City of Carroll

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MEMO TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Mike Pogge-Weaver, City Manager MSPW

DATE: March 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) COVID-19 Grant Public Hearing

On April 28, 2020 the City of Carroll was awarded a CDBG COVID-19 Grant in the amount not to exceed $49,050. The CDBG funds for this project were used to assist local non-profits in providing restaurant gift cards to families and to cover processing costs of meat donated to local food programs.

Gift Cards. The grant funds were used to provide $25.00 restaurant gift cards to families that were serviced by Carroll County Community of Concern Food Pantry and New Opportunities in 2019. In 2019 Carroll County Community of Concern Food Pantry serviced 937 families and New Opportunities serviced 825 families. Under this program, Carroll County Community of Concern Food Pantry serviced 727 families as of March 4, 2021 with plans to distribute the final 210 gift cards by April 24, 2021. New Opportunities serviced 646 families of which 179 received more than one gift card. This is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to support a growing need and to address hunger in the Carroll community. The amount that was provided to each agency was as follows:

- Carroll County Community of Concern $23,425.00
- New Opportunities $20,625.00

Meat Processing. The grant funds were used to cover processing fees of donated meat to New Opportunities. 832 families were supported with meat through this activity. This is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to support a growing need and to address hunger in the Carroll community. Amount to provided was as follows:

- New Opportunities $5,000.00

Both of these activities served people that are low and moderate income persons and families that were facing food insecurity in Carroll County.

No person was displaced or relocated as part of this project. The project is being entirely funded through a Community Development Block Grant provided by the Iowa Economic Development Authority and no local (city) match was made as part of this grant.

During the public hearing, as required by the terms of the CDBG, the public is asked to comment on the following items:

- Community development and housing needs of low to moderate persons in the city and any planned or potential activities to address these needs.
- Other community development and housing needs and any planned or potential activities to address these needs.

Notice of the March 8, 2021 public hearing was published in the Carroll Times Herald on February 23, 2021

If you have questions concerning the project or if you require special accommodations to attend the hearing such as handicapped accessibility or translation services, you may contact Mike Pogge-Weaver at 712-775-7505.

RECOMMENDATION: Council to hold a public hearing related to the use of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to address hunger in the Carroll community related to COVID-19.