

CDBG Office Hours

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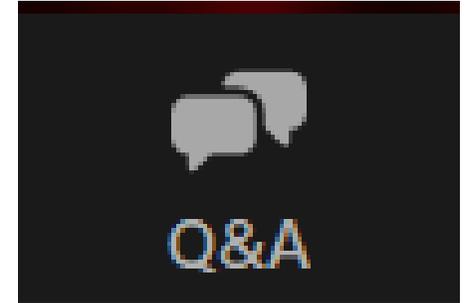
Wednesday, January 24, 2024





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





2023 NOFA Amendment #1 – Economic Development Application

Clarification from Previous Q&A:

Under the 2023 NOFA Amendment #1, applications for ED Projects will be accepted. However, applications for ED programs will not be accepted.

- Examples of ED Programs are Business Assistance, Microenterprise Assistance, and Business Technical Assistance
- An example of an ED Project is an activity that uses an Economic Development Matrix Code such as 17A, 17B, 17C, 17D, and/or a National Objective Matrix Code (LMJ) but is for a one-time investment of funds for acquisition or construction of infrastructure or a facility.



CDBG Program Updates

2023 CDBG NOFA

- Application Closed December 29, 2023, for the Over-the-counter (OTC) waitlisted projects
- We received 5 applications that program staff are currently reviewing.
- No ETA on award announcement.

Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program: *CDBG and CDBG-CV Office Hours*

Winter 2024



EHCRP Vision

This program will offer **planning and implementation grants** for heat relief and long term resilience to extreme heat.

Supporting a statewide movement to build resilience to extreme heat through:

- placemaking & place-keeping
- immediate response & long-term resilience
- job creation
- protecting the health of Californians who are most vulnerable to extreme heat

EHCRP Values

Place and Belonging

Enterprise and Job Creation

Indigenous Land Stewardship

Co-benefits and Systems Thinking

Inclusion and Language Justice

Support Technology Dev & Innovative Design

Harm Reduction and Healing

Community Resilience for All Hazards

Listening Session Findings

Some people and populations are particularly vulnerable to extreme heat

Serious mental and physical health impacts, especially for vulnerable groups

Limited access to shade, greenspace, and public resources

Many people do not have access to air conditioning

Listening Session Findings

Need for funding for planning, physical infrastructure, and public services

Projects should prioritize accessibility and Access and Functional Needs communities

Partnership requirements can strengthen projects, but are often a barrier

Need for simple grant application

**Integrated Climate Adaptation and
Resiliency Program**

**Extreme Heat and Community
Resilience Program Round 1 Grant
Guidelines (DRAFT)**

FY 2023 - 2024





Grant Eligibility

Local Public Entities

California Native American tribes

Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

Public Academic Institutions

Coalitions of Non-profits

Grant Types

Small Planning Grants

\$100,000-\$250,000

\$3 Million Total

Small Implementation Grants

\$100,000-\$450,000

\$3 Million Total

Large Planning Grants

\$300,000-\$750,000

\$5 Million Total

Large Implementation Grants

\$500,000-\$4 Million

\$9 Million Total

Small Planning Grants

No Co-Applicant Requirement



Capacity Development

Ex: Staff training, workforce development, community awareness campaigns



Pre-Planning Activities

Ex: Partnership development, asset mapping, engagement, vulnerability assessment



Small Scale Planning and Project Development

Ex: Small scale planning, economic development, program planning

Large Planning Grants

Co-Applicant Required (or justification)

Example Activities:



Comprehensive Local Heat Action Plans



Amend, update, integrate, align, or prepare existing planning documents



Conducting Studies

Implementation Grants

Small Implementation Grants

Single site/technology infrastructure projects

No co-applicant requirements

Large Implementation Grants

Combined infrastructure projects

Co-Applicant Required (or justification)

Example Implementation Grant Activities

Track A: Build Public Awareness and Notification

- Neighborhood resilience events
- Educational programming
- Assistance applying for and receiving community services
- “Cool Buddy” programs
- Placemaking projects and informational signage
- Art and culture projects for awareness
- Youth empowerment and leadership
- Public awareness campaigns

Track B: Strengthen Community Services and Response

- Mutual Aid
- Basic first aid training
- Heat survival packs
- Home energy saving toolkits
- Community Resilience Center Activities
- Transportation to/from community resources during heat events
- Environmental monitoring systems
- Apprenticeships

