

Community Development Block Grant Office Hours

HCD's CDBG Team

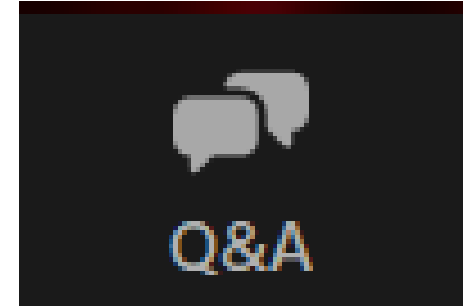
Wednesday, December 11, 2024





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 and 2025 Registration

- As a reminder, the office hours session scheduled on December 25, 2024 will be canceled. This will conclude our office hours series for calendar year 2024.
- If you would like to continue attending office hours, please register for the 2025 webinar series at the link below:
 - [2025 CDBG and CDBG-CV Office Hours - Zoom Registration](#)
 - Registration to the new webinar series is required to attend CDBG office hours.
- The next office hours session will be held on January 8, 2025



Did You Know



Grantees may request to change the due date of Financial Reports as a one-time change or on-going?





Planning Applications

To assist small communities with limited funds:

- **Planning:**
 - Use 20A Matrix Code
 - Feasibility Studies
 - NEPA
 - National Objective
- **Planning Related to Another Activity**
 - Use 20A* Matrix Code
 - Minimum of two funding sources
 - Meet National Objective within 6 years of first drawdown
 - Submit Quarterly Activity Reports until National Objective is met



What's New



GMM Updates

- [Completion Report for 20A — State-Planning Only](#)



Reminder: CDBG-CV Threshold Items

- ICF Grant Administrators (GAs) will continue checking threshold documents (e.g. updated debarments, ERRs, subrecipient agreements, etc.) before approving each financial report
- This review significantly helps with audit preparedness and will streamline the monitoring and closeout of CDBG-CV awards
- You can proactively work with your GAs to address threshold document issues before submitting your next financial report

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





Question: Is there a current CDBG local government advisory committee working with HCD? If so, what jurisdictions are on the committee and how does a jurisdiction apply to be on the committee.

Answer: While we do not have a local advisory committee, during the Consolidated Plan process, HCD reaches out to jurisdictions and local communities to obtain views on needs and priorities for HUD funding. There were activities that occurred this year. Please send your interest to the CDBG inbox and we will forward to staff.



Question: Under the Legislative Information for sub applications being submitted in November or December should the applicant supply the current or the newly elected legislators?

Answer: Please enter the newly elected as legislative letters go to newly elected.



Question: How will HCD verify that we have viewed the recordings of the NOFA webinars? Is it just the honor system?

Answer: Yes, it is the honor system. There is a certification box within the application.



Question: 24 CFR 570.207(b)(1)(iii) states in general that the purchase of equipment, fixtures, motor vehicles, etc. is generally ineligible...however, it can be allowed if necessary for the public service or program or integral to the facility. Would the purchase of a delivery van for a senior meals delivery program be allowed and meet this exception?

Answer: Equipment is eligible if it is integral to the services being provided. With senior meals delivery, delivering the meals to clients is an integral part of the activity. Please make sure that you go through the federal procurement process and track expenditures.



Question: Purchase of equipment would have been for an OTC project though, correct?

Answer: Purchase of equipment that is integral to the provision of a public service still must be under a public service application. The only eligible equipment purchase under OTC is for fire station equipment.



Question: Is the correct email address to send questions: cdbg@hcd.ca.gov

Answer: Yes, it is.



Question: Do you anticipate letting the jurisdictions who applied for OTC know if their application made it in before the funds were exhausted?

Answer: We do not have an ETA. We will keep you posted and updated during our Office Hours.



Question: Will you be providing training on the updates to 200 CFR?

Answer: We are still going through the changes in 2 CFR 200, as it applies to all federal programs. Once we have more information, we will let everyone know during Office Hours



Questions: What is considered "Activity Initiation" under Milestones in the application and in CDBG contracts.

Answers: Activity initiation will be program/project dependent as each award is unique and at a different phase in the process. Examples of activity initiation could be: going to bid, releasing an IFB, or client intake.



Questions: Is there any anticipation of updating income certification guidelines?

Answers: If you can provide more specifics on your question, we can further assist you. We currently have resources on income certification in our GMM.

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*Happy Holidays and
Have a
Wonderful New Year*