



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 June 12th, 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's 50th Anniversary**
 - HUD is seeking photos of completed projects from the 1970s to 1990s
 - If you have photos you'd like to submit, please send to Michael.Phillips@hcd.ca.gov by June 2nd
- **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
 - Conditional award letters were sent May 24, 2024
- **CDBG Income Limits**
 - Income limits have been released and are effective 5/1/24.
 - HCD has released the limits in Department format: [income-limits-cdbg-2024.pdf \(ca.gov\)](#)
 - 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.*



Office Hours Q&A Recap – May 15, 2024 Session

Question: Can multiple jurisdictions co-apply for a single competitive program? Would this apply as 1 competitive app for each of the co-applicants, or would only a 'lead applicant' incur it?

Answer: Jurisdictions may co-apply for CDBG funds, including competitive. The application would count against the lead applicant's application limit. The application would be subject to the maximum funding request of the application type.

Question: I have been asked by management about the closeout of older CDBG grants. We are running out of storage space and are wondering if we need to purchase another sea train to house all of the files. Is there any word on closeouts of older grants?

Answer: Before we can close grants with our Grantees, we will need to close out grants with HUD. HCD is in communication with HUD about closing out older grants. It's also become a priority for HUD. Recently, HUD released a memo detailing a process for bulk closeouts of CDBG grants. We are working with HUD on this new process.

Question: Can you let us know the latest program year that has been closed by HUD or a list of them that haven't been closed?

Answer: It's been a very long time, but we are having continuous conversations with HUD on closing out old grants. The bulk closeout process from HUD will hopefully allow us to close many years of grants at one time.

Question: When will 2024 CDBG income limits be published?

Answer: Please see 2024 CDBG Income Limits on page 3.

Question: Would you please post the text from the slide explaining what types and the number of applications that will be accepted in the upcoming NOFA?



Answer: Application maximums can be found in HCD's 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan
2024 Application Maximums:

1 OTC Project + 1 OTC Program + 1 Competitive **-OR-**

1 OTC Project + 2 Competitive **-OR-**

1 OTC Program + 2 Competitive.

Note: 2 OTC Project, 2 OTC Program, or 3 Competitive applications are **NOT** allowed.

Question: When will you be notifying applicants that submitted applications for the CDBG-CV Allocation of Remaining Funds?

Answer: Grant Administrators will be reaching out via e-mail next week with an update on your request.

Question: Do you have any information on implementation of the changes to CDBG ED programs? Will they be applicable to 2024 grants?

Answer: HUD proposed CDBG rule changes on January 10, 2024 ([89 FR 1746](#)). Many of these rules were proposed to make Economic Development activities easier for grantees. These rules are still in the rulemaking process and are not yet effective.

Question: Are there resources (maybe from funded applications) on how to structure successful code enforcement programs? Trying to understand how to structure a possible application to ensure that it would be competitive and compliant.

Answer: There are code enforcement resources available:

-Chapter 2 of the GMM ([Section 2.5.3 Code Enforcement](#))

-HUD Use of CDBG Funds for Code Enforcement Activities training [slides](#) and [webinar](#)