

Pamela S. Ulmer

From: Kristin McCombe
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To: Pamela S. Ulmer
Subject: FW: CDBG Comments

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From: Beth Bland <beth@vpas.info>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 6:59 PM
To: Kristin McCombe <Kristin.McCombe@harrisonburgva.gov>
Subject: CDBG Comments

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Kristin,

I realize this email is probably far too late to be included in comments tonight but I'm going to send it anyway. My apologies. I have many balls in the air right now as things continue to move quickly.

VPAS has been so grateful for CDBG funding and especially this past year with the extra funding for COVID. The number of meals served and people served this past year both people served and meals served increased (36% and 11% respectfully) over the previous year. The increased needs of older city residents have been significant. Meal recipients have received hygiene bags, breakfast bags, produce boxes, emergency groceries, activity kits, nutrition drinks, and adult undergarments. VPAS has worked hard to respond to needs as they came up. In person services were stopped for the safety of those we serve but support was provided by telephone. Transportation to medical appointments was not interrupted. It is through the support of our community that VPAS was able to respond the way we did.

When vaccines became available we called all our clients and offered assistance to get them registered. I am currently working to set up clinics in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County to get adults 65 years plus vaccinated in coordination with the health department.

The support of the City through CDBG funds is critical. Older residents receiving meals also receive the support of all of VPAS services as needed. We are here for older community members to help them navigate aging and a pandemic.

Thank you,
Beth Bland

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