



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that supports the development of viable communities by funding projects that improve economic opportunities and provide decent housing, primarily for low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.

The Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) administers the annual state CDBG allocation on behalf of the State of New Hampshire.

ELIGIBILITY AND NATIONAL OBJECTIVE

The NH CDBG Program requires that all projects benefit predominantly low- to moderate-income (LMI) individuals. The LMI National Objective is often referred to as the primary CDBG National Objective because HUD regulations require that States expend a majority of their funds on this objective.

To accomplish the national state and current program year objectives, there shall be five CDBG grant program categories as follows:

- Housing
- Public Facilities
- Economic Development, including:
 - Microenterprise Development
 - Business Technical Assistance
- Housing, Public Facilities or Economic Development Emergency Needs
- Housing, Public Facilities, Economic Development and Transformative Planning

Please see chart on other side of handout for more details on eligibility.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

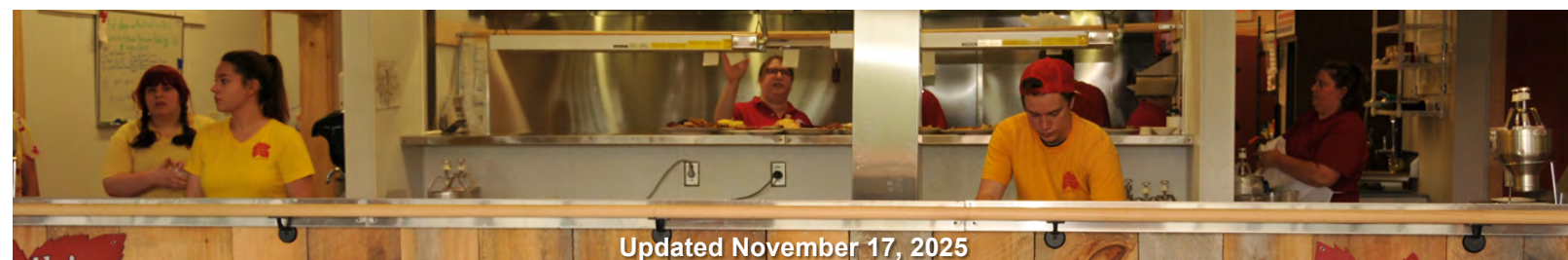
All activities using CDBG funds must be eligible in accordance with [Section 105\(a\) of the Housing and Community Development Act](#). No CDBG funds may be used for facilities owned and/or maintained by a state or federal agency. CDBG funds cannot be used to offset locally budgeted funds or to replace state or federal funds. All CDBG projects must comply with 2 CFR 200. In addition, 24 CFR 570.489(d) (2 CFR 200.444) requires that CDBG funds are not used for general expenses required to carry out other responsibilities of state and local governments.

YOUR CITY OR COUNTY IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR CDBG FUNDS IF:

- You do not receive CDBG funds directly from HUD. The cities of Manchester, Nashua, Portsmouth, Dover and Rochester receive funds directly from HUD.
- You have a project that needs funding and meets the CDBG priorities and National Objectives discussed below.
- You have a project that aligns with NH's CDBG priority activities.

Annual Allocation from HUD

	Average # of Grants Annually
Housing	6
Public Facilities	6
Economic Development – including Microenterprise Development and Direct Technical Assistance for Businesses	5
Emergency	Varies
Planning and Transformative Planning	Varies
Technical Assistance / Administration	N/A



CDBG FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES			
Program Area	Description	Funding Opportunity	Max Award Amount
Housing	Acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion of nonresidential property, and other eligible activities that create or retain affordable permanent residential units for LMI households. New construction is generally ineligible.	Round 1- Last Monday in January; Round 2 Last Monday in July	\$500,000 (*\$750,000 permanent supportive housing projects only)
Public Facilities	Acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating facilities in which eligible public services will be provided; residential water/ sewer infrastructure improvements and other eligible activities that benefit predominantly LMI individuals.	Round 1- Last Monday in January; Round 2 Last Monday in July	\$500,000
Economic Development	Acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating commercial or industrial buildings, purchasing machinery and equipment, and other eligible activities that support the creation or retention of quality jobs for LMI individuals.	On a rolling basis until funds are expended	Amount based on number of LMI jobs created or retained
Microenterprise	Funding for eligible technical assistance providers to provide support to microenterprise businesses. A microenterprise is a business that has 5 or fewer employees, one or more whom owns the business and is LMI.	TBD	\$750,000
Planning/ Transformational Planning	Architectural, engineering, energy audits, income surveys or other eligible studies that support a project that intends to apply for CDBG grants for implementation/ Community-level strategies that support CDBG priority areas.	On a rolling basis until funds are expended	\$25,000/ *\$100,000 for Transformational Planning Grants
Emergency	Housing, public facility or economic development projects that respond to an emergency that has occurred within the previous 18 months.	On a rolling basis until funds are expended	\$350,000 or \$500,000 / *amount based on municipal population

STEP ONE: PRE-APPLICATION MEETING WITH CDFA

All potential applicants should contact CDFA to review the proposed project concept prior to submitting an application. CDFA will work with the potential applicant and discuss:

- The likelihood that the proposed project will meet a federal national objective;
- The applicant is not otherwise ineligible to apply under the program;
- Key dates for applicants;
- The proposed matching funds, if any, will be secured and readily available at the time of application; and
- Discuss how to obtain further technical assistance if needed.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Visit the CDBG section of CDFA's Resource HUB (tinyurl.com/CDFA-CDBG-Resources) to find more program resources, including workshop recordings and the CDBG Application and Program Guide. Request a meeting using the "Schedule a Meeting" link at the top of the page.



CONTACT US FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT CDBG BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO APPLY!

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