



WA State Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

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Community Development Block Grant

- Annual “block” of funds from US Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Began in 1974 by combining 7 grant programs
- Nationally: 70% for city/county urban programs
30% for state rural programs
- HUD directly awards Indian CDBG funds
- WA State CDBG program administered by the state Dept of Commerce
- *Who can apply to the **state** CDBG program?*



Local CDBG (Entitlement) and State CDBG Programs



<p>Non-Entitlement Counties</p> <p>These counties and the cities/towns in these counties, except the 11 cities listed to the far right, are served by the state CDBG program.</p>	<p>Entitlement Counties</p> <p>These 8 counties and the cities/towns in these counties, are not served by the state CDBG program, except Bonney Lake in Pierce County.</p>	<p>Entitlement cities not served by the state CDBG program, but in non-entitlement counties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anacortes • Bellingham • Longview • Mount Vernon • Olympia • Richland, Pasco, Kennewick • Wenatchee, East Wenatchee • Yakima
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CDBG Eligible Activities

1. **Public facilities** (including sewer, water, streets/sidewalks, community facilities)
 - Design, construction, acquisition
2. **Economic development** - direct job creation
 - Business assistance, infrastructure, training
3. **Affordable housing**
 - Rehabilitation, side services, acquisition and infrastructure in support of new housing



CDBG Eligible Activities (cont.)

4. **Planning**
5. **Public Services**



Ineligible Activities

- Government admin buildings
- Operations and maintenance
- New housing construction



CDBG National Objectives

KEY !

1. **Benefit low- and moderate-income persons**
 - LMI = up to 80% of area median income
 - Ex. \$45,900 four person family in Grant Co.
 - 70% of program’s activities to benefit LMI
2. **Prevent or eliminate slum/blight**
3. **Meet urgent need/immediate threat to public health & safety**



Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI)

LMI Area Benefit

Activity benefits all households within the local government or service area

At least 51% of persons meet LMI criteria

- HUD's LMI Census/ACS Data, or
- Income Survey meeting CDBG standards

Still using HUD's 2000 Census LMI data; new LMI data available in...?



Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI)

LMI Direct Benefit

Activity targets LMI persons

- Income qualified services, housing or jobs
- HUD Special Group
abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons, homeless, illiterate persons, migrant farmworkers, persons living with AIDS, severely disabled adults



WA State CDBG Program

Program Year = July - June

- 2013 - \$11.6 million
- 2014 - \$11 million (*est*)

Sub-funds:

- General Purpose Grants	\$ 9 million
- Planning-Only Grants	\$ 400,000
- Imminent Threat Grants	\$ 100,000
- Housing Enhancement Grants	\$ 200,000
- Public Services Grants	\$ 1.5 million



WA St CDBG General Purpose Grants

Timeline

2013 – All funds awarded

2014 – *new* funding cycle

- Application materials and workshops
- April 22nd Olympia, April 24th Moses Lake
- Registration open CDBG website in March
- Due date – June 2014
- Awards announced – September 2014



WA St CDBG General Purpose Grants

Max grant

Proposed for 2014

Construction or acquisition projects

- \$1 million (IF no General Purpose Grant in past 5 years or Affordability Index would still be 2.0 with CDBG)
- \$750,000

Local assistance programs

- \$500,000 - housing rehabilitation
- \$250,000 - microenterprise assistance



WA St CDBG General Purpose Grants

What are my chances?

- 2011: 18 grants / 43 applications (41%)
- 2012: 15 grants / 36 applications (41%)
- 2013: 14 grants/ 34 applications (41%)

Depends on:

- Federal award to state; total available
- Size of grant requests and how others rate compared to your application
- Very competitive - rated on need, capacity, readiness, results



WA St CDBG Planning-Only Grants Timeline

2013 – funds still available (*through March?*)
 2014 – *new* funding cycle

- September – Application handbook available
- October – Will begin accepting applications

Max grant

- \$24,000
- \$35,000 (if addresses public health/safety and financial need)

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Is Federal Grant Money Free?

Federal Requirements

- Environmental Review (SEPA/NEPA)
- Procurement requirements (MWBE, Section 3)
- Davis-Bacon Labor Standards
- Civil Rights compliance (Fair Housing, ADA)
- Acquisition & Relocation (seller/tenant rights)
- Audit
- Subrecipient monitoring



Federal Budget Concerns

Funding cuts & delays

- 2012 - 13.8% less
- 2013 - 4% less
- 2014 - ??

- Sequestration impact
- Budget delays
- May 2014 - *hope* to know allocation for state
- July 2014 - *hope* to receive funds



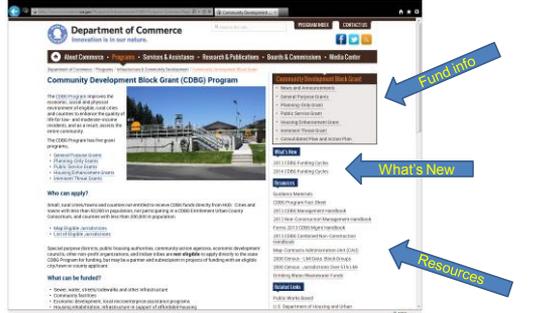

Community Development Block Grant

Recommended Next Steps

- Determine project fit with CDBG:
 - Would project benefit LMI persons? (affordable rates, public health, job creation)
 - Is project prioritized by local plans & regulatory agency?
- Research and apply to funding (loan) partners
- Estimate need using CDBG Utility Rate Analysis
- Visit website for CDBG news and documents
- Attend CDBG workshop in April



Website - www.commerce.wa.gov/cdbg




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