

CDBG - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

What is CDBG?

The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities through provisions of decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities, principally to benefit persons of low and moderate income.

Grant recipients are given a high level of flexibility in choosing programs and activities that best meet the needs of their communities and the national objectives of CDBG. Authorized programs and activities include:

Clearance and demolition

Acquisition of real property

Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures

Acquisition, installation, construction and rehabilitation of public infrastructure such as water and sewer facilities, streets, curbs & sidewalks

Human service organizations

Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources

Providing assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities

Who Can Apply?

Cities, towns and counties are eligible to apply for CDBG funding. Non-profit or special service districts are eligible only if sponsored by an eligible city, town or county.

When Do We Apply?

Those anticipating applying for CDBG funding should begin preparations in the spring. This includes holding a CDBG first public hearing, developing your project scope and budget. Non-profit organizations should contact their sponsoring jurisdiction and coordinate these activities. Also a community wide income survey may be required depending on the project.

In the fall of each year, BRAG will hold a mandatory "how-to-apply" meeting to provide instruction on completing the application.

Applications are generally due the first part of December.

Funds typically become available to obligate in Late Spring/Early Summer.

Is the Program Competitive?

Yes. Local elected officials set the priorities for project funding through the BRAG CDBG Rating and Ranking system.