

Community Development Block Grant Office Hours

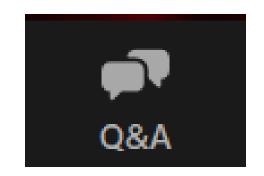
HCD's CDBG Team Wednesday, January 22, 2025





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 after the presentation and will provide answers if possible
 - All questions will be saved and recorded as part of the public record





Office Hours Schedule Change

- In response to grantee feedback and to improve responsiveness, CDBG will change to a monthly office hours schedule beginning in February
- More information will be released, and a new invite is forthcoming



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



What's New



Chapter 1 Program Overview





Grant and PI-funded Awards

- When an award is funded with grant funds and program income (PI), PI will be drawn first per 24 CFR 570.489(e)(3)(i)
- This rule is applied by cost category (Activity and General Administration), PI will not be drawn if a cost category's PI budget is exhausted, even if a PI balance is available for the other cost category
- Grantees are not able to request grant funds be drawn instead
- If you have an award with grant funds and PI, it is recommended to confirm the source of payments for your draws

Questions and Answers: Recap from Prior Office Hours





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 Philips at 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.

Questions and Answers: Please submit your question(s) via Zoom Q+A

