



## CDBG News

### **Office Hours Schedule Change**

Beginning in February 2025, CDBG will transition to a monthly office hours schedule to enhance responsiveness and address grantee comments. A new Zoom invitation will be distributed.

## Resources Available

### Website and Grant Management Manual

The Grants Management Manual is the final tab on the Community Development Block Grant page on HCD's website which features numerous sections that provide a wealth of information. Updated Chapters, Tools, and Appendices are available here [HCD's Community Development Block Grant page](#) to help CDBG grantees establish, run, and conclude CDBG-compliant projects and activities. To access scroll down to the five dark blue tabs to view all the materials on this page.

## Webinars

In addition to the resources above, HCD has posted several recorded videos to the Department's YouTube channel. Check out these great informational and training videos: [HCD YouTube - CDBG Workshops and Trainings Playlist](#)

For office hours recordings, please see our [CDBG Office Hours Recordings Playlist](#).

## HUD Exchange Resources

HCD recommends that grantees review HUD posted resources:

- Community Planning and Development (CPD) Notice provides guidance for the "Buy America Preference" (BAP) imposed by the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) enacted under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: [Guidance for BABA](#). ***This is a new notice that supersedes the previous.***
- CDBG has a quick reference guide for Build America, Buy America Act, (BABA) when it comes to the Buy America Preference (BAP) requirements: [BABA Quick Guide: CDBG](#)



## HCD CDBG Resources

Please see the new resources HCD has added to its website:

- [Chapter 1 Program Overview](#) – Updated 1/12/2025
  - [Appendix 6-3: CDBG Financial Reporting Form](#)
  - [Appendix 6-8: CDBG Program Income Reporting Form](#)
  - [Appendix 12-1: Combined Closeout Package](#)
  - [Appendix 12-2: Completion Report Form](#)
  - [Completion Report for 20A — State-Planning Only](#)
- **Did you know** - Equipment purchased with CDBG must be used for the project or program for which it was acquired in perpetuity, whether or not the project or program continues to be funded by CDBG

## HCD Office Hours

- If you don't already receive emails from HCD, here are links to get signed up:
- Stay in touch with HCD (scroll all the way to the bottom and click "Federal Programs": [HCD E-mail Listserv Signup](#))
  - Register for Office Hours:  
[2025 CDBG and CDBG-CV Office Hours - Zoom Registration](#)

## Office Hours Q&A Recap – December 11, 2024 Session

**Question:** For the new action plan, can we recommend planning for construction and construction in the same grant, as was done several years ago, or is there something in federal code that prevents this?

**Answer:** We recommend and encourage individuals to provide comments during the Annual Action Plan public participation period. Please be on the lookout for it in March 2025

**Question:** To follow up on previous discussions, are you anticipating a new system for the



next round of CDBG applications?

**Answer:** There are no updates regarding a new system for the next round of CDBG applications. As soon as we have any information, we will announce it during the Office Hours.

**Question:** If an agency has unused CDBG-CV funding, can they still use it? Are any agencies currently reallocating CDBG-CV funds to other activities?

**Answer:** To help us better address your question, please email Michael Phillips at [michael.phillips@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:michael.phillips@hcd.ca.gov) with more details.

**Question:** Will the planning process be the same for the 2025 NOFA?

**Answer:** At this time, we cannot confirm or guarantee that the planning process will be the same for the 2025 NOFA. We encourage you to participate in the review of the Annual Action Plan, which is expected to be released early 2025. This plan will provide general information on what to expect for the 2025 NOFA.

**Question:** Do you have an update on OTC that you can share with us?

**Answer:** We do not have an update at this time. We are currently reviewing the applications and will provide an update as soon as it becomes available.