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## **Elgin Mayor Kaptain Praises Representative Underwood for Relief Funds**



### **Elgin to receive \$510,869 in federal funds for coronavirus relief**

**Elgin, IL** - Elgin is one of 11 cities and counties in the 14th District of Illinois awarded federal funds for coronavirus relief. Elgin is receiving \$510,869 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and a determination of how those funds will be spent will occur once the City receives further guidance from the federal government.

Mayor David Kaptain joined other area



leaders on a conference call with Representative Lauren Underwood on Monday, March 30 where he was able to express some immediate needs in Elgin. Kaptain appreciates Underwood providing him with the advanced notice of this news and her initiative to gather feedback from her constituents.

"I am so grateful to Representative Underwood for her unwavering support of Elgin and our neighbors during this difficult time," said Mayor David Kaptain. "The City of Elgin is projecting major losses to its revenue streams this year due to the coronavirus situation, and this half million in relief funds will help keep essential operations and infrastructure projects moving uninterrupted."



In an [April 2 news release](#), Congresswoman Lauren Underwood (IL-14) announced that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded over \$12.2 million in federal funding to communities in the 14th District. The funding was made available by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which Underwood strongly supported in Congress and was signed by the President on March 27, 2020.

"The CARES Act is delivering crucial economic relief to communities in northern Illinois that have been dramatically impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. This funding will help our communities meet the enormous challenges they face as we fight this virus," said Underwood in a news release. "As Illinois continues to see economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, I'll continue to fight to bring resources to our community to ensure we are able to come back from this crisis stronger than ever."

The CARES Act provided \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grants and \$4 billion in Emergency Solutions Grants for coronavirus response. The Community Development Block Grants and Emergency Solutions Grants will help support a range of local programs and services impacted by the coronavirus, including assistance for people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing homelessness during this crisis.

#### **City of Elgin Community Development Block Grants**

The CDBG program was created in 1974, and Elgin has participated since 1975. These funds are primarily intended to provide capital projects that benefit low/moderate income persons, but some funding can be allocated to the operational costs for services to such persons. Over the last five years, the City has used CDBG funds to provide safe, sanitary and affordable housing, improve nonprofit facilities and neighborhood parks and streets, and provide services to seniors and to address homelessness.

Prior to this week's news, the City expected to receive \$952,873 in CDBG

funds available to support activities aimed at addressing the priorities of the CDBG Annual Action Plan during program year 2020.

The City of Elgin's CDBG Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2020 contemplates allocating \$66,943 to homelessness and supportive services, \$250,000 to neighborhood improvements, \$503,241 to affordable housing and \$132,689 to program planning and administration.

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