



Appendix B: Housing Element & Growth Control Requirements

Eligibility for Award of State CDBG Funds

To meet the [Health and Safety Code \(HSC\) Section 50829](#), applicants must complete the Housing Element process for the State CDBG Program. Specifically, an applicant must at least:

1. Submit a draft,
2. Consider the Department's findings, and
3. Adopt the housing element in accordance with [Government Code Section 65585](#).

A draft must be completed with evidence of submittal by the date specified in the NOFA for minimal threshold review, however the Housing Element process must be completed prior to award. Failure to complete the Housing Element compliance process, as described above, could result in program ineligibility and may result in a breach of the Standard Agreement for funds awarded through the State CDBG program. Jurisdictions who fail to complete the Housing Element process in a timely manner could be ineligible for funding.

While no application for funds shall be denied because of the content of the housing element, applicants with growth controls are generally not eligible to receive funds unless meeting conditions specified in Health and Safety Code section 50830, such as a Housing Element found in substantial compliance by the Department.

Applicants should verify the status of their Housing Element and the impact of growth control measures prior to submitting their application.

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Definition of Growth Control Measure [HSC §50830](#)

A general plan, ordinance, or other measure that directly limits by the number of:

1. building permits that may be used for residential construction; or,
2. buildable lots that may be developed for residential purposes.

Statutory Authority for Compliance

Program Regulations, HSC §§50829 and 50830.