

**Attachment B:  
City of San Leandro Justification of Urgent Need**

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s CDBG regulations require the following documentation to utilize CDBG funds under the Urgent Need National Objective. Further, the Urgent Need Certification must be provided to HUD with the Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan for the year of the Urgent Need activity(ies). This documentation and evidence the City certified that the CDBG activity was designed to address the urgent need must be maintained as part of the permanent CDBG records for the activity(ies).

**1. Describe the condition that was addressed, showing the nature and degree of seriousness of the threat it posed.**

The COVID-19 virus was first identified in Wuhan China in November 2019. First positive cases of the virus in the United States and in California were found in January 2020. As the virus started to spread globally, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a COVID-19 pandemic on March 11, 2020. At that time, it had been identified in 113 countries.

On the date this Substantial Amendment was drafted (May 24, 2020), 92,721 California residents had tested positive, and 3,774 had died as a result of the virus. Of those, 2,760 were Alameda County residents (positive test), and 92 had lost their lives.<sup>1</sup>

The COVID-19 virus has had a devastating effect globally. It has caused businesses to close, jobs to be lost, finances to be stretched, and general feelings of anxiety and fear. With the City’s addition of an Urgent Need activity (allowing for the possible support for oversight and services and infrastructure dedicated to COVID-19 response), the City may address these needs when other resources are not available and needed by the Alameda County Department of Public Health.

**2. Information on the timing of the development of the serious condition.**

See above.

**3. Evidence that the grantee certified that the CDBG activity was designed to address the urgent need.**

The Urgent Need Certification will be made a part of the activity(ies) files as needed.

**4. Evidence confirming that the other financial resources to alleviate the need were not available.**

The availability of other financial resources will be reviewed and certification made as to availability prior to approving the use of CDBG, CDBG-CV, any other stimulus allocations to the City. The review and certification will be made part of the activity(ies) files.

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<sup>1</sup> California Department of Public Health, COVID-19 Updates, “COVID-19 by the Numbers” website: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx#COVID-19%20by%20the%20Numbers> and Johns Hopkins University & Medicine, Coronavirus Resource Center website: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map>.