

# Community Development Block Grant/COVID (CDBG/COVID)



Basic Needs RFP - Public Facilities and Services

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- ▶ Use Chat Screen to enter questions.
  - ▶ Q&As will be posted on website
  - ▶ We cannot respond to project-specific questions
  - ▶ All Questions (and associated answers) will be made available to all

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OHCD/HRC has consulted with key stakeholder groups, State offices and the public in developing a plan for possible other general categories, including:

	State Allocation	State Administration	Balance Available for Distribution
CDBG/CV1	3227111	225897	3001214
CDBG/CV2	4693187	328523	4364664
CDBG/CV3	3586534	251057	3335477
Total	11506832	805477	10701355

- Housing, designed to increase affordable housing opportunities/supply  
Active Request for Proposal (estimated \$3M) - Due March 3, 2021
- **Basic Needs (essential services and public facilities);**  
**Active Request for Proposal (estimated \$1.5-\$2) - Due March 15, 2021**
- Broadband (Shortly);
- Homeless Response - Quarantine/Isolation support and winter/shelter expansion (underway);
- Landlord Incentives (likely part of Basic Needs RFP);
- Mortgage/Homeowner Assistance;
- Business Assistance (Microenterprise Underway/Expansion Under Consideration)

- ▶ Eligible Applicants

- ▶ Municipalities (with or without subrecipients)

- ▶ Non-profits

Note: Regulatory minimum allocation to non-entitlement areas

Note: Entitlements (Cranston, East Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, Warwick, Woonsocket)

- ▶ Applications transmitted electronically to Kimberly Crabill by due date/time

- ▶ Factor time necessary to transmit and any unanticipated technical difficulties

- ▶ Application forms pared down CDBG/BHRI (available on website/contact KC)

- ▶ Cast wide net for distribution - Posted on web (RIH & OHCD).

# CDBG - Required Components

- ▶ Fundability
  - ▶ Eligibility (RFP for Affordable Housing, Public facilities and Essential Services)
  - ▶ National Objective (LMH, LMC, LMA - UN)
- ▶ **\*\*Coronavirus/COVID Related\*\***
  - ▶ Prevent, Prepare for or Respond to crisis
  - ▶ Examples
    - ▶ Housing - Increasing supply of affordable units available;
    - ▶ Service - Meet COVID specific needs (food security) for a vulnerable population;
    - ▶ Facility - Renovations necessary to enable social distancing
  - ▶ Maintain Data

# CDBG Eligibility

## ▶ Statute and Regulations

- ▶ Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 USC 5201 et seq)
- ▶ CDBG Regulations (24 CFR Part 570)
- ▶ HUD Guide - [Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for CDBG Entitlement Communities - HUD Exchange](#)
- ▶ Common Eligible Activities:
  - ▶ Acquisition of Real Property 105a1
  - ▶ Public Services 105a8\*\*
  - ▶ Public Facilities 105a2\*\*
  - ▶ Clearance/Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of Buildings - New/Preservation 105a4
  - ▶ Activities Carried out by Non-Profit Development Organizations (105a15)
    - ▶ Note - New Construction Generally Ineligible (exceptions)

# CDBG National Objective

- ▶ **Low- and Moderate- Income Benefit**
  - ▶ **Limited Clientele**
    - ▶ Income Requirements for participants
    - ▶ Area Benefit
    - ▶ Presumed - Elderly, Homeless, Victims of Domestic Violence
  - ▶ **Housing**
    - ▶ **51% of units in each assisted structure will be occupied by low/moderate income (LMI) households**
    - ▶ LMI is defined at 80% or below AMI, based upon family size (Section 8 Income Limit)
    - ▶ “Household” is all persons living in a residential unit
    - ▶ Note this is based on “household” not “person/family”
- ▶ **Slums and Blight**
- ▶ **Urgent Need**

# CDBG - Required Components

- ▶ Fundability
  - ▶ Eligibility (RFP for Affordable Housing only - Public facilities under Basic Needs RFP)
  - ▶ National Objective
- ▶ Coronavirus/COVID Related
  - ▶ Prevent, Prepare for or Respond to crisis
- ▶ Area Served (As much detail as possible)
  - ▶ City/Town
  - ▶ County
  - ▶ Statewide



# Other Requirements

- ▶ Environmental Review
  - ▶ State will complete HUD required review for non-profit (directly funded)
  - ▶ Municipalities will complete review for themselves/non-profit (subrecipients)
  - ▶ Choice Limiting Actions Prohibited! (CDBG and non-CDBG sources)
- ▶ Citizens Participation
  - ▶ State will complete public notice/citizens participation requirements for supported activities
- ▶ Labor Standards
  - ▶ Davis Bacon & Related (8 or more unit on project assisted - in whole or in part)
- ▶ Eminent Domain (not permitted) & Relocation (detail if needed)
- ▶ \*\*\*Duplication of Benefits\*\*\*

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