

CDBG Office Hours

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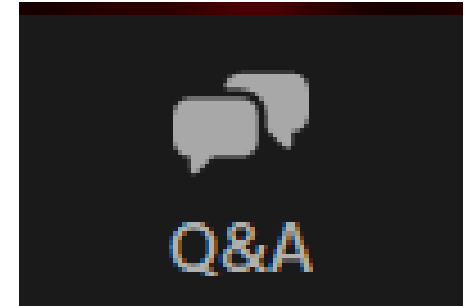
Wednesday, May 17, 2023





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 Program Updates

2021 CDBG NOFA

- 46 Recommended for award
- 1 Change Requested
- 45 Executed

2022 CDBG NOFA

- 64 applications submitted
- 42 Recommended for Award
- 34 Routing

2023 CDBG NOFA

- Working on development
- Projected 2023 NOFA drop date June of 2023



2023 NOFA Preview

CDBG Team proposes the following:

- \$30 million NOFA – 80% Over-the-Counter (OTC), 10% Competitive, 7% Admin, 3% State Operations
- Competitive (scored and reviewed after all applications are submitted) includes Public Services and Planning
- OTC (reviewed for threshold requirements and approved on a first-come first-serve basis) includes Housing, Public Facilities, Infrastructure Projects & Housing and Economic Development Programs
- Each application must establish whether it has a Housing or ED nexus or both.
- 2019 Waitlisted projects will have the opportunity to apply before other OTC applicants during a 30-day window



2023 NOFA Preview

- Limits:
 - Up to 2 applications per jurisdiction:
 - Either 2 competitive or 1 competitive and 1 OTC
 - Up to \$3.25 total per jurisdiction
 - Public Facilities and Infrastructure – up to \$3.25 million
 - Housing Programs (can include Homebuyer and Rehab) – up to \$1.5 million
 - ED Programs (can include Microenterprise and For-Profit Assistance) – up to \$1.5 million
 - Public Services – up to \$250K
 - Planning – up to \$250K



Estimates for funding the 2019 Over-the-Counter Waitlist

- Currently \$31.5 Million in waitlisted projects (15 applications)
- Approximately \$12 Million available from the 2022 NOFA
- Approximately \$8 Million available from prior year funding
- \$24 Million available for OTC projects under the 2023 NOFA
- \$44 Million available less \$31.5 Million for the OTC projects = Approximately \$12.5 million for new OTC applicants in 2023



CDBG-CV Set-Asides

CDBG-CV Tribal Set Aside*

- 19 Submitted Applications:
 - 1 Rescinded by Applicant
 - 2 Awaiting Corrections
 - 1 Routing
 - 1 Pending Signatures
 - 14 Approved

***As of 5/17/2023**



Federal Register Notice 88 FR 23683



HUD announced on April 18th that it has removed the 80% expenditure deadline requirement for CDBG-CV funds. HCD anticipates being able to amend certain contracts to extend expenditure deadlines and is creating a process for this. HCD's HUD Field Office has advised the CDBG staff to await further guidance before proceeding. More direction will be coming soon.

Link to HUD announcement: [Federal Register: Notice of Change to an Expenditure Deadline Under the CARES Act for Community Development Block Grant Program Coronavirus Response Grants](#)



CDBG-CV Standard Agreement Extensions

CDBG-CV1

If you have this type of project...	Then you can request this type of change...	By following this process...
Non-construction projects/programs	Time only extensions until 2/28/2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grantee's authorized representative submits a short email requesting extension. 2. CA HCD uploads the email to a CA HCD-initiated amendment package and generates an STD 213A. 3. Grantee signs and returns the provided STD 213A. <p>■ Deadline to Apply: PASSED</p>
Construction projects only	Time only extensions until 10/31/2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grantee's authorized representative submits a short email requesting extension. 2. CA HCD uploads the email to a CA HCD-initiated amendment package and generates an STD 213A. 3. Grantee signs and returns the provided STD 213A. <p>■ Deadline to Apply: PASSED</p>



CDBG-CV Standard Agreement Extensions

CDBG-CV2/3

If you have this type of project...	Then you can request this type of change...	By following this process...
ALL CDBG-CV2/3 projects/programs	Time only extensions until 10/31/2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Grantee's authorized representative submits a short email requesting extension.2. CA HCD uploads the email to a CA HCD-initiated amendment package and generates an STD 213A.3. Grantee signs and returns the provided STD 213A. <p>■ Deadline to Apply: July 31, 2023</p>



Economic Development Working Session

HCD will be hosting an Economic Development Working Session with ICF Subject Matter Expert support. Grantees will be able to:

- Ask questions specific to Economic Development Activities
- Create a community of practice to share ideas
- Review HCD tools and resources for operating and managing Economic Development Activities.

