

CDBG Office Hours

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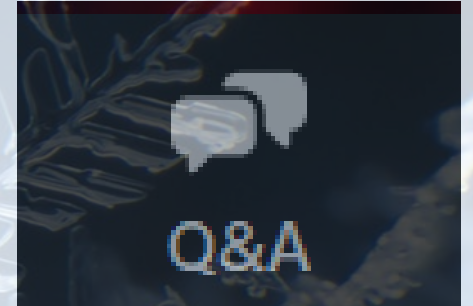
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How to ask a question

- Webinar questions:
 - Click “Q & A” chat bubble to submit a question to the team
 - You may ask questions anonymously, but if you want your name, organization, or region associated with your question, you will need to type it in the “Your Name” box
 - The team will read questions out loud throughout the presentation and will provide answers if possible
 - All questions will be saved and recorded as part of the public record





Office Hours Cancellation and 2024 Office Hours Registration

- Due to the Holidays, the office hours session scheduled on December 27th will be cancelled
- After today's session, the Zoom webinar links for the 2023 office hours series will expire
- You can register for the 2024 CDBG Office Hours Webinar Series here: [2024 CDBG Office Hours - Zoom Registration](#). Anyone who would like to attend office hours in 2024 will need to register for the 2024 CDBG Office Hours series



CDBG Program Updates

2022 CDBG NOFA

- 42 Recommended for Award
- 1 Routing
- 41 Approved

2023 CDBG NOFA

- 2023 NOFA drop date: September 29, 2023 – OTC Waitlist Only (approx. \$19M)
- **Application Opened October 30, 2023**
- **Application Closes December 29, 2023**



Update on 2024 NOFA

- HCD is transitioning to a new, department-wide grants management system in mid-2024: the Consolidated Housing Accountability Application Procurement Project (CHAAPP).
- The new system will replace all currently and historically used grants systems
- Because of the CDBG team and grantee's successful use of eCivis, and because of the diversity in activities funded under CDBG, the CDBG Program will be among the first to accept applications in the new system.
- To fully build out and utilize the system for all application types, the CDBG team must begin with issuing a NOFA -and then accepting applications through the system.
- Due to project timing this will delay launching our 2024 NOFA until the coming Summer or Fall.
- We are committed to get the \$19 million balance of 2023 funds out to you in January via the eCivis system.
- We will be sending out a survey this week to get your feedback on our proposed approach. Stay tuned!



CDBG-CV Unclaimed Funds



Announcement

- CDBG-CV unclaimed funds are now available for **Existing CDBG-CV Grantees** that have **construction** projects that experienced unanticipated cost increases.
- A memorandum was sent out on November 15 with details about qualifications, priorities, and instructions for making an additional funding request.
- Contact your CDBG-CV Grant Administrator if you have questions.

Questions and Answers: Recap from Prior Office Hours





Required Financial Report Form

Question

When will start requiring the financial form? Tentative date?

Answer

We are intending for everyone to begin using the form within the next 45 days.

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Financial Report Coversheet Template

Question

One more follow up on the financial report, are you going to send those out to everyone with an open contract "pre-filled" like you did for CV? Or should we just use the template online and proceed?

Answer

Please use the template found online and fill it in prior to submission.

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CV Construction Funding

Question

On the CV construction funding- is the expenditure deadline remaining 5/2024?

Answer

The new deadline for all grantees that applied for a time-extension amendment with construction projects is 10/31/2024. If your question is whether grantees will receive a new deadline with application for the augmented funding, the answer is no.

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2024 NOFA Questions List

Question

When do you anticipate completing the list of questions for the 2024 NOFA application? There are some activities that were not covered in the 2023 NOFA such as OOR. Questions specific to activities not included in the 2023 NOFA would be greatly appreciated. Also, will this be posted on the website?

Answer

As stated in the announcement made earlier, HCD is still working out the details on the 2024 application, and we don't have a date when the questions will be available to the grantees for review. However, we do intend to publish the questions with the release of the NOFA, likely linked in the file tab of the solicitation. Once we come up with the questions for 2024, we will advise grantees where to find the information.

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Business Incubators Eligibility

Question

Are business incubators for LMA jurisdictions still an eligible activity? Or could a Microenterprise assistance program be structured to support a business incubator through the LMCMC national objective?

