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# Memorandum

To: Housing and Community Development  
Commission

From: Community Development Staff

Re: Program Year 2020 Annual Application Round

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Lake County Community Development (LCCD) staff is proposing the immediate release of applications for community development projects to be funded during Program Year 2020 (PY20). Funding sources for potential projects include both federal and local funding. Federal funding sources include; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Ownership Made Easy (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Local funding sources include Video Gaming Revenue (VGR) and Lake County Affordable Housing Program (AHP) funds.

PY20 is first year of a new five-year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan). In order to ensure a timely application process, staff proposes proceeding with the 2020 Annual Application Round in advance of final approved of the ConPlan by the County Board (consistent with previous HCDC practice). Final award decisions for the Annual Application Round will follow ConPlan approval in May 2020. In an effort to achieve the goals detailed in the draft ConPlan (previously discussed by the HCDC), LCCD staff is proposing the following changes to the annual applications:

## Human Services Application

ESG – No major changes, annual applications for services and operations of emergency shelter programs.

VGR – No major changes, annual applications for gambling addiction services, non-clinical gambling addiction and other behavioral health services.

CDBG Public Services (PS) – Annual applications are limited to requests for funds to purchase adaptive equipment for persons with special needs and transit funding projects initiated by the Paratransit Lead Agency Working Group<sup>1</sup>.

## Affordable Housing Application

CDBG, HOME and AHP –The annual application will focus on the acquisition of stand-alone, discrete affordable housing projects. All affordable housing *programs*<sup>2</sup> would be approved on a multiyear basis and no affordable housing programs would be part of the annual application.

## Public Improvements Application

CDBG – The annual application would be limited to facility enhancements for organizations assisting persons with special needs and small business development activities.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/3770/Paratransit-Market-Study>

<sup>2</sup> A program is a set of activities designed to provide assistance to income-eligible families where the beneficiaries determine the location of the activities. Examples of programs include homeowner occupied rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, and tenant-based rental assistance.