



Resources Available

Website and Grant Management Manual

The Grants Management Manual (GMM) serves as a key resource for CDBG grantees as they establish, implement, and close out CDBG-compliant projects and activities. CDBG has redesigned its public-facing website to offer a more user-friendly experience, adopting a streamlined structure that positions the Notice of Funding Availability as the primary source for information on CDBG policies and tools. The GMM is now available on the right-hand side of the [Community Development Block Grant Program \(CDBG\) | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#) webpage. The updated site also provides an expanded collection of documents, tools, and appendices to support users with valuable program information.

Webinars

HCD has CDBG training videos available on our YouTube channel! Check out the [CDBG Workshops and Trainings Playlist](#). Office Hours recordings can be accessed in the [CDBG Office Hours Recordings Playlist](#).

HCD CDBG Resources

- **State Income Limits:** HUD updated income limits effective **June 1, 2026**, and are available here: [State and Federal Income, Rent, and Loan/Value Limits | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#)
 - [Community Development Block Grant Income and Rent Limits](#)

HCD Office Hours

- ***Next Office Hours is September 9, 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 – June 10, 2026

Question	Answer
<i>Any idea when threshold will be finalized for 2025 applications?</i>	CDBG is still actively working through threshold and application reviews.
<i>When is the next NOFA expected to be released? Does CDBG-DR count towards the 50% threshold for eligibility?</i>	The 2026 NOFA is expected to be released by end of year. CDBG-DR does not count towards the 50% rule.
<i>While weekly or every other week office hours might have been too frequent, quarterly feels too infrequent, depending on where the program is in the NOFA cycle. Might the frequency be re-considered?</i>	Thank you for your feedback. CDBG will take this into consideration.
<i>Will HCD be awarding reduced amounts in this funding cycle? Meaning, if I submitted an application for \$1.5 million is it possible that HCD will approve the grant at a lessor amount, i.e. \$750,000?</i>	If feasible, CDBG will consider awarding a reduced amount.



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<i>Any NEPA updates we should look out for?</i>	Please direct all inquiries to your assigned CDBG Program Representative or Specialist. If you do not have an assigned Representative or Specialist, please contact the CDBG Unit Inbox at: CDBG@hcd.ca.gov CDBG will provide feedback as it becomes available.
<i>I have heard that there are not going to be public service programs in the next NOFA can you confirm that? Or give us any idea as to what will be funded, please? 60 days is not enough time to plan future projects given CEQA/NEPA requirements. Thank you!</i>	A draft copy of the Annual Action Plan is available for your review. The CDBG Proposed Method of Distribution for the 2026 NOFA can be accessed here: Annual Action Plans and Amendments California Department of Housing and Community Development. Please reach out to your assigned Program Representative/Specialist, or the CDBG inbox at CDBG@hcd.ca.gov for assistance with timeline concerns.
<i>HUD has released a listing of CA exemption grantees for the national low income objective. Can you please explain how this applies to only some non-entitlement jurisdictions?</i>	This list from HUD provides an exemption to allow projects to meet the LMA national objective without reaching the 51% threshold. The updated list included entitlement grantees, which are not eligible for the state-administered CDBG Program.