

Broadband Q& A

Question – Can CDBG/CV Broadband RFP be used for renovations/services to residential units, permitting broadband?

Ans - The CDBG/CV affordable housing application did not specifically exclude renovations permitting broadband. Such renovations could have qualified as “rehabilitation”. The described activity(ies) would appear to qualify under the CDBG/CV Broadband RFP. The eligible activity and national objective would depend on the specific nature of the activity undertaken. Activities might be “public service”, “rehabilitation of buildings (including housing)” or “public facilities”. The national objective might be limited clientele (area benefit/otherwise) or low/moderate income housing, depending on the activity. The HUD Guide, linked on OHCD’s website, can provide a more detailed explanation of eligible activities and national objectives.

Question – Can I submit a single application to provide broadband to multiple properties?

Ans – Yes – The applicant should, however, break out the costs for each property clearly.

Question – What are the procurement requirements?

Ans – All CDBG/CV projects must comply with 2 CFR 200 relative to procurement. Depending on the situation, sole/single source may be permissible.

Questions – Are renovations/services for senior centers eligible?

Ans – Yes – This RFP may support activities bringing broadband services to residential units and/or public facilities (senior center, neighborhood centers).