# CDBG Office Hours

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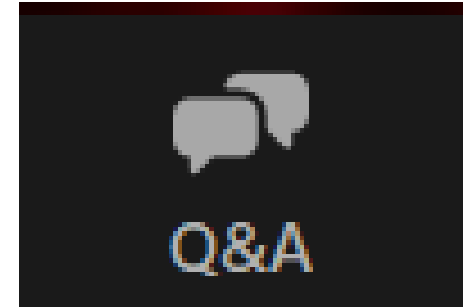
Wednesday, September 20, 2023

# How to ask a question

- Webinar questions:
  - Click "Q & A" chat bubble to submit a question to the team
  - You may ask questions anonymously, but if you want your name, organization, or region associated with your question, you will need to type it in the "Your Name" box
  - The team will read questions out loud throughout the presentation and will provide answers if possible
  - All questions will be saved and recorded as part of the public record

Q&A

# CDBG Program Updates

**2022 CDBG NOFA**

- 42 Recommended for Award
- 1 Pending Acceptance
- 2 Pending Final Approval
- 10 Routing
- 29 Approved

**2023 CDBG NOFA**

- Projected 2023 NOFA drop date:  September 2023 – OTC Waitlist Only (approx. $19M)

**2024 CDBG NOFA**

- Projected 2024 NOFA drop date: January 2024 – Competitive and OTC (approx. $48M)

# Upcoming Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Training

HCD is hosting a **Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Training** to assist staff and grantees in identifying and avoiding fraud, waste, and abuse of federal funds.

**Wednesday, September 27th**
10am – 11am Pacific Time
Register through ICF provided Teams link

All current CDBG grantees will be asked to attend and/or certify that they have watched the posted recording if they are unable to attend.

# Save the Date: 2024 NOFA Listening Session

HCD is hosting a **Listening Session** to get applicant/grantee feedback prior to releasing the January 2024 NOFA.

**Wednesday, October 25th** (An off week for Office Hours)
10am – 11am Pacific Time
*Registration information coming soon*

Please mark your calendars.

# Questions and Answers:
# Recap from Prior Office Hours

# "Shovel Ready" Funding

**Question**

If my project's dollar size is more than the OTC limit, do I have to have the remainder of the funds already secured before I even apply for OTC grant?

**Answer**

Yes, at the time of application your project needs to be "shovel ready" within 90-days. That means that if your project requires additional funding other than CDBG, that funding must be secured at the time of application.

**From: Office Hours 9/6/23**

# 2024 NOFA PI Application Pt. 1

**Question**

For the January 2024 NOFA - we are going to have PI to put into the project - will this be included in the application, or will a separate PI application be required?

**Answer**

If you are including PI in a project applying under the 2024 NOFA, you must include that PI in your budget. We will have budget training with instructions on where in your budget that money should be included, but it does not need to be included in a separate PI application.  The amount of PI you have budgeted will be incorporated into your standard agreement amount.

**From: Office Hours 9/6/23**

# 2024 NOFA PI Application Pt. 2

**Question**

If we have a PI only application close to being submitted, do we need to try get that completed prior to the new 2023 NOFA being issued this month as I think you said we will have to do it in the new application at that point? If so, do you have a firm date yet on when that will be issued?

**Answer**

We are still working out the details of the 2023 PI application. Instead of doing a new PI-only application every year, we may instead implement a PI-only application platform. We are looking to have a PI-only application platform that stays open all the time available in 2024. So for right now, if you are interested in submitting a PI-only application we would like to work with you directly to see what the best course of action is given your timeline to submit. Please reach out to your CDBG Representative.

**From: Office Hours 9/6/23**

# 2024 NOFA OTC Applications Pt. 1

**Question**

How many OTC applications can be submitted for the January 2024 NOFA?

**Answer**

We are proposing to have the same limits in place as originally proposed for the 2023 NOFA which is one (1) OTC application per jurisdiction, and potentially a total of two (2) application per jurisdiction that would include one competitive application and one OTC application. We will bring this information to the October Listening Session to get your feedback. The reason for proposing a single OTC application per jurisdiction is that we only have a limited amount of dollars: approximately $48 million for this upcoming NOFA. To ensure you are not preparing and we are not processing/reviewing numerous applications that we won't be able to fund, we are asking jurisdictions to set priorities for yourselves so that you have a higher likelihood of being funded. This should allow us to get standard agreements out more quickly and allow more jurisdictions to receive funding who have not had a turn at getting CDBG funding in a while.

**From: Office Hours 9/6/23**

# 2024 NOFA OTC Application Pt. 2

**Question**

With the first come first served OTC process, applicants will be faced with deciding whether to carefully proofread the app before submitting, or risk losing out to other, faster submitting applicants. Will HCD allow for corrections to OTC applications after submission?

**Answer**

We do allow for corrections to be made, however, if we must return an application to you to make corrections, you will be returned to the end of the line. We are planning to make the application questions available prior to the portal being open so that you can prepare all your answers prior to submitting.

**From: Office Hours 9/6/23**

# Project Maximum Amount

**Question**

Can the PI in a project exceed the maximum amount in the NOFA or does the PI and Grant Funds need to be at the maximum project total?

**Answer**

The maximum amount is the amount of GRANT FUNDS you can apply for; PI can be over and above that maximum amount.

**From: Office Hours 9/6/23**

# Questions and Answers:
# Please submit your question(s) via Zoom Q+A