**Minnesota Community Development Block Grant**

**Coronavirus (CDBG-CV)**

**Urgent Need National Objective**

**Certification Worksheet**

For a project to be categorized as Urgent Need under the Minnesota CDBG-CV program, the project must meet all three of the following criteria. Applicants (units of general local government (UGLG)) must address these three criteria. The answers for criteria 1 and 3 must be detailed enough for SCDP staff to clearly determine if the project would meet the Urgent Need National Objective.

**Applicant name:**

**Criteria 1** **– Is the activity designed to alleviate existing conditions? If yes, describe how documentation will be maintained to show that grant funds for the activity will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 as required by the CARES Act?**

**Criteria 2 – Does the condition pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community that is of recent origin or that recently became urgent?**

Due to the nature and widespread impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, this criteria will be met by the grantee/UGLG certifying the proposed project is designed to address the serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community (addressed in Criteria 1) and designating which selected declaration will be used as the starting date of emergency (*select one*):

[ ]  U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued press release declaring a [Public Health Emergency for United States for 2019 Novel Coronavirus](https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/01/31/secretary-azar-declares-public-health-emergency-us-2019-novel-coronavirus.html) – declared January 31, 2020, retroactive to January 27, 2020

[ ]  President’s declaration of the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic as an emergency of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stanford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”) – declared March 13, 2020

[ ]  Effective dates of a grantee’s own local or state emergency declaration. State of Minnesota emergency declaration – declared March 13, 2020

 If using a local declaration, state the date of the declaration:

**Criteria 3 – Is the grantee or unit of general local government (UGLG) unable to finance the activity on their own, and other sources of funds are not available to carry out the activity? If yes, provide documentation by using required records of compliance with mandatory duplication of benefits requirements to demonstrate that no other funds are available for the activity and the grantee or the UGLG is unable to finance the activity on its own.**

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**Grant number:**

Based on the provided information, DEED has determined

[ ]  the grantee/UGLG’s certification for the Urgent Need National Objective has met all required criteria and therefore may move forward under this National Objective.

[ ]  the grantee/UGLG’s certification for the Urgent Need National Objective has not met all required criteria and therefore cannot forward under this National Objective.

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