



Resources Available

Website and Grant Management Manual

The Grants Management Manual (GMM) is a resource for CDBG grantees to establish, run, and close out CDBG-compliant projects and activities. CDBG has redesigned its public-facing website with a more user-friendly layout. CDBG has adopted a streamlined approach and revamped its website to make the Notice of Funding Availability the primary resource for those researching CDBG policies and tools. The GMM can now be accessed from the right-hand side of the [Community Development Block Grant Program \(CDBG\) | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#) webpage. The updated site also features a wide range of documents, tools, and appendices that provide valuable information.

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](#).

HCD CDBG Resources

- **Section 3 Updates:** The Federal Register has been updated with a new Section 3 Project threshold limit, effective March 16, 2026
 - Please note that the \$200,000 threshold has been increased to \$300,000

For further information, refer to: [Federal Register : Section 3 Project Threshold Updates for Creating Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons and Eligible Businesses](#)

HCD Office Hours

- **Next Office Hours is June 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**
- 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: [2026 CDBG and CDBG-CV Office Hours – Zoom Registration](#).

Office Hours Q&A Recap – March 11, 2026

Question	Answer
<p><i>Can CDBG answer clarifying questions for the grant applications if the 2025 NOFA is unclear or direct to a webinar or page, if you know where the answer is?</i></p>	<p>Please direct all inquiries to the CDBG inbox at CDBG@hcd.ca.gov. Responses will be provided on a case-by-case basis. To ensure fairness, all information will be distributed equitably so that no applicant receives an unfair advantage.</p>
<p><i>Has CDBG staff started to review submitted applications or will all applications be reviewed after the application period is closed?</i></p>	<p>CDBG staff will not fully begin reviewing applications until the application submission period has closed.</p>
<p><i>How will the application review affect jurisdictions that will have close outs in April?</i></p>	<p>Please direct all inquiries to your assigned program representative or specialist on upcoming closeouts.</p>