

# CDBG Office Hours

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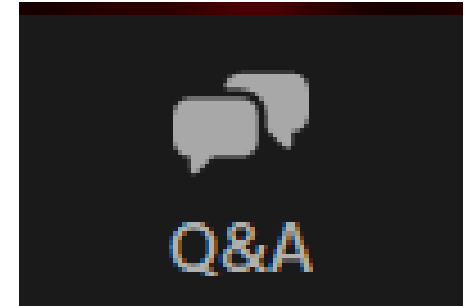
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# How to ask a question

- 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





# CDBG Program Updates

## 2023 CDBG NOFA

- Application Closed December 29, 2023, for the Over-the-counter (OTC) waitlisted projects
- We received 7 applications that program staff are currently reviewing.
- No ETA on award announcement.



# 2023 CDBG NOFA Amendment #1

- Released on January 31st
- This amendment makes another \$19 million for Housing, Community Development and Economic Development Projects in an Over-the-Counter process
- 5% of the total CDBG 2023 funds (approximately \$1,500,000) will be set-aside for Colonias as required under Section 916 of the National Affordable Housing Act
- 1.25% of the total CDBG 2023 funds (approximately \$375,000) will be set-aside for Non-federally recognized Tribes as required by HSC 50831.
- The Application will open on March 1, 2024, at **9:00 a.m.**



## 2023 CDBG NOFA Amendment #1 cont.

- The NOFA Amendment #1 Webinar is scheduled for February 14, 2024, at **10:00 a.m.** - [Zoom Registration Link](#)
- The Application webinar will be during Office Hours on February 21, 2024, at **10:00 a.m.**
- The 2023 NOFA Amendment #1 questions released are meant as a template and guide but will not match the actual application questions *exactly*.
- ***It is highly recommended to attend both webinars, however, if you are unable to attend, we can provide the recordings via email.***



# 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. Email sent this week **extending the request date to April 15, 2024.**
- **While the de facto limit is 125% of the original award, consideration will be given for requests that are more than that so please request what you need and document need and cost reasonableness.**
- Contact your CDBG-CV Grant Administrator if you have questions.

# Questions and Answers: Recap from Prior Office Hours





# Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program: Planning Requirement

## Question

If a parks district wants to install a splashpad, will they need a planning document first and therefore apply for the planning grant before an implementation grant?

## Answer

OPR Response: No, we do not require a planning document. Due to the nature of the funds and the way that this program works, we are encouraging applicants to think about projects that are already in the CIP pipeline. So, if you have a parks project currently in your CIP pipeline but you don't already have a splashpad or you don't have adequate shade structures or trees, this is a really good program for keeping amenities that are removed in the value engineering process or to add amenities that support cooling, the program is designed to be able to support projects that are already underway by adding an extra financial boost so that amenity investments are possible..

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# Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program: Reimbursement

## Question

Are the grants reimbursable on invoice or payment?

## Answer

OPR Response: For the most part our grants are fully reimbursement based. At this time, it is upon payment, however we will need to look into this further to see if we are able to accept invoices as sufficient documentation.

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# Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program: Nonprofits

## Question

Is a nonprofit organization (501c3 ) eligible to apply to this NOFA?

## Answer

OPR Response: Yes.

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# Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program: Term

## Question

What is the term of the grant?

## Answer

OPR Response: 24-30 months

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# Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program: Scoring vs. First Come, First Serve

## Question

Are awards based on a point system or first come, first serve?

## Answer

OPR Response: Sign up for our newsletter for more information. We will be scoring the application utilizing the same scoring criteria for all of the grants. point system. Applications will be due April 23. Check out the grant guidelines for scoring criteria (release date 1/29) Liststerv sign up:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/yfrPdnQ/EHCRP>

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# Spanish Translation of GMM

## **Question**

Are there any plans to publish the Grant Management Manual's appendices and attachments in Spanish? I am going to translate some of the Employee Income Self Certification forms, and Job Retention/Creation agreements with ChatGPT, in order to share that with a client who is ESL, but plan on having him sign the English-versions of the documents for his client file.

## **Answer**

We anticipate this happening within the next 6 months.

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# Scattered Site Projects

## **Question**

For the upcoming 2023/2024 NOFA OTC programs, will scattered-site projects be eligible (e.g. replacement of park equipment at multiple parks in a low-income city)?

## **Answer**

Yes, from an eligibility perspective, if you're aligning the eligible activity and the national objective to be the same, you can conduct the environmental review as a scattered site. There is no reason why they would not be eligible if all elements are as stated. If you have distinctly different service areas and census tracts being served by the improvements, this would be more difficult to combine. If it is an area benefit and the same service area for all the parks, the project sounds eligible.

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# NOFA Release

## **Question**

Still hoping for Jan 31st for NOFA? Once released, Are you planning to hold another webinar on how to submit these in eCivis (i.e. main application, sub-application, etc)

## **Answer**

Yes, we are planning on a 1/31/24 release. We are planning to hold another webinar, but we are still finalizing the date in February. We will also be relying heavily on the previously published webinars for reference where applicable.

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# NOFA Files

## **Question**

Are the files (required attachments) going to be the same as the last NOFA?

## **Answer**

The resolution, Statement of Assurances, and the Citizen Participation requirements remain the same. There are a few additional questions with a few additional documentation requirements because the nature of eligible projects is more expansive than what was previously waitlisted. HCD will release application questions and documentation requirements with the release of the NOFA, or shortly after. New documentation requirements will apply to Economic Development and Housing Projects since there were no applicants for this type of project under the original NOFA.

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# eCivis Migration

## **Question**

Are the current grants (21s and 22s), going to remain in eCivis even once HCD transitions to its new platform later this year?

## **Answer**

Yes, they will remain in eCivis at the time of the transition this year. However, we will be migrating grants in batches in the future. We will keep you posted of that timeline, but please note that it is in the not-near future.

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