Example Implementation Grant Activities

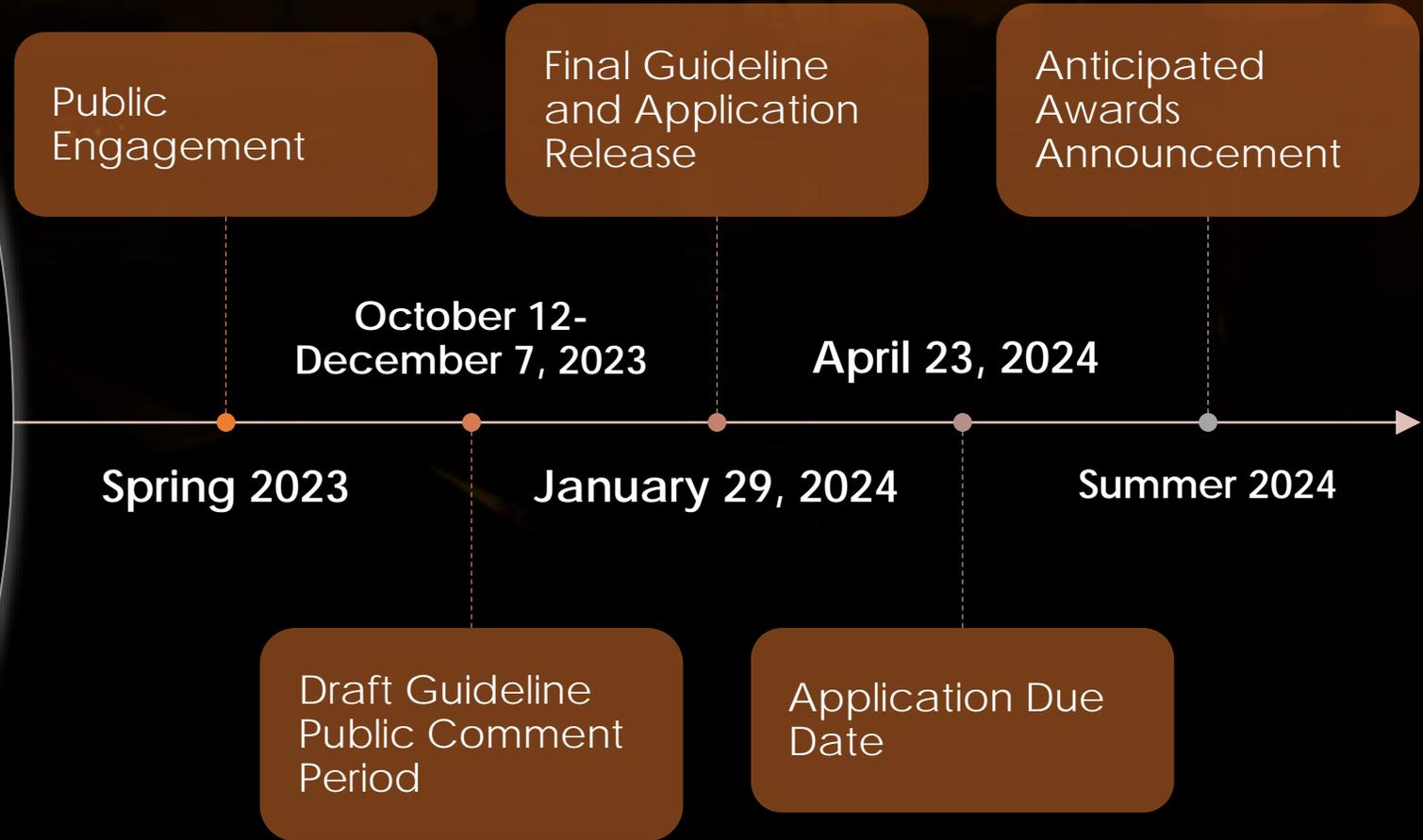
Track C: Increase Resilience of our Built Environment

- Cool and smart surfaces
- Shade structures
- Water fountains
- Splash pads
- Transit shelters (shade and cooling enhanced)
- Active and passive cooling infrastructure in key community buildings and resilience hubs
- Cool home pilot projects

Track D: Utilize Nature-based Solutions

- Tree planting
- Residential tree program
- Tiny forests
- Cool community gardens
- Green stormwater infrastructure pilots
- Nature-based playgrounds or shaded playgrounds
- Cool ecosystems work
- Maintenance for nature-based solutions

Tentative Timeline



Thank you!

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Listserv Sign Up

Questions?



Questions and Answers: Recap from Prior Office Hours





NOFA Amendment: Remaining 2023 Funds

Question

Is there a NOFA or any other information on the remaining 2023 funds?

Answer

- We are committed to get the \$19 million balance of 2023 funds out to you in January via the eCivis system.
- This amendment makes another \$19 million for Housing, Community Development and Economic Development Projects in an Over-the-Counter process
- 5% of the total CDBG 2023 funds (approximately \$1,500,000) will be set-aside for Colonias as required under Section 916 of the National Affordable Housing Act
- 1.25% of the total CDBG 2023 funds (approximately \$375,000) will be set-aside for Non-federally recognized Tribes as required by HSC 50831.

