

CDBG Office Hours

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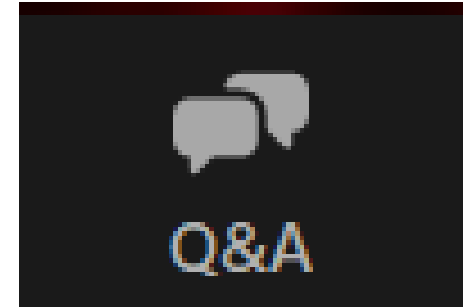
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How to ask a question

- 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





Office Hours Cancellation and 2024 Office Hours Registration

- Due to the Holidays, the office hours session scheduled on December 27th will be cancelled
- We will still meet for the next office hours session on December 13th
- You can register for the 2024 CDBG Office Hours Webinar Series here: [2024 CDBG Office Hours - Zoom Registration](#). Anyone who would like to attend office hours in 2024 will need to register for the 2024 CDBG Office Hours series



CDBG Program Updates

2022 CDBG NOFA

- 42 Recommended for Award
- 2 Routing
- 40 Approved

2023 CDBG NOFA

- 2023 NOFA drop date: September 29, 2023 – OTC Waitlist Only (approx. \$19M)
- **Application Opened October 30, 2023**
- **Application Closes December 29, 2023**



Financial Report Form for Annual CDBG

- The Financial Reporting Form is currently required for CDBG-CV grant funds requests. However, for the grantees that are not currently using this form for annual CDBG grants and Program Income funds requests, it will become mandatory in the near future.
- Grantees will receive a Financial Reporting form from their HCD Representative or you can download appendix 6-3 [Financial report form Appendix 6-3](#) from our CDBG website. The form is an Excel template composed of two worksheets: a Coversheet worksheet and an Expenditures worksheet.
- Please get familiar with it and begin using it when submitting funds requests as soon as possible.



CDBG-CV Unclaimed Funds



Announcement

- CDBG-CV unclaimed funds are now available for **Existing CDBG-CV Grantees** that have **construction** projects that experienced unanticipated cost increases.
- A memorandum was sent out on November 15 with details about qualifications, priorities, and instructions for making an additional funding request.
- Contact your CDBG-CV Grant Administrator if you have questions.

Questions and Answers: Recap from Prior Office Hours





Trainings on YouTube

Question

Has the budget and application training been posted to the new YouTube channel?

Answer

Yes it has. Please visit this link for our YouTube channel playlist that includes both pre-recorded 2023 NOFA sessions and live-recorded 2023 NOFA webinars:

[NEW! HCD 'CDBG Workshops and Trainings' YouTube Playlist](#)

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NOFA Application

Question

Can a jurisdiction apply for the NOFA if they just received 22 award, if yes how much must be expended by what date?

Answer

Under the upcoming NOFA, the fifty percent rule will only apply to applications submitted under the competitive solicitation, not applications submitted over-the-counter. Under the upcoming NOFA, only planning and public services applications will be competitive. The rest of the application types will be over-the-counter and will not be subject to the fifty percent rule.

As a threshold requirement for submitting a competitive planning or public services application, a grantee will have to have spent either 50% of its open planning awards or 50% of its open public service awards prior to application.

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PI Project Eligibility

Question

We are looking at submitting a PI application for an implementation project (energy efficiency - Lighting) for our social services building which think it would qualify due to serving an eligible population. I hope this would be an eligible project.

Answer

It would be best to speak with your HCD representative to receive an accurate and specific response regarding eligibility. Please reach out to your HCD Rep. If you do not know who your HCD rep is, you can send an email to CDBG@hcd.ca.gov with your jurisdiction name and the nature of your request.

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Housing Rehab Grant

Question

Would it be possible to have a Housing Rehab project be done fully as a grant? Is there a dollar amount limit or income qualification limit (such as 50% or lower) where a full grant could be awarded instead of a grant/loan combo?

Answer

The CDBG program leaves it up to local discretion to determine if a program provides loans or grants to beneficiaries. The dollar amount limit or income qualification depends on jurisdiction's preference, as long as all households are at or below 80% AMI. Jurisdictions must adhere to what is in their own program guidelines. If you are looking to change your housing guidelines, HCD has recently updated its sample guidelines. They are posted as part of the Appendix E: Housing Activities, as Appendix E-1, here: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/grants-and-funding/cdbg/e-1-sample-cdbg-housing-rehab-guidelines.docx>

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2024 Competitive Limits

Question

Any updates on what you might be considering regarding limits for the 2024 NOFA for the competitive part of that program? I believe you had some supportive feedback to increase this section?

Answer

Thank you for your feedback at the 2024 Listening Session. Because of a need to ensure that we are providing opportunities to many grantees with a limited pool of available resources, we will be keeping the limit at the previously proposed amount: \$250,000 per award for both planning and public service applications.

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Economic Development Application Due Date

Question

What would be the economic development business loan program application due date?

Answer

If you're referencing the upcoming NOFA, we will keep the application window at 60 days. Once we drop the NOFA, we give grantees thirty days to review the NOFA and after the application review period we open the application for 60 days.

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50% Rule

Question

If you have an open Public Service grant then you can't apply for any other Public Service grant unless you have spent 50%? Or does that only apply to a Public Service with the same matrix code?

Answer

It applies for public service in aggregate, so it does not apply matrix code to matrix code. So if a grantee has more than one public service award currently open, it must have spent at least 50% of all open awards in aggregate prior to application to qualify for a new award.

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

