



CDBG News

Office Hours Schedule Change

In February 2025, CDBG transitioned to a monthly Office Hours schedule to enhance responsiveness and address grantee feedback. Use this link to register, [2025 CDBG and CDBG-CV Office Hours - Zoom Registration](#).

Resources Available

Website and Grant Management Manual

The Grants Management Manual (GMM) is a resource for CDBG grantees to establish, run, and closeout CDBG-compliant projects and activities. The GMM can be found on the last tab of HCD's [Community Development Block Grant Program \(CDBG\) | California Department of Housing and Community Development webpage](#). The website features numerous documents that provide a wealth of information, Tools, and Appendices.

Webinars

In addition to the resources above, HCD has posted several recorded videos to the Department's YouTube channel. View these great informational and training videos: [HCD YouTube - CDBG Workshops and Trainings Playlist](#). For office hours recordings, please see our [CDBG Office Hours Recordings Playlist](#).

HUD Exchange Resources

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides Frequently Asked Question Collections where Grantees can find answers to frequently asked questions grouped by programs, systems, and related topics. This month we are highlighting the resilience resources posted to their website, <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/>

- [Build for the Future Energy Efficiency Upgrades and Funding](#)
- [Build for the Future Resilience Upgrades and Funding Fact...](#)
- [Notice CPD-2025-01: CPD Implementation Guidance for the Build America, Buy America Act's Buy America Preference](#)



HCD CDBG Resources

Please see these frequently requested resources on HCD's website:

- [Chapter 1 Program Overview](#) — **Updated 1/12/2025**
- [Chapter 2 National Objectives and Eligible Activities \(PDF\)](#) — **Updated 02/19/2025**
- [Appendix 6-3: CDBG Financial Reporting Form](#)
- [Appendix 6-8: CDBG Program Income Reporting Form](#)
- [Appendix 12-1: Combined Closeout Package](#)
- [Appendix 12-2: Completion Report Form](#)
- [Completion Report for 20A — State-Planning Only](#)

- **Did you know** - Staff time (Jurisdiction, Consultant, Subrecipient, Contractor, etc.) for work completed **directly** on the specific Activity may be reported as Activity/Activity Delivery? Overall management of the CDBG Program, such as NOFA webinars and Office Hours, should be reported as GA.

HCD Office Hours

- **Next Office Hours is March 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 am.**
- If you don't already receive emails from HCD, here are links to get signed up:
 - Stay in touch with HCD (scroll all the way to the bottom and click "Federal Programs": **HCD E-mail Listserv Signup**.
 - Register for Office Hours: [2025 CDBG and CDBG-CV Office Hours - Zoom Registration](#)



Office Hours Q&A Recap – January 22, 2025

Question: For 2023 and 2023A draw requests, if we have General Admin(GA) and Activity to draw, do we have to submit two separate financial request forms? The form combines these, so it would seem that we can use the same form but wanted to confirm.

Answer: Please submit two separate Financial Report forms. GA will be requested in the Main Award and Activity/Activity Delivery (AD) will be requested in the Sub Award.

Question: Is this funding opportunity open for applications? Are non-profits eligible to apply?

Answer: The 2024 CDBG NOFA application submission period closed on December 30, 2024. Nonprofits are not eligible to apply directly for CDBG funds administered by HCD. Eligible applicants include non-entitlement cities and counties; non-federally recognized Native American communities; and Colonias as defined by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990.

Question: Can you use CDBG funds for onsite work or offsite improvements only?

Answer: Please reach out to your CDBG representative or the CDBG inbox (CDBG@hcd.ca.gov) if you do not have an assigned representative, for assistance. To provide an accurate response, we need to know the specific details of the project.

Question: Is there an anticipated CDBG income eligibility rate change in calendar year 2025?

Answer: You may be referring to the income brackets and categories that are used to determine if a person is very-low, low, or moderate income. The income limits change annually, usually in the Spring. Once they are released, we will provide more information. We also have a web page with all the income limits at: [Ch. 2 : National Objectives and Eligible Activities](#).

Question: Related to the equipment slide, instead of "perpetuity," does it really mean/intend to be for the life of the item? In perpetuity is not feasible for all situations- what is the solution when that occurs? Use for a program that qualifies with CDBG requirements or sell the item and return funds?



Answer: Equipment disposition must be in accordance with federal regulations. This information is detailed in 2 CFR 200.311 through 2 CFR 200.313, as well as in the CDBG GMM - <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/grants-and-funding/cdbg/chap-02-national-objective.pdf>

Question: If equipment (such as a computer) is purchased with CDBG funds under one grant, can it be used on other CDBG grants or just that program, whether funded by CDBG or not?

Answer: A change in use for the equipment can be requested. Each situation is different. Please reach out to your CDBG representative for details on your specific request. Additional information can be found in the CDBG GMM – [CDBG Handbook – Chapter 12.](#)

Question: Any updates to the OTC schedule?

Answer: We have no updates and are currently reviewing applications.

Question: Why don't you guys like the AI notetakers?

Answer: HCD policy restricts the use of AI, including notetakers, for security reasons.