



New Resources Available

Website and Grant Management Manual

HCD's updated website went live in May of 2022. There is lots of information contained within the many tabs and buttons on [HCD's Community Development Block Grant page](#).

To access all the resources found on this page, scroll down to where you see five dark blue tabs. The open tab is light blue with black text. The closed tabs are dark blue with white text (scroll down to see all information in this tab). Click on each of the tabs to open the relevant information.

The last tab is the **Grants Management Manual**. Here you will find updated Chapters, Tools, and Appendices all designed to assist CDBG grantees in setting up, operating, and closing out CDBG compliant programs and projects.

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 these new HUD posted resources:

- CDBG Matrix Codes: [Matrix Code Definitions](#)
- Section 3 Final Rule trainings, sample forms, and HUD resources on the DR Subrecipient Trainings page found here: [Disaster Grant Administration & Reporting | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#). When you click on the Subrecipient Trainings slide out, please scroll down to the Section 3 header to find all the information.
- HUD Exchange Section 3 Tools found here: [new and revised tools \[HUD Exchange\]](#)
- CDBG Income Survey Guidebook & Toolkit: [CDBG Income Survey Toolkit \[HUD Exchange\]](#)



HCD CDBG Resources

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

- [Chapter 6: Financial Management \(hcd.ca.gov\)](https://hcd.ca.gov)
- [Chapter 10: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements \(hcd.ca.gov\)](https://hcd.ca.gov)
- [Chapter 12: Closeout \(hcd.ca.gov\)](https://hcd.ca.gov)

HCD Office Hours Updates

- 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:
[2024 CDBG and CDBG-CV Office Hours - Zoom Registration](#)
 - Due to added resources (GMM, trainings) FAQ, newsletter, we are moving to every other week Office Hours starting with the September 7, 2022, the next office hours is scheduled for May 15th, 2024.
 - This will not reduce our availability to respond to grantee needs. We strive to be very responsive to emails, phone calls and individual requests for technical assistance.
 - This will allow staff to put together meaningful programming including:
 - Training
 - Guest speakers
 - Requests for stakeholder input
- **CDBG Program Updates**
 - 2023 CDBG NOFA
 - Application closed December 29, 2023 for the Over-the-counter (OTC) waitlisted projects
 - We received 7 applications
 - We conditionally awarded 6 applications



- 2023 CDBG NOFA Amendment #1
 - Application closed March 15, 2024 for new projects when funds were exhausted
 - We received 12 applications
 - Staff notified applicants of status on March 21, 2024

- **2023-2024 Annual Action Plan/NOFA Substantial Amendment**
 - Public Review of the Amendment is available until May 4, 2024
 - [State of California 2020-2024 Federal Consolidated Plan: 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan Second Amendment – Substantial](#)

- **Federal Income and Rent Limits**
 - Income limits have been released and are effective 5/1/24.
 - Income limits are identified by the following brackets:
 - Extremely Low Income – Up to 30% of AMI
 - Low Income – Up to 50% of AMI
 - Moderate Income – Up to 80% of AMI
 - *Grantees must use these new income limits when determining eligibility for CDBG programs.*
 - More information can be found at: [CDBG Income Limits - HUD Exchange](#)
 - HCD will update its website with the State formatted version sometime this month.



Office Hours Q&A Recap – April 17, 2024 Session

Question: For those who submitted for additional CV monies to existing contracts, can you give us a general timeline on when those funds will be available?

Answer: We are estimating around four to six weeks. However, it could be longer depending on whether the requests for additional funds require corrections, clarifications, updates, etc. We are hoping to have ICF back soon to expedite the review and processing of these amendments.

Question: Can you please remind us of the current timeline and dates of the 2024 CDBG NOFA?

Answer: We are planning to release the 2024 CDBG NOFA by the end of July. Following the release of the NOFA, there will be a 30-day review period. After the 30-day review period, applications will open for 60 days.

Question: Has there been a change to how “moderate income” has been defined according to CDBG in recent years? In the past, it was 51-80% of the AMI and now it appears to be up to 120% AMI.

Answer: The 120% AMI may be referring to State programs. Please see the [State and Federal Income, Rent, and Loan/Value Limits \(HCD.ca.gov\)](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/income-limits) for more information on income limits.