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2023 CDBG Capital Improvement Application WEBINAR

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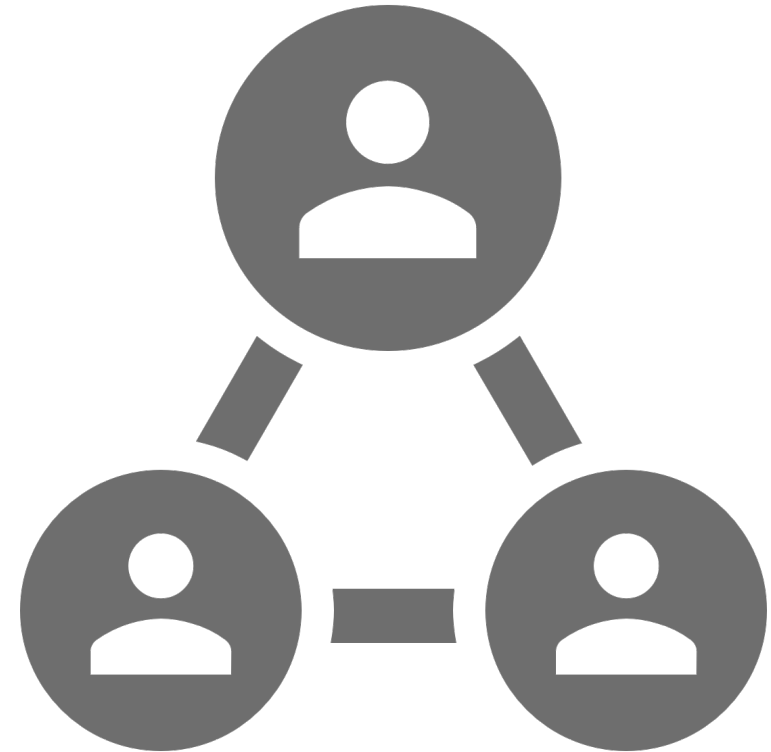
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Nature of the CDBG Program

COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, IN
COLLABORATION WITH HUD, AWARD GRANTS TO CARRY OUT
A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
DIRECTED TOWARD REVITALIZING NEIGHBORHOODS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND PROVIDING IMPROVED
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES.



National Objectives

Primary Objective:

- Benefit to Low- and Moderate-Income Persons (*Must expend 70% of CDBG funds to LMI persons.*)
 - 1) Low-Mod Area Benefit Activities (LMA)
 - 2) Low-Mod Limited Clientele Activities (LMC)
 - 3) Low-Mod Housing Activities
 - 4) Low-Mod Income (Job Creation or Retention Activities)

Secondary Objective:

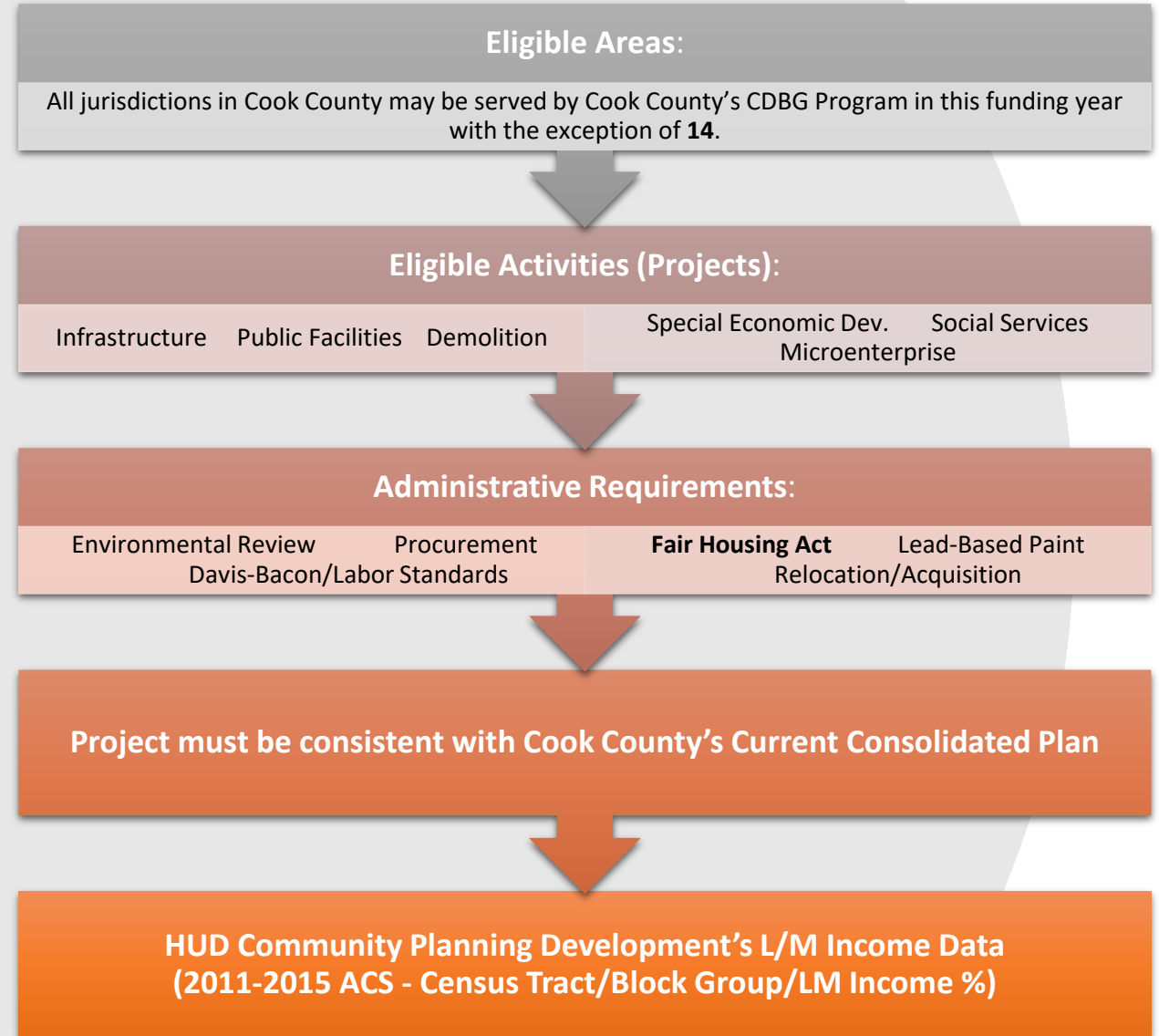
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
 - 1) Prevent or eliminate slum and blight on an **Area Basis**
 - 2) Eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay on a **Spot Basis**
 - 3) Be in an Urban Renew Area

