

Community Development Block Grant: Comprehensive Neighborhood Revitalization Grant

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Community Development Block Grant

**2024 Application
Workshop**

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Topics of Discussion

➤ **Program Overview**

- Project Match and CDBG Funds
- Discuss application cycle date
- Chosen Activities

➤ **Meeting a National Objective**

- Target Area – Demographics
- What is required and how it works if awarded

➤ **Application Evaluation**

- Scoring method

Program Overview



- Only those communities that completed the Comprehensive Neighborhood Revitalization Planning Grant, submitted their plan timely for review and were chosen to move forward, are eligible to apply for these funds.
- Awarded on an annual basis; this allocation in 2023 funds and about \$3M are available.
- The maximum award per project is \$1.75M.
- There is also a local match requirement of 15%.
- Five communities will be applying for the Comprehensive Neighborhood Revitalization Grant this round. Only 3 will be awarded. (We have funds available to add an additional project this round.)

Overview Continued...

➤ Application Round

- Application window will open today, February 14, 2024.
- Deadline for submittal will be May 14, 2024, at 11:59 PM.
- Contract period will be 4 years. (Subject to change.)

➤ Project Limit

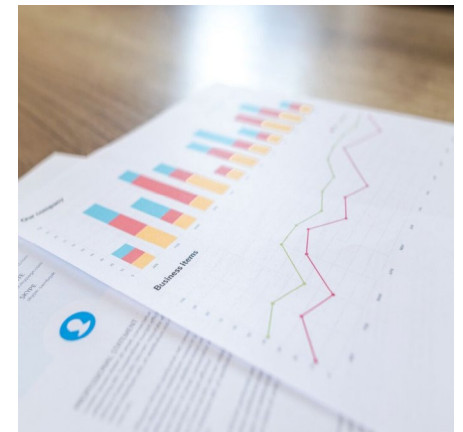
- To spread funding across the state, a community may only have one Comprehensive Neighborhood Revitalization Grant open at a time.
- If you currently have an open DTR grant, you may not include it as one of your activities in the CNRG application.

➤ Chosen Activities

- The community must choose from the activities identified in their plan, as to those they will implement. Minimum number required is three (3) per grant, but not to exceed 5 total. The application will require specific information as to WHO and HOW these activities will affect the community when implemented.

Meeting a National Objective

- Reminder: The project's Target Area must have no more than 200 households and is required to meet the 51% Low-to-Moderate Income threshold. (Should have been documented in the CNRPG application.)
- Depending on the activities designated for implementation, you may also be required to meet HUD's CDBG National Objective of Slum and Blight.
- Demographic Data will be required for each project activity.
 - Total Persons Served Per Activity
 - Total LMI Persons Served Per Activity
 - Beneficiary by Race and Ethnicity





Environmental Review Forms

➤ Environmental Requirements:

What is required for the application?

- If choosing Upper Story Conversion as one of your activities, you will be required to upload your draft “Environmental Assessment” along with other required documents in the “Required Attachments” under the PDF requirement.

There are no further environmental requirement for this application.

Please note: If awarded funding for implementation, there could be a real possibility that you will need to complete more than one Environment Review depending on the activities you choose. IEDA will help you through this process at that time.

Scoring Method

- There are five (5) criteria scored on a 1 to 5 scale. Plus, two (2) criteria that are either “Yes” for 3 points or “No” for 0 points. Maximum of 31 points for a “perfect” application.
- Applications scoring less than about 20 points will probably not be funded.
- Applications are usually evaluated by two or three persons; scores are averaged.



Questions

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