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*Good morning Rachel,*

*Our guidance is assuming that the definition/what is meant by an extractor is similar to the link provided as follows: <https://unimac.com/industries/fire/>.*

*If the city can tie the purchase of extractors to Prevent, Prepare, Response (PPR), then CDBG-CV funds may be used to purchase them. An example of acceptable documentation is reliable data showing high rates of coronavirus transmission in the areas that the fire stations serve. In addition, please be advise that a national objective must be met, so it is possible that all fire stations may not serve a primarily residential area where at least 51 percent of the residents of the city are Low /Moderate Income Individuals (LMI). Unfortunately, If a national objective cannot be met, then the installation of the extractors are ineligible.*

*Hope this helps. Take Care.*

*Best regards,*

*Lisa B.*

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Hello Lisa,

There was a delay in us moving forward the activity below. We are now getting ready to move forward with the amendment and had a question.

Since this is CDBG-CV can all fire stations be equipped with an extractor or only those that primarily serve low-income neighborhoods?

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*Good afternoon,*

*Please be advised that Firefighting equipment is defined as equipment designed to extinguish fires (fire engine, or protect firefighters from fire (e.g., fire resistant uniforms). Prior guidance has included lifesaving equipment and the self-containing breathing apparatus as firefighting equipment. All of this is eligible under 24 CFR Part 570.201(c). Washers and dryers are not considered fire fighting equipment.*

*Presuming that the fire stations in question are substations and not the HQ where the administrative functions of the fire department are carried out. Fire substations are considered public facilities, so the purchase of sanitation/industrial grade washers and dryers that are an integral part of the public facility may be purchased and installed with CDBG-CV funds under 24 CFR part 570.201(c) if the grantee is able to tie their purchase to preventing, preparing, or responding to coronavirus. Washing and sanitizing uniforms and equipment to prevent contracting and spreading coronavirus to the public is a clear tieback to PPR. However, washing and sanitizing sheets, towels, and regular clothing does not establish a clear tieback to PPR because these items are not exposed to the public. It is recommended that the city proportion the dollar amount of CDBG-CV funds to be used to purchase the sanitation/industrial grade washers and dryers to the percentage of time they will be used to wash and sanitize uniforms and fire equipment rather than regular laundry. The city must be able to document that this special equipment is used primarily for the former rather than the latter.*

*Let us know if you have additional questions or concerns.*

*Best regards,*

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Hello Nora,

Using the guidance below. It is clear that fire protection equipment purchase is an eligible CDBG activity. There is a need for sanitization/ industrial grade washers in fire houses located in the City's low income census tracts. In an effort to stem the spread of contagions such as COVID-19, it has become necessary to sanitize fire gear and EMT equipment after each use.

The city would like to ensure that these fire stations are equipped with the tools necessary to keep our community safe. Please let me know if a formal letter is needed to request approval for the purchase of these items or will it be acceptable to move forward with amending the annual action plan to include this activity.

**(ii) Fire protection equipment.** Fire protection equipment is considered for this purpose to be an integral part of a public facility and thus, purchase of such equipment would be eligible under [§ 570.201\(c\)](#).

**(iii) Furnishings and personal property.** The purchase of equipment, fixtures, motor vehicles, furnishings, or other personal property not an integral structural fixture is generally ineligible. [CDBG](#)

[funds](#) may be used, however, to purchase or to pay depreciation in accordance with [2 CFR part 200](#), subpart E, for such items when necessary for use by a [recipient](#) or its subrecipients in the administration of activities assisted with [CDBG funds](#), or when eligible as firefighting equipment, or when such items constitute all or part of a public service pursuant to § 570.201(e).

With thanks

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