

Q&A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Application Q&A/ Office Hours Virtual Meeting

Friday, February 4, 2022 @ 10AM

1. Q. We submitted our application already but have modifications (additional expenditures), can we revise our application?

A. Yes, you can update and re-submit your current application any time prior to the deadline.

2. Q. What qualifies as a Planning Only activity?

A. As referenced in our PY'20 Application Handbook, planning only grant activities may include studies, analysis, data-gathering, preparation of plans and identification of action that will implement plans. Feasibility studies are eligible. However, preparation of engineering and/or design documents for a selected alternative are not eligible planning only activities. Local plans mandated by statute are not likely to be funded.

3. Q. Please explain 15-day (calendar vs. working-day) comment periods be explained.

A. The 15-day comment period for an **Environmental Review (ER)** is **15 “Calendar” Days**. The comment period for the CDBG Citizen Participation requirement for the **Competitive Application Process** is **15 “Business” Days**. Please see the guidance in our PY 20 Application Handbook: <https://ohcd.ri.gov/media/2176/download>

4.Q. How much funds are available for this funding cycle?

A. We receive approx. \$5M annually from HUD. Since we have not yet committed our FY'20 & FY'21 allocations, approximately \$10M is available in new funding. In addition, we have the prior year funds remaining from projects that didn't proceed. Consequently, our current estimate is a total of approximately \$12-\$13M is available this funding round.

5. Q. When is the deadline for the expenditure of prior year funds (drawdown threshold)?

A. The drawdown threshold deadline is 3/3/22. Prior versions of the forms, which may have shown incorrect dates, have been revised.