Morganton, New Bern, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem.**

All counties, except for the four HUD-designated urban counties of **Wake, Cumberland, Mecklenburg, and Union** are eligible to apply for Small Cities CDBG funds. All municipalities in the four counties are ineligible to apply for Small Cities CDBG funds except the **Town of Holly Springs** in Wake County and the **Town of Linden** in Cumberland County.

Source of Funds:	Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Funding Level:	Award Ceiling (Maximum) \$750,000
Total Funding Available:	\$10,000,000 of Program Year 2019 CDBG only
2020 Updates *	<p>The changes for the 2020 program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• encourages COVID-19 response projects that meet NR guidelines;• increases substantial rehabilitation limits to \$72,000 or \$70 per square foot;• allows infrastructure support for single-family, homeownership projects to receive \$50,000 per unit not to exceed \$750,000;• allows rehabilitation of properties for housing development to receive \$25,000 per unit not to exceed \$750,000;• increases funding for infrastructure support to multi-family projects to exceed \$25,000.00 per unit not to exceed \$750,000; and• removes NC licensed home inspector requirements.
Funding Cycle: *	Applications are due by 4:00 PM on Monday, August 31, 2020 . For consideration, <u>all</u> applications must be physically in the REDD Office by this time. To acquire an application, please see www.nccommerce.com or contact Valerie.Moore@nccommerce.com .
For Additional Information:	Contact Valerie D. Moore at (919) 814-4673 (office), (TDD 1-800-735-2962), or Valerie.Moore@nccommerce.com .

*Denotes changes from the original announcement issued in April 2020.