**CDBG FAQ’s  
November 2023**

**Q1: What is CDBG?**

**A:** The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons.

**Q2: What are the eligibility requirements to apply?**

**A:** CDBG funded activities must meet at least 1 of 3 HUD’s National Objectives**:** Benefit low-and moderate- income (LMI) persons; or

 Aid in prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or

 Meet a need having a particular urgency (referred to as urgent need)

**Q3: Is there a limit on how much an applicant can apply for?**

**A:** There is not a limit, however applicants should keep in mind the funding cap thresholds established by HUD. HUD funding thresholds are as follows:

 Administration; 20 percent maximum of annual allocated funding

 Public Services; 15 percent maximum of annual allocated funding

 Capital Projects/Public Improvements; no minimum or maximum thresholds of the available funding

**Q4: What types of projects/activities are eligible?**

**A: ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS**

HUD requires the expenditure of funds across three funding categories:

 Administration; 20 percent maximum of annual allocated funding

 Public Services; 15 percent maximum of annual allocated funding

 Capital Projects/Public Improvements; no minimum or maximum thresholds of the available funding

**Examples of CDBG eligible activities:**

* Childcare
* Health services
* Job training
* Recreation programs
* Education programs
* Public safety services
* Fair housing activities
* Services for senior citizens
* Homeless services
* Drug abuse counseling and treatment

**Examples of CDBG ineligible activities:**

* Political activities
* Acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government
* Ongoing grants or non-emergency payments
* (more than three consecutive months) to individuals for their food, clothing, rent, utilities, or other income payments
* Using CDBG to supplant state or local funding.

**Q5: How do I apply for CDBG?**

**A:** Current CDBG funding recipients who wish to apply for FY 2024- 25 funds will find the link “Apply for FY 24-25” in the "Applications" column when they log in at [www.citydataservices.net](http://www.citydataservices.net).

New Applicant Agencies that are not currently funded should log into [www.citydataservices.net](http://www.citydataservices.net) and use MAD2023 (case sensitive) as both their Username and Password. Applicants will be prompted to enter basic information to receive a unique Username and Password. By logging in with these new credentials, the FY 2024-25 application will be available as a link in the "Applications" column.

**Q6: What is the deadline to apply for CDBG?**

**A:** All applications must be submitted by November 30, 2023, at 5:00pm**.**

**Additional Resources:**

CDBG regulations can be found at the following websites:

* For Entitlements, States, and insular areas:

<https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment>

* For the consolidated Plan:

<https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/conplan>

CDBG resources can be found at the following websites:

* Explore CDBG:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/cdbg-ta-products/#all-products>

* Public Services Video:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/public-services/>

* Public Facilities Video:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/public-facilities-and-improvements/>

* Basically CDBG for Entitlements:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>

* The Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/89/community-development-block-grant-program-cdbg-guide-to-national-objectives-and-eligible-activities-for-entitlement-communities/>

**Examples of Previously Funded Activities:**

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| **Previously Funded Public Service Activities** | ***Award Amount*** |
| Pequeños Empresarios Inc. -  *Child Entrepreneurship and Education Program* | $10,000 |
| Madera Coalition for Community Justice  *Madera Rental Assistance Project* | $34,000 |
| OLIVE Charitable Organization  *Bennet House* | $35,400 |
| Madera Rescue Mission- Homeless Services Program  *Homeless Prevention and Services* | $32,500 |
| City of Madera, Parks & Community Services – Madera Senior Nutrition & Recreation Programs  *Senior Wellness, Meals, and Recreation* | $21,401 |

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| **Previously Funded Capital/Public Improvements** | ***Funded Amount*** |
| Habitat for Humanity;  *Home Rehabilitation Program* | $215,000 |
| City; Public Works Department  *Beautification Project* | $25,000 |
| *City; Parks Department*  *McNally Park Project* | $609,307 |
| *City; Parks Department*  *Centennial Park Pool* | $215,000 |