

Community Development Block Grant Office Hours

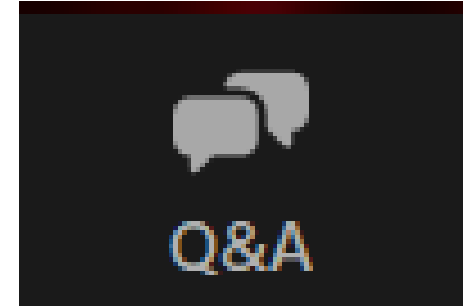
HCD's CDBG Team
Wednesday, May 29, 2024





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
- Conditional award letters were sent May 24, 2024



2024 CDBG Income Limits

- Income limits have been released and are effective 5/1/24.
- HCD has released the limits in Department format: [income-limits-cdbg-2024.pdf \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/P240002.aspx)
- Income limits are identified by the following brackets:
 - Extremely Low Income – Up to 30% of AMI
 - Low Income – Up to 50% of AMI
 - Moderate Income – Up to 80% of AMI
- *Grantees must use these new income limits when determining eligibility for CDBG programs.*

Questions and Answers: Recap from Prior Office Hours





2024 CDBG Co-applications

Question

Can multiple jurisdictions co-apply for a single competitive program? Would this apply as 1 competitive app for each of the co-applicants, or would only a 'lead applicant' incur it?

Answer

Jurisdictions may co-apply for CDBG funds, including competitive. The application would count against the lead applicant's application limit. The application would be subject to the maximum funding request of the application type.

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CDBG Closeouts (1/2)

Question

I have been asked by management about the closeout of older CDBG grants. We are running out of storage space and are wondering if we need to purchase another sea train to house all of the files. Is there any word on closeouts of older grants?

Answer

Before we can close grants with our Grantees, we will need to close out grants with HUD. HCD is in communication with HUD about closing out older grants. It's also become a priority for HUD. Recently, HUD released a memo detailing a process for bulk closeouts of CDBG grants. We are working with HUD on this new process.

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CDBG Closeouts (2/2)

Question

Can you let us know the latest program year that has been closed by HUD or a list of them that haven't been closed?

Answer

It's been a very long time, but we are having continuous conversations with HUD on closing out old grants. The bulk closeout process from HUD will hopefully allow us to close many years of grants at one time.

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2024 CDBG Income Limits

Question

When will 2024 CDBG income limits be published?

Answer

Please see 2024 CDBG Income Limits slide above.

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CDBG 2024 Application Combinations

Question

Would you please post the text from the slide explaining what types and the number of applications that will be accepted in the upcoming NOFA?

Answer

Application maximums can be found in HCD's 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan

2024 Application Maximums:

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.

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CDBG-CV Allocation of Remaining Funds

Question

When will you be notifying applicants that submitted applications for the CDBG-CV Allocation of Remaining Funds?

Answer

Grant Administrators will be reaching out via e-mail soon (within the next week or two) with an update on your request.

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Changes to Economic Development Programs

Question

Do you have any information on implementation of the changes to CDBG ED programs? Will they be applicable to 2024 grants?

Answer

HUD proposed CDBG rule changes on January 10, 2024 ([89 FR 1746](#)). Many of these rules were proposed to make Economic Development activities easier for grantees. These rules are still in the rulemaking process and are not yet effective.

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Code Enforcement Resources

Question

Are there resources (maybe from funded applications) on how to structure successful code enforcement programs? Trying to understand how to structure a possible application to ensure that it would be competitive and compliant.

Answer

There are code enforcement resources available:

- Chapter 2 of the GMM ([Section 2.5.3 Code Enforcement](#))
- HUD Use of CDBG Funds for Code Enforcement Activities training [slides](#) and [webinar](#)

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