

Community Development Block Grant Office Hours

HCD's CDBG Team

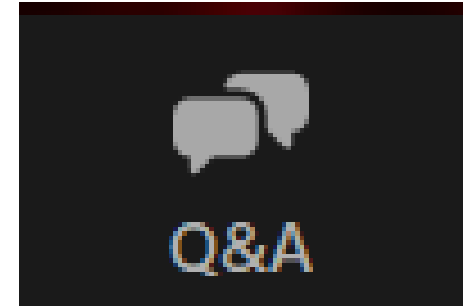
Wednesday, February 19, 2025





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 after the presentation and will provide answers if possible
 - All questions will be saved and recorded as part of the public record





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.





What's New



- Grants Management Manual – Ch. 2: National Objectives and Eligible Activities has been updated and will soon be available on our website.



Consolidated Plan Public Comment Period

- The 25-29 Draft Consolidated Plan is currently out for public comment until March 12, 2025. [Plans & Reports | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#)



CDBG-CV Reminders

- There will be no additional time extensions granted for CDBG-CV 1 and CV 2/3 agreements.
- Financial Report requests are limited to costs incurred during the **performance period** of your Standard Agreement.
- To ensure your time is reimbursable, you are encouraged to finalize your activity and closeout documents before your agreement expires.
- Costs incurred after your agreement expires are not eligible for reimbursement.



HCD's Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Funding Available

- PLHA provides funding to local governments for a variety of housing related activities.
- The current NOFA makes available 3 years of annual allocations. The 2021 funds must be awarded by 6/30/2025.
- To request funds, a jurisdiction must have a current Housing Element found by HCD to be in substantial compliance, submit required Annual Progress Reports and submit a plan for 2021-2023 adopted by the local government that outlines how funds will be used for eligible program activities.
- Contact PLHA@hcd.ca.gov by February 28th if planning to apply for CY 2021 funds.
- NOFA is available here: [PLHA NOFA](#)

Questions and Answers: Recap from Prior Office Hours





Question: For 2023 and 2023a draw requests, if we have 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/AD will be requested in the Sub Award



Question: Is this funding opportunity open for applications? Are nonprofits 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:

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/income-limits/state-and-federal-income-rent-and-loan-value-limits>



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 - Chapter 2: National Objectives and Eligible Activities



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. Changes in use requires HCD approval. 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.

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

