**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Local Government Officials and Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Iris C. Payne, Director

 Division of Rural Economic Development

**DATE:** April 30, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Neighborhood Revitalization Program

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| **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 |
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| **Program Description**: | The Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) category is designed to provide grants to local unit of governments for housing, housing- related activities, and public facilities that support prepare for, respond to, or prevent the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Awards are made on a competitive basis based on the number of applications received compared to funding availability.  |
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| **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 two 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. |

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| **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  |
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| **Total Funding Available**: | $10,000,000 |
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| **2020 Updates** | The changes for the 2020 program:* encourages COVID-19 response projects;
* increases substantial rehabilitation limits to $72,000 or $70 per square foot; and
* removes NC licensed home inspector requirements.
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| **Funding Cycle**: | Applications are due by **4:00 PM on Monday, July 27, 2020**. To acquire an application, please see [www.nccommerce.com](http://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 . |