

Community Development Block Grant Office Hours

HCD's CDBG Team

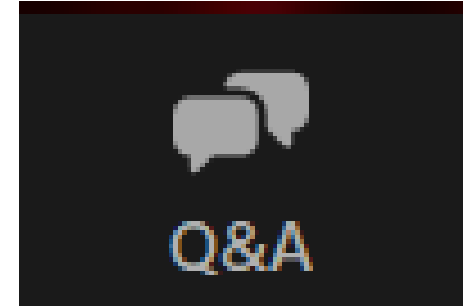
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How to ask a question

- 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's 50th Anniversary

- HUD is seeking photos of completed projects from the 1970s to 1990s
- If you have photos you'd like to submit, please send to Michael.Phillips@hcd.ca.gov by June 2nd



CDBG Program Updates

2023 CDBG NOFA

- Application closed December 29, 2023, for the Over-the-counter (OTC) waitlisted projects
- We received 7 applications
- We conditionally awarded 6 applications

2023 CDBG NOFA Amendment #1

- Application closed March 15, 2024, for new projects when funds were exhausted
- We received 12 applications
- Staff notified applicants of status on March 21, 2024



Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

- In recent months, a new practice has emerged of adding AI readers/notetakers to virtual meetings
- Given that sensitive Personal Identifiable Information (PII) may be shared during virtual meetings, the Department is developing a policy that would restrict AI readers from meetings where sensitive PII is being shared
- Until this policy is developed, AI readers/notetakers will be restricted from all virtual meetings with HCD staff members



Program Income Reporting & Awards

- CDBG grantees are required to report all Program Income (PI) receipts to the CDBG program
- All PI reporting must be complete prior to requesting an amendment to add PI or submitting an application that includes PI



New Staff & Reassignments

- The CDBG program has recently hired new reps
- A number of grantees will be assigned a new rep in order to balance workloads
- Transitions are expected to begin in late May or early part of June



2024 NOFA Application Types

1 OTC Project + 1 OTC Program + 1 Competitive

-OR-

1 OTC Project + 2 Competitive

-OR-

1 OTC Program + 2 Competitive.

Note: 2 OTC Project, 2 OTC Program, or 3 Competitive applications are **NOT** allowed.

Questions and Answers: Recap from Prior Office Hours





2024 CDBG Income Limits

Question

Are the New CDBG-CV Income limits released today (5/01/2024) usable?

Answer

The CDBG-CV income limits are the same as the CDBG income limits and are effective

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State Income Limit Updates

Question

When will State update their CDBG limits?

Answer

HCD will post a formatted version of the updated income limits in the next month or two.

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CDBG Non-entitlement Jurisdictions

Question

Do you have a list of the municipalities eligible for State CDBG?

Answer

The list of eligible State CDBG municipalities shifts quite often since jurisdictions can opt in to the Entitlement program. All municipalities that are not Entitlement jurisdictions may participate. The best way to find out if your jurisdiction is eligible for the State CDBG program is to reach out to our team to verify.

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CDBG 2023A Award Timing

Question

What is the timeline for award notifications/standard agreement execution for the 2023 CDBG NOFA Amendment #1?

Answer

We don't have an exact timeline at the moment. We plan to go to our internal loan committee near the end of May to make awards. Afterwards, it may take 30-60 days to get Standard Agreements out.

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2024 Applications

Question

For the 2024 NOFA, can you apply for duplicate activities? For example, two different types of feasibility studies, one Public Facility Projects and one for Economic Development Program and Projects.

Answer

You can apply for a maximum of three awards – two competitive and one OTC. Please refer to slide #6 for more details on the 2024 application limits.

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State Eligibility Guidelines

Question

Have State CDBG eligibility guidelines been updated to reflect HUD's Notice CPD-23-10: Use of CDBG Funds in Support of Housing? (It details changes to the eligibility approach of manufactured housing.)

Answer

As this notice did not change what matrix codes or national objective codes are eligible for the 2024 NOFA, HCD does not anticipate making any updates to the eligibility guidelines. This notice just expanded on the definition of what pieces of a manufactured housing project are eligible for CDBG funding.

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ICF Contract Updates

Question

For CV Grants we used to have regular meetings with HCD/ICF reps. With the ICF contract changing there is currently not any meetings for CV grants with HCD reps. Any way we can get connected for monthly or bi-weekly meetings with HCD reps for our CV grants?

Answer

The contract with ICF was recently signed and the grant administrators are currently ramping up. They will be reestablishing contact/meetings with CDBG-CV Grantees soon.

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