Third Objective:

- Meet a need having a particular urgency (Demolition Projects)
 - 1) Urgent need activities must pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community
 - 2) Existing conditions are recently urgent (within the past 18 months)
 - 3) Grantee is unable to finance the activity and other sources of funding are not available



Program Requirements:



Threshold Requirements

(Capital Improvement Projects Only):

Capital Improvement Projects (Area Benefits):

- Area Benefit Threshold Exception: “No Longer Available”
- Area Benefit Threshold: 51% for infrastructure, water, sewer, or flood control projects

Capital Improvement Projects (Cap):

- Municipal Funding Request Cap \$400,000.00 (Infrastructure)
- Non-Profit Funding Request Cap \$200,000.00 (Public Facilities)

Maximum Number of Projects (1)



Capital Improvement Project Priorities:

Infrastructure

Public facilities

Economic Development

Demolition



Prioritize multi-jurisdictional funding requests



Coordinate multiple infrastructure improvement into single projects

Continue to support capital improvements for public facilities



Target infrastructure projects and programs that will promote economic development efforts



Prioritize projects and programs that help to address the job-housing disconnect, particularly within the south suburbs



Coordinate closely with other infrastructure resources



Eligible Activities (Projects)

CDBG Funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- Infrastructure, ADA Compliance renovations of public facilities and capital improvements;
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures;
- Relocation and demolition;
- Provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities;
- Acquisition of real property;
- Public services; and
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources.



Capital Improvement Eligible Project types:

Infrastructure:

- Street/Alley Resurfacing
- Water Main Value/Sewer Line Replacement
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements
- Transit Accessibility

Public Facility:

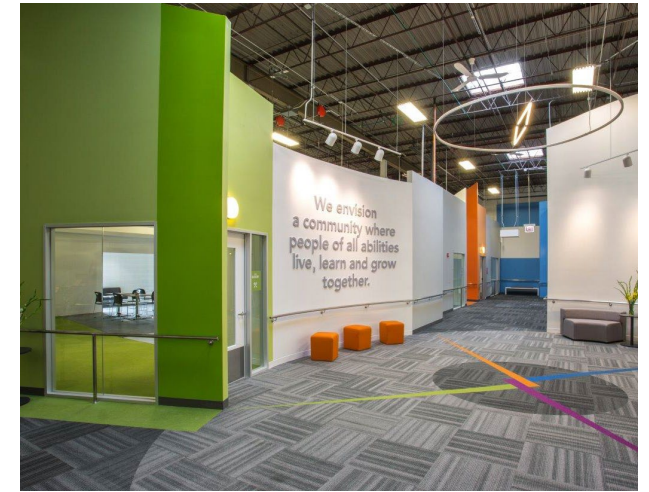
- Recreational Facilities
- Public Parks – ADA Compliance (Playgrounds)
- Energy Efficiency Improvements
- Disabled Accessibility Improvements

Economic Development:

- Special ED/Social Service
- Microenterprise

Demolition:

- Residential Structures/Vacant Buildings
- Debris/Asbestos Removal



Non-Eligible Activities (Projects)

The following may not be assisted w/CDBG funds:

- Buildings or portions thereof, used for the general conduct of government
- General government expenses
- Political

The following generally may not be assisted w/CDBG funds:

- Purchase of equipment
- New housing construction
- Operating/maintenance expenses
- Income payments



Economic Development Criteria:

Microenterprise Development (Workforce Development):

- General Support to owners and persons developing microenterprises
- Financial Support
- Technical Assistance

**Special Economic Development

- Acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, or install commercial or industrial buildings
- Other eligible real property improvements

***The above capital-oriented SED activities will be restricted to projects undertaken and controlled by public or nonprofit entities.*

***Provide ED services with other eligible CDBG activities restricted to services provided by nonprofit entities.*

***Must create/retain one FTE permanent job per \$35K of CDBG Funds*

Social Services and Capacity Building Assistance

This activity is targeted to increase the capacity for entities to carry out eligible neighborhood revitalization or ED activities.



Demolition Criteria:

Slum Blight Spot Basis

- Eliminate specific conditions of blight
- Physical decay on a spot basis
- Demolition of dilapidated properties

Urgent Need

- Designed only for activities that alleviate emergency conditions
- Demolition structures that are severely damaged by a major disaster
- