



CDBG FAQ's November 2023

Q1: What is CDBG?

A: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons.

Q2: What are the eligibility requirements to apply?

A: CDBG funded activities must meet at least 1 of 3 HUD's National Objectives:

- Benefit low-and moderate- income (LMI) persons; or
- Aid in prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
- Meet a need having a particular urgency (referred to as urgent need)

Q3: Is there a limit on how much an applicant can apply for?

A: There is not a limit, however applicants should keep in mind the funding cap thresholds established by HUD. HUD funding thresholds are as follows:

- Administration; 20 percent maximum of annual allocated funding
- Public Services; 15 percent maximum of annual allocated funding
- Capital Projects/Public Improvements; no minimum or maximum thresholds of the available funding

Q4: What types of projects/activities are eligible?

A: ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS

HUD requires the expenditure of funds across three funding categories:

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Examples of CDBG eligible activities:

- Childcare
- Health services
- Job training
- Recreation programs
- Education programs
- Public safety services
- Fair housing activities
- Services for senior citizens
- Homeless services
- Drug abuse counseling and treatment

Examples of CDBG ineligible activities:

- Political activities
- Acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government
- Ongoing grants or non-emergency payments
- (more than three consecutive months) to individuals for their food, clothing, rent, utilities, or other income payments
- Using CDBG to supplant state or local funding.

Q5: How do I apply for CDBG?

A: Current CDBG funding recipients who wish to apply for FY 2024- 25 funds will find the link "Apply for FY 24-25" in the "Applications" column when they log in at www.citydataservices.net.

New Applicant Agencies that are not currently funded should log into www.citydataservices.net and use MAD2023 (case sensitive) as both their Username and Password. Applicants will be prompted to enter basic information to receive a unique Username and Password. By logging in with these new credentials, the FY 2024-25 application will be available as a link in the "Applications" column.

Q6: What is the deadline to apply for CDBG?

A: All applications must be submitted by November 30, 2023, at 5:00pm.

Additional Resources:

CDBG regulations can be found at the following websites:

- For Entitlements, States, and insular areas:
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment
- For the consolidated Plan:
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/conplan

CDBG resources can be found at the following websites:

- Explore CDBG:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/cdbg-ta-products/#all-products>
- Public Services Video:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/public-services/>
- Public Facilities Video:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/public-facilities-and-improvements/>
- Basically CDBG for Entitlements:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>
- The Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/89/community-development-block-grant-program-cdbg-guide-to-national-objectives-and-eligible-activities-for-entitlement-communities/>

Examples of Previously Funded Activities:

Previously Funded Public Service Activities	Award Amount
Pequeños Empresarios Inc. - <i>Child Entrepreneurship and Education Program</i>	\$10,000
Madera Coalition for Community Justice <i>Madera Rental Assistance Project</i>	\$34,000
OLIVE Charitable Organization <i>Bennet House</i>	\$35,400
Madera Rescue Mission- Homeless Services Program <i>Homeless Prevention and Services</i>	\$32,500
City of Madera, Parks & Community Services – Madera Senior Nutrition & Recreation Programs <i>Senior Wellness, Meals, and Recreation</i>	\$21,401
Previously Funded Capital/Public Improvements	Funded Amount
Habitat for Humanity; <i>Home Rehabilitation Program</i>	\$215,000
City; Public Works Department <i>Beautification Project</i>	\$25,000
City; Parks Department <i>McNally Park Project</i>	\$609,307
City; Parks Department <i>Centennial Park Pool</i>	\$215,000