Answer

Both will remain eligible under the 2024 application. There will not be a limit on how a business incubator can apply, it can qualify under either LMA or LMCMC, you would just need to make sure that your matrix code and national objective align. We can offer specific TA to you. Please reach out to your HCD representative.

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50% Rule

Question

Regarding that pesky 50% rule, if a jurisdiction has an existing microenterprise grant program that is not 50% spent by the time of the next NOFA application, it will still be considered for funding, since the 50% rule doesn't apply except for P/TA applications, yes?

Answer

Yes, you are correct because microenterprises are funded as part of an economic development program and those are being applied for over-the-counter (OTC). In our current guidelines, the 50% rule only applies to competitive programs, not to OTC programs. HCD is looking to change that in the future to encourage timely expenditures.

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2024 NOFA Drop Date

Question

Are we still looking at a January 2024 drop for the 2024 NOFA?

Answer

We anticipate a January 2024 NOFA for the \$19 million balance of 2023 funds, and due to the adoption of a new grants management system, we anticipate making a 2024 NOFA available in Summer or Fall 2024. More details coming later this week via Survey Monkey Survey.

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2024 NOFA Application Pt. 1

Question

Following up on the drop of the NOFA, if it drops in January, will there be the 60-day window.

Answer

There will be a 30-day review period, and then the application window will be 60 days.

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2024 NOFA Application Pt. 2

Question

But the NOFA will just be the NOFA, correct? There won't be access to the application to fill out in advance?

Answer

That's correct. There would be a thirty-day review period and we anticipate releasing the application questions at the time that NOFA comes out, so grantees can start reviewing the questions and getting their answers prepared outside of the system. The application would then be released thirty days following the publication of the NOFA.

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2024 NOFA Application Pt. 3

Question

That is the concern we have. If it is 30 days for the NOFA review and we have to go out to our individual colonias. Will the NOFA being issued change anything we will go out to our communities for? We generally go out and let them know what is available to be applied for. I think we were told to use the 2022 limits. We just want to make sure the NOFA won't change that as we will be going out to our colonias this month.

Answer

You can go out to conduct community engagement and meet the requirements of your citizen participation plan at any time in anticipation of the upcoming NOFA(s). Regardless of when the NOFA opens or when the application window begins, the community engagement process and the public hearings that you hold to get community feedback on what you could apply for would still be valid. We will very likely be using the limits reviewed in our most recent listening session. The limits are not the same as the 2022 limits. The best way to go out to the community is to use them as “anticipated award amounts” that way you can get feedback without having all of that set in stone. The set aside for colonias will be as required under federal law. We do not know our 2024 allocation from HUD yet, but we anticipate that it will be level with recent years.

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2024 NOFA Application Pt. 4

Question

Are those limits from the listening session posted online?

Answer

The limits from the listening session are not posted yet. You may review the session recording here:

[CDBG 2024 NOFA Listening Session \(youtube.com\)](#)

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2024 NOFA Application Pt. 5

Question

Regarding the amount of 2024 colonias application that can be applied: I believe only 2 applications are permitted for the general; will Colonias be the same?

Answer

That is a good question, we will have to get back to you. We did not discuss that during the listening session, so it is not on the slides.

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Public Notice for Citizen Participation

Question

Is there a template for the public notice for citizen participation?

Answer

Yes, it's available on our Grants Management Manual tab on HCD's website, Appendix 4-1. There is both an English and Spanish version available. HCD requires two public hearing throughout the award, one prior to application, which is the template on the front page. HCD requires a second public hearing prior to closeout of the award, which is on the second page.

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TA Group

Question

Is there any way HCD can create a Housing Rehabilitation Program TA group and/or contact list of those running such programs to create intentional pathways for peer consulting across jurisdictions on this topic?

Answer

Creating a community of practice groups is something we talked about before and we have a goal of having in place. We need to talk about that more internally on how we would facilitate that given we have limited capacity right now. We do have the desire to do that in the future, and we will get back to the grantees with more information.

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Questions and Answers:
Please submit your question(s) via Zoom
Q+A



Happy Holidays!
**Thank you all for your amazing
partnership in our communities!**
See you in the New Year!

