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City of Port Huron Announces CDBG COVID-19 Relief Package

The City of Port Huron has received \$462,000 of additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of COVID-19 relief. City Administration has developed the following proposed Annual Action Plan changes that will come before the Mayor and City Council at the April 27, 2020 Council meeting for hearing and approval.

“It is our focus to use these funds to assist the most vulnerable in our community, the families struggling with rent, to pay the utility bills and food insecurity”, voiced Mayor Pauline Repp. “We do not want to sit on these funds for any amount of time, we are working urgently to get these resources out to our residents in need as fast as possible, because the need is now.”

“The City of Port Huron currently has working relationships with community stakeholder groups who are well positioned and have systems already in place to make sure these resources reach those in need in a timely manner, stakeholder groups such as the Bluewater Community Action Agency, Mid-City Nutrition, Bluewater Rescue mission, St Clair County Economic Development Alliance, and the Council on Aging. Infusing these partnerships just makes common sense” added City Manager James Freed.

The Annual Action Plan Changes coming before the Mayor and City Council for rapid approval are the following:

Meal & Feeding Program, Mid-City Nutrition	\$ 45,000
Resident Rental & Mortgage Assistance, Community Action Agency	\$ 135,000
Resident Utility Bill Assistance, Community Action Agency	\$ 75,000
Testing COVID-19 Sites	\$ 50,000
Small Business Assistance, EDA	\$ 75,000
Homeless Assistance, Bluewater Rescue Mission	\$ 20,000
Senior Citizens/Meals on Wheels, Council on Aging	\$ 47,000
Food Gardening Program	\$ 15,000
Total CDBG COVID-19 Relief Effort	\$ 462,000

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