TODAY May 17, 2023 11am-12pm (hour following Office Hours)



CDBG/CDBG-CV for ESG-CV Transition

HUD has recently issued guidance on the use of CDBG funds for ESG-CV eligible activities:

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Using-CDBG-Funds-for-ESG-CV-Eligible-Activities.pdf>

- Our team is currently doing a cross-walk of all active CDBG-CV awards to see if any are funding ESG-CV eligible activities.
- If you have interest in expanding ESG-CV activities with CDBG/CDBG-CV funds, contact your GA or HCD Representative as soon as possible.



Desk-top Review of CDBG-CV Agreements

- Grant Administrators (GAs) will be conducting Desk-top Reviews of all CDBG-CV Standard Agreements prior to Closeout.
- Desk-top Review will include GAs reviewing:
 - Program Guidelines
 - Environmental Review Records
 - Duplication of Benefits
 - National Objective
 - Cost Eligibility
 - Section 3 & Labor Standards (as applicable)
- Please be prepared to provide requested information in a timely manner and be open to promptly correcting documents to ensure compliance.

Questions and Answers: Recap from Prior Office Hours





2023 OTC Application

Question

Can we assume the 2023 OTC application will be fairly the same as the last one in eCivis? And you want NEPA complete right? And Plans/Specs complete?

Answer

The application will be fairly similar to the previous eCivis application, aside from small changes/updates/improvements. The environmental usually causes the most delays, so those items that you mentioned are required so that the project is shovel-ready at the time of application. Note: if award is received, preparation of the NEPA and other predevelopment costs are reimbursable as pre-award costs.

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Economic Development Working Session

Question

Is the Economic Development Working Session only for CV or general CDBG programs as well?

Answer

It is open to everyone; however, the invitation list was created through the contacts we have accessible through our CV reporting. If you are an annual program, who administers Economic Development and you did not receive the invitation, we will forward it to you. If you wish to attend today and have not received an invitation link, please provide your email to the panelists in the chat and we will get you a registration link.

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Build America By America (BABA)

Question

Will BABA (Build American Buy American) pass through to 2022 Business Assistance beneficiaries? Let's say a restaurant receives a small loan to modernize their kitchen equipment, would they have to demonstrate that X% of their award goes towards purchasing American made equipment?

Answer

Build America By America requirements do not take effect until our 2023 beneficiaries, so it will not affect any 2022 programs.

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2023 NOFA

Question

Will we still be able to apply for up to 3 different CDBG projects?

Answer

For the 2023 NOFA you will be able to apply for up to two applications: either 2 competitive or 1 competitive and one OTC application. The maximum award per jurisdiction will be 3.25 million. See “2023 NOFA Preview” slides.

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Economic Development Grant Applications

Question

What if we may potentially want to start applying for Economic Development Grants; would the session be a place to start or is there other guidance?

Answer

That would be a good place to start, as well as talking to your rep about what you are interested in and reviewing the Economic Development Appendix of the GMM.

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2023 NOFA: ED and Housing Rehabilitation

Question

What about housing rehab or ED for 2023 NOFA?

Answer

Per the listening sessions we had earlier this year, we are changing what qualifies as OTC. Housing, Public Facility and Infrastructure projects and Housing and Economic Development Programs will all be reviewed Over-the-Counter for threshold requirements and approved on a first-come, first-serve basis. The only types of applications that will be competitive are public services and planning.

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2023 NOFA: OTC Construction Projects

Question

Is OTC only a construction project?

Answer

No, OTC is changing this year to include Housing and Economic Development Programs.

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2023 NOFA: First-Come-First-Served

Question

OTC will be 1st come 1st serve if meeting threshold?

Answer

Yes. Over-the-Counter is a process that does not use a competitive rating and ranking process to determine awards. In the OTC process, the Department continuously accepts and evaluates applications until funds are exhausted.

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2023 NOFA Release

Question

Will the 2023 CDBG NOFA still be released sometime in June?

Answer

We are still working out getting the NOFA reviewed/approved through our internal channels, so it is possible the date may be pushed out a bit, but we are still striving for the end of June.

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2023 NOFA Combinations

Question

Is there going to be a list of possible combos for the 2023 applications (NOFA)?

Answer

Jurisdictions will be able to apply for up to \$3.25 million. Maximum number of applications will be 2 – either 2 competitive or 1 competitive and 1 Over-the-Counter. Please see the 2023 NOFA Preview Slides for more detail.

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

