

Community Development Block Grant Program and Consolidated Planning

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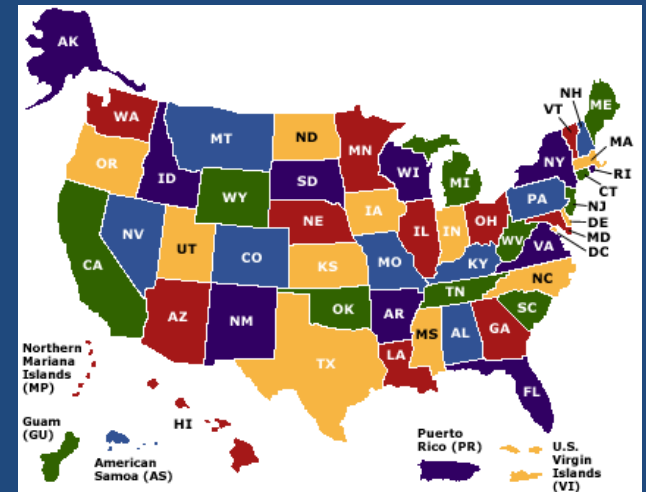


History

- The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) program was authorized in 1974.
- The program's objective is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

Overview

- The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties and to State governments
- Over 1,100 grantees nationwide



CDBG Basics

- There is a two part test used to determine if activities comply with CDBG program rules.
 - 1.) Is it an eligible activity?
 - 2.) Does it meet a national objective?



Eligible Activities

- acquisition , disposition, demolition;
- rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures;
- homeownership assistance;
- public facilities and improvements;
- public services;
- economic development;
- planning and administration



National Objectives

- All activities undertaken with the CDBG program must meet one of the three national objectives for the program
 - Benefiting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
 - Eliminating Slum and Blight
 - Meeting Urgent Need

Benefiting LMI Persons

- This is the primary objective of CDBG. 70% of the funding is required to meet this criteria.
- LMI is defined as a family or household who has an annual income that is less than 80% of the area median income.

2009 St Cloud Income Limits

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
\$37,500	\$42,900	\$48,250	\$53,600	\$57,900	\$62,200	\$66,450	\$70,750



Benefiting LMI Persons

- There are four subcategories that enable grantees to meet this objective in a variety of ways.
 - Area benefit
 - Limited Clientele
 - LMI Housing
 - LMI Jobs

Eliminating Slum and Blight

- Activities under this objective are carried out to address conditions that contribute to physical deterioration.
- There are two ways to meet this objective
 - Area Basis
 - Spot Basis



Urgent need

- This national objective is normally associated with a disaster event.
- To qualify a grantee must be addressing a serious and immediate threat to health and welfare.
- The threat must be of recent origin and the grantee must not be able to finance the activity on its own or from other sources.

CDBG Summary

- The CDBG program offers a variety of activities and national objectives that grantees can use to address the needs in their community.
- The program is flexible, but has a primary focus on benefiting low and moderate income persons.

Consolidated Planning Process

- **Consolidated Plan** is a jurisdiction's planning document and application for funding under several HUD formula grant programs.
- This process helps the grantee make decisions about how it will implement its CDBG program and provides a mechanism for citizens to participate in these decisions.
- The process also establishes the basis for HUD's evaluation of a jurisdiction's performance

Con Plan and Annual Action Plans

- The Con Plan is a 3-5 year strategic plan, which contains
 - Description of the entity responsible for the Con Plan
 - Description of the process used to develop the plan
 - Housing and homeless needs assessment
 - Housing market analysis
 - Strategic Plan
 - One year action plan
- Grantees submit new one-year action plans for each year of the Con Plan and annual reports to describe accomplishments.

Housing and homeless needs assessment

- Number and type of families in need of housing assistance
- Disproportionate need of minority groups
- Nature and extent of homelessness
- Size and characteristics of population with HIV/AIDS
- Number of housing units occupied with LMI families with lead-based paint hazards





Housing market analysis

- Supply, demand, cost, and condition of housing
- Housing stock available to persons with special needs
- Description of areas of Minority and low-income concentrations
- Number, physical condition and rehabilitation needs of public housing unit
- Housing Authority's strategy for improving operation and living environment of public housing
- Identification of public housing developments involved with a PHA plan

Strategic Plan



- General housing, homeless, and special needs priorities and geographic investment among priority needs
- Identification of obstacles to underserved needs
- Description of how funds made available will be used to address priority needs
- Proposed accomplishments over time

Strategic Plan

- Nonhousing community development plan
- Strategy to remove barriers to affordable housing
- Actions to remove lead based paint hazards
- Anti-poverty strategy
- Description of institutional structure
- Description of enhancing coordination between public and private
- Public housing resident initiatives

One year action plan

- Executive Summary
- Description of resources and leveraging of other sources
- Annual objectives to be achieved
- Description of activities to be undertaken
 - Number of families that will benefit
 - Priority need addressed
 - Program income anticipated
 - Proposed accomplishments
 - Target completion date
- Narratives on geographic distribution, homeless, special needs, underserved, fostering affordable housing, reducing lead based paint, reducing families in poverty, ect.

Citizen Participation

- Each grantee must establish a citizen participation plan.
 - Must hold at least two public hearings, including one during development of the plan
 - Plans must be published and accessible to public for a comment period of at least 30 days
 - Public comments and responses must be included with plan.
- In addition, the grantee must consult with other stakeholders including public and private entities.

Timelines

- Program year is established by grantee
- Con Plan and Action Plans are due 45 days prior to program year start
- Annual Reports are due 90 days after the program year ends.
- St Cloud timeframes
 - Program year July 1st – June 30th
 - Plans are normally due May 17th
 - Annual Reports normally due September 28th

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