

CDBG Office Hours

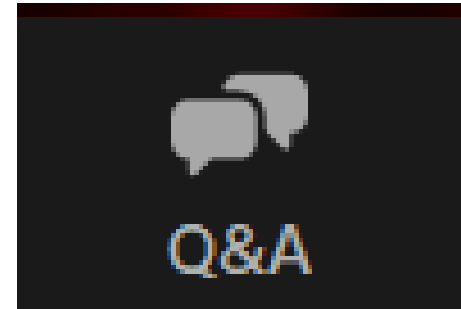
Team HCD CDBG





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





Reminder: Training Resource Now Available

- HUD CDBG-CV Rural Economic Development Quick Guide, has info on:
 - Program Design
 - Best Practices
 - Duplication of Benefits
- [CDBG-CV Rural Economic Development Quick Guide - HUD Exchange](#)



Upcoming Training

Join HCD and HUD for a training on Section 3 requirements for federally funded projects

What will the training provide? This training will give an overview of the Section 3 New Rule, utilizing the Business Registry and Opportunity Portal, and will provide time for discussion about compliance and implementation

Who should attend? Any entity which receives Section 3 covered assistance, directly from HUD or from another recipient.

[HUD/HCD Section 3 Training Registration Link - October 5th and 6th](#)



Additional Upcoming Training

HUD Region IX Environmental Training -

Part 58: Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Tiered Reviews

What will the training provide? Information on compiling a HUD 24 CFR 58 Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Environmental Review Record using the Tiered Review process in HEROS (HUD Environmental Review Online System). During the training HUD will explain how to use HEROS to enter information for the Broad Level Review and several hypothetical Site-specific reviews addressing simple to more complex scenarios.

Who should attend? Candidates for this training include individuals that perform Part 58 environmental reviews. Staff representing a Responsible Entity (RE), a non-RE grant recipient, other HUD beneficiaries and partners, HUD, and consulting firms are welcome to attend. Access to HEROS is highly recommended.

When? Thursday, September 23, 2021 – 1pm to 3pm

[HUD Region IX Environmental Training Registration Link](#)



CDBG Program Updates

- **2020 CDBG NOFA**

- ❖ 108 Approved
- ❖ 102 Standard Agreements finalized
- ❖ 2 Pending Acceptance or returned for changes
- ❖ 4 Internal Routing

- **2021 CDBG NOFA**

- 65- applications submitted
 - ❖ **15 – Non-Housing**
 - ❖ **21 - Housing**
 - ❖ **20 - Planning**
 - ❖ **9- ED application**

Reminder:

- **MANDATORY USE OF HCD RESOLUTION TEMPLATE. The Word Version is available .**



CDBG CV1

- CDBG-CV1
 - ❖ 82 Approved
 - ❖ 82 Standard Agreements finalized
 - ❖ 0 Pending Acceptance or returned for changes



CDBG CV2 – CV3

- CDBG-CV2 and 3
 - 164 Submitted Applications:
 - 18 Rescinded/Withdrawn
 - 52 routing
 - 29 pending acceptance
 - 29 executed contracts



CDBG Reminders

- Eligible Applicants
- Non-entitlement jurisdictions [cities with populations under 50,000 and counties with populations under 200,000 in unincorporated areas that do not participate in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG entitlement program]; non-federally recognized Native American communities; and, Colonia as defined by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990.

Questions and Answers



Recap and Followup for Prior Questions and Answers





Procedural questions

Question:

How can applicants receive info on the status of their standard agreement?

Answer:

Through eCivis or by contacting your HCD Representative.

Question:

Can we find prior Office Hours videos online?

Answer:

Yes, they are uploaded to [YouTube](#), available on the [HCD website](#) and more recent recordings are available through zoom link by contacting Michael Phillips - Michael.Phillips@hcd.ca.gov



Business Assistance Programs – Appendix H

Question:

If we have already designed our business assistance program using the old version of Appendix H, should we redesign certain aspects of our program to meet the new Appendix H?

Answer:

Yes, and please upload your new program guidance documents to eCivis.

Note: Appendix H largely increases flexibility within programs to make them more inclusive. Please consider as a grantee what you will do to reach out to potential new applicants to the program who are newly eligible. Ensure these are included in your policies.



Health Services Program

Question:

We have a health services program for children in school districts in our jurisdiction, can we use LMA as the National Objective for this? Or do we need to determine eligibility at the individual level for each child? Ex: if the school district has a certain percentage of subscribers (over 51%) to a free school lunch program.

Answer:

LMC would actually be the correct National Objective, based on nature and location. Provide data showing 51% or more of students in the school subscribing to free school lunch program to support the LMC classification.



Monitoring and Program Design

Question:

Please consider that new guidance issued requires grantees to amend their programs, can this be considered during monitoring?

Answer:

Yes, this will be considered. For example the update to Appendix H provides more grantee and program flexibility.



Funding the OTC list?

Question:

Is there any new information on funding down the OTC list?

Answer:

This would require approx. \$46 million, so it is to be determined based on potential available funds.

Question:

Will you be funding down the OTC list rather than opening the 2022 program?
Will we have redesign committee associated with this?

Answer:

HCD is still reviewing available funding sources so HCD will release more details on this in the near future.

No redesign committee will be associated with the 2022 NOFA

HCD is currently working on disencumbering funds from completed projects and reconciling the available funds with the list of requested funds.



Part 58 Training

Question:

Should non-entitlement jurisdictions sign up for the [Part 58 training](#)?

Answer:

The class is intended for non-entitlement jurisdictions running single family rehab programs needing tiered review, but you will not need a HEROS account.



What amount triggers Sec. 3?

Question:

We were previously told that any amount of CDBG funding injected into a project will trigger Federal Regulations. In the Section 3 trainings, we are now told Section 3 is only triggered with a funding amount of \$200,000 or more. Is this changing across the board?

Answer:

Any CDBG funding triggers compliance requirements for federal requirements, however only some projects require Section 3.

Section 3 applies only to construction projects, and only applies to projects with a budget of \$200,000 or higher.



Future Funding

Question:

What is the OTC funding status? Will you have enough funding for 2020 NOFA OTC list of applicants?

Answer:

HCD is continuing to fund down the line of applications as funds are available.



Drought-related funding

Question:

Drought-related lateral program is on the HCD website but not on the NOFA calendar – will this be a funding option in the near future?

Answer:

There is not a specific drought-related program set-aside under the CDBG program, but this may be eligible under the 2022 program. HCD will examine this issue further.

Lateral programs are eligible under Housing Rehab.



Tiered NEPA

Question:

When should we use tiered review at application and when should we use Part 58 for each house at the time of rehabilitation? This is for a housing rehabilitation program.

Answer:

It is a case-by-case question, because you want to consider time and resources. If you have a lot of properties at the outset of a program, it may make sense to do a Tier 1 review first, however if you have properties trickling in through the life of the program you may consider not doing a tiered approach. Please forward any program-specific questions to your HCD Representative and they can provide a case-by-case response.

The Tier 1 review is good for five years, assuming no conditions change, but you will still want to consider how this will best serve your specific program.

Ex: 3-5 homes every 3 years – likely is more efficient to do individual reviews rather than the tiered review process.



2022 NOFA

Question:

When will the 2022 NOFA be released?

Answer:

January 2022

Question:

Can we receive assistance to begin the application process for 2022?

Answer:

Yes, please reach out to your HCD Representative