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NOFA Amendment: Release Date

Question

Is the release of the 2023 NOFA amendment still scheduled for the end of January?

Answer

Yes, we are scheduled to release it by January 31, 2024.

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NOFA Amendment: Project Eligibility

Question

When do you expect to release the 2023 year NOFA amendment? We've been trying to get a project eligibility question answered for over 3 weeks. We are concerned that if we do not get an answer soon, there will not be time for any additional TA that may be needed before the 2023 amendment is published.

Answer

The team is aware of this question and is working with the program rep to work towards providing a response as soon as possible. In terms of timing, the NOFA will be released and available for review for 30-days before the application window opens, so you still have a good two months before the application is due.

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NOFA Amendment: Community Meetings

Question

What will be the timeline for the application on the 2023 amendment? In preparation of the 2024 application, we had set-up community meetings, but canceled them when the NOFA was pushed. We will need to reschedule those meetings to go out to them.

Answer

It's fine to hold community meetings anytime for the 2023 NOFA amendment and the 2024 NOFA. Holding community meetings at any point prior your application submission is acceptable.

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NOFA Amendment: File Changes

Question

With the 2023 amendment, will any of the files be changed, or can we plan to review/use the files that were attached/posted on eCivis?

Answer

For the 2023 amendment, all the files will remain the same including the resolution and appendices.

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2024 NOFA: EA

Question

Following up on EA's for 2024 NOFA. I thought they were good for 5 years?

Answer

Once an EA is approved and utilized to secure grant funds, it is generally good for 5 years.

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Funds for Planning

Question

Can HCD discuss with HUD using PI for planning? Some of the planning funding needed by jurisdictions are small such as \$10-30k. And using PI would speed the process up to getting projects shovel ready. Is "predevelopment costs" for OTC or for PTA only?

Answer

The limits on use of PI for Planning is regulatory. Those are federal caps that are not slated to change. As you know, we are collecting reporting on receipted program income within the eCivis GMS. HCD needs more data to assess our flexibility in making PI available for planning. Currently, HCD can't give every grantee that opportunity due to the risk of running over our caps. A grantee can perform pre-development activities like environmental engineering architecture work before receiving a CDBG award and reimburse those pre-development costs once (and if) awarded CDBG funds. We're aware this is not something every jurisdiction can do, but maybe some jurisdictions would take the risk for small amounts.

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Predevelopment Costs

Question

Are "pre-development costs" for OTC or for Planning/TA only?

Answer

Pre-development costs are for any construction activity. Pre-development costs would be costs incurred to be shovel ready for an OTC project. If you have further questions, please contact your CDBG Rep for additional discussion offline and options for specific projects.

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City of Ukiah: Housing Rehab Program Guidelines

Question

Can the City of Ukiah share their guidelines?

Answer

The City's guidelines are posted on their website, as well as their application forms:
<https://cityofukiah.com/housing-rehabilitation-program/>

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City of Ukiah: Housing Rehab Loans and Grants

Question

Does Ukiah offer loans or grants for the rehab work?

Answer

They offer both, their program is primarily loans with 0% interest up to 30 years deferred. We also offer emergency grants.

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City of Ukiah: Housing Rehab Loans Pt. 1

Question

For the City of Ukiah: Are you finding that residents are amenable to loans?

Answer

From the City of Ukiah: We are, the housing rehab program isn't for everyone, but there are a significant number of LMI homeowners who are interested, especially among residents over 62 years of age.

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City of Ukiah: Housing Rehab Loans Pt. 2

Question

For the City of Ukiah: How do you handle loan defaults with the Housing Rehab program? Have you ever had to take someone's home? In our experience, it has become problematic to administer because we know that at the end, we do not want to take someone's home for non-payment, so there really isn't a good amount of leverage to stay compliant.

Answer

From the City of Ukiah: This is a new program, so we have not encountered that problem yet. Our loans are up to 30 years deferred. That issue has not come up for our older Housing Rehab program either. It's a serious issue, but not one that we have been confronted with yet.

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City of Ukiah: Housing Rehab Loans Pt. 3

Question

For the City of Ukiah: The issue we have with a long deferral period on loans was that people pass away. Some don't have wills and can lead to long probate issues. What have you planned to put in place for this issue?

Answer

From the City of Ukiah: We have not encountered that issue yet. We do not have a plan in place for dealing with loans that lead to a lengthy probate process. That is in the future of our program, not the present or the past. Please note that HCD does not require that jurisdictions make money available as a loan, that is a local governing body decision. Your rep is available to offer TA on this subject, you can also crowd source discussion answers to these types of questions. In the future, HCD hopes to create a discussion forum for these topics.

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

