

Federal - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Can a project be funded by CDBG?

You must be an eligible applicant:

- City or County Government
- Public Housing Authority
- Non-profit 501(c)3
- Faith Based Organization

Applicant agency must also meet other requirements:

Link: [Eligible Applicant Criteria](#)

You must have an eligible activity:

- Public Services - Food Banks and Childcare Programs
- Rehabilitation of housing
- Microenterprise Assistance
- Construction and rehabilitation of Public Facilities and Infrastructure that meet plan priorities.

You must meet a National Objective:

Your project must principally benefit Low- and Moderate-Income Persons in one of two ways:

- Area Benefit
- Limited Clientele

Link: [National Objective Criteria](#)

Low- and moderate-income (LMI) is 80% of median family income as defined by HUD.

Link: [Income Limits Chart](#)

Compliance with CDBG and other federal requirements

- Once an application for funding has been submitted:
 - The project cannot be under construction unless CDBG/federal requirements were already met.
 - The project must STOP to complete National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review.
 - If the project includes acquisition of land or buildings, the project must STOP to meet acquisition/relocation requirements (Uniform Relocation Act).
- Federal Procurement (2 CFR Part 200) and Davis Bacon and Related Acts prevailing wage requirements apply.
- Build America Buy America Requirements apply to projects with more than \$250,00 in federal funds.
- Section 3 Requirements apply to projects with more than \$200,000 in federal funds.
- Lead based paint, Fair Housing and Section 504 requirements may apply.

Link: [CDBG Guidebook](#)

Timing of funds

- Award is contingent on availability of federal funds.
- Due to timing of federal budget approval, contracts are not written until summer of the grant award year.
- CDBG contract execution takes approximately 8 weeks.
- Other project funding and partnerships must be secured before CDBG contract execution.
- To meet CDBG Timeliness requirements, agency should be ready to contract and begin the project during award year.
- CDBG funds are provided on a reimbursement basis, agency must be prepared to cover costs.