

# CDBG Office Hours

Team HCD CDBG

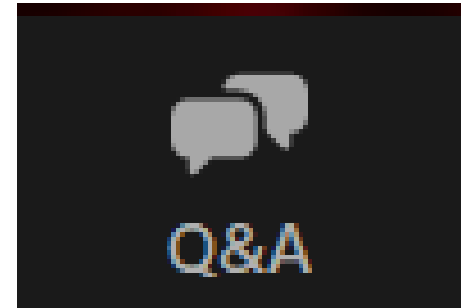
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# How to ask a question

- 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





# CDBG Program Updates

## **2020 CDBG NOFA**

- ❖ 1 Pending SA routing for final approval

## **2021 CDBG NOFA**

- ❖ 64- applications submitted and reviewed for threshold
- ❖ DQ letters were emailed out on December 17, 2021
- ❖ Appeal deadline ended December 31, 2021
- ❖ HCD response to the appeals were emailed out on Friday, January 7, 2022
- ❖ Scoring and non-award letters were emailed out by 1/28/22. The appeal process ends 2/11/2022
- ❖ HCD has 15 business days to respond to any appeal request

## **2022 CDBG NOFA**

- ❖ Expected to drop by end of February. Deadline dates will be updated to correspond with the NOFA date.
- ❖ Finishing internal review process. All workshops will be posted along with training materials on the CDBG website once materials have been ADA remediated.
- ❖ Eblast will go out once posted.



# Completed Trainings

- ✓ 1/6/22 Single Audits- What are they and why do they matter?
- ✓ 1/11/22 DUNS Number & Debarment Workshop
- ✓ 1/13/22 Resolution Training
- ✓ 1/19/22 2022 NOFA Workshop
- ✓ 1/19/22 State Objectives, What you need to know
- ✓ 1/26/22 Racial Equity Workshop
- ✓ 1/27/22 2022 NOFA Workshop
- ✓ 2/3/22 National Objectives & Matrix Codes
- ✓ 2/3/22 NEPA level of review workshop
- ✓ 2/8/22 How to write an effective narrative
- ✓ 2/17/22 eCivis Budget Training



# Upcoming Training Continued....

- TBD      2022 Application Technical Assistance Session – **Has been rescheduled until after the NOFA has dropped and the application has been opened. Look for notification of the new date.**
- To register for these trainings, please visit HCD's Eventbrite page at [California Dept. Housing & Community Development Events | Eventbrite](#)



# CDBG-CV

- CDBG-CV1
  - ❖ 82 Approved and Executed
- CDBG-CV2 and 3
  - 145 Submitted Applications:
    - 0 Awaiting Corrections
    - 9 Routing
    - 14 Pending Signatures
    - **122** Approved



## Clarification on 50% Rule

- The 50% rule applies for like to like Matrix codes. For example, if a grantee spent less than 50% of their funds on a Business Assistance Program, they could not be awarded additional business assistance funds but they **COULD** be awarded additional Microenterprise Assistance Funding.

# Questions and Answers: Recap from Prior Office Hours







## 50% Rule

### **Question:**

Regarding the 50% rule.... you could have a public service, let's say "senior services", and still apply for a different public service, say "youth services", because they are different matrix codes, correct?

### **Answer:**

That's correct.



## 50% Rule Cont'd

### **Question:**

To clarify, the 50% rule is based on matrix codes, not activity categories (housing, public services, etc.)?

### **Answer:**

Correct.



# 2021 Award Posting

## **Question:**

When will the 2021 awards be posted?

## **Answer:**

Awards will be posted once HCD completes the Exit interviews on the scoring and non-funding grantees. We have completed our internal process and have sent data to our DO office for approval.



# 2021 Award Posting Cont'd

## **Question:**

If the appeal period has passed, why do we need to wait until after the exit interviews? The exit interviews are not to dispute the decision, but to understand what the grantee could do to improve their application.

## **Answer:**

We have decided to wait until after the exit interviews because of our internal review timeline. Our loan committee and Directors Office are currently completing the review and approval process.



# Phased Project

## **Question:**

This is a question regarding the upcoming NOFA. The City of Point Areana received 2019 CDBG P/TA funding for the purpose of preparing plans, specs, budgets, and alternatives for a much-needed senior center, veteran's hall, and community center facility. The work is nearly complete, with the budget being in excess of \$1,500,000 for the facility. We had planned to apply for CDBG funds to build out the new facility with the understanding that we could apply for a two-year allocation as the total project costs exceed the one-year allocation. We are seeking assistance from HCD/CDBG staff and consultants to work out a method to fund the total project. Can you assist us with this request please?

## **Answer:**

It sounds as if the planning work is almost done, not the project implementation itself. Due to the limits that we set in the NOFA, our suggestion is to phase the project in order of priority. If you have a community facility, you can apply for funding for each phase of the project based on what is needed most or what makes the most sense architecturally.



# Application Status

## **Question:**

Our Jurisdiction, County of Humboldt, has a CDBG Planning 2021 application "under review" we have not received notification either way. What is the status?

## **Answer:**

Please email Mamie Early, and she will provide you with an update.



# OTC Funding

## **Question:**

Any update on OTC funding “down the list”?

## **Answer:**

We do anticipate partially funding down the OTC list with the 2021 funding announcements, but we are waiting to make this announcement until after the exit interviews.

# Questions and Answers

