CDBG Office Hours

Team HCD CDBG

Wednesday, March 2, 2022
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

2022 CDBG NOFA
- Drop date TBD. 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](https://www.eventbrite.com)
CDBG-CV

- CDBG-CV1
  - 82 Approved and Executed

- CDBG-CV2 and 3
  - 145 Submitted Applications:
    - 0 Awaiting Corrections
    - 5 Routing
    - 15 Pending Signatures
    - **125** Approved
Questions and Answers:
Recap from Prior Office Hours
Question:
Do we need a hard copy of our Public Information Binder or can it be posted online? Is there an updated outline of what needs to be included in this binder?

Answer:
If you have material that is required to be publicly posted/accessible, you just need to make sure that those without internet/smartphone can still access the information. An alternative access (including access for individuals with visual, cognitive, etc impairments) needs a clear path for access, such as a poster publicly displayed on an outdoor kiosk. If you are relying on your local government to publicly post the information (either physically or digitally), it must be either posted in an outdoor location (such as a kiosk) or on a publicly accessible computer.
Question:
Direction on the public binders would be very helpful. Is there a checklist available?

Answer:
There is no checklist available. You need to have available upon request your application, resolution, copy of public noticing, any contracts committed through the CDBG program including your procurement materials, proof of environmental clearance, and your accomplishment reporting (Copies of your activity reports submitted via eCivis) with any personal identifying information removed. Recommendation: Create a monitoring file. Have your monitoring file reflect this file that is available upon request by the public.

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**Question:**
Is there a single link to access the training location, and then access my e-ticket link that way? I have missed my e-ticket login twice recently.

**Answer:**
Once you register for our Eventbrite events, download the calendar file so that you will get reminders right before the event begins. If the issue persists, please reach out to your CDBG representative and/or your GA, it sounds like this is an IT issue that we might need to address individually. The link to our Eventbrite page is: [California Dept. Housing & Community Development Events | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/California-Dept-Housing-Community-Development-Events)
Question:
It is our understanding that PI is no longer to be spent on invoices for open contracts and shall be committed to a specific project/program instead. Is this the case for PI-GA as well or only PI-Activity?

Answer:
We are in the process of releasing a PI guide that will provide instructions on a variety of matters, including this one, regarding PI. For now, the answer to your question is that the PI must be spent where it is budgeted in eCivis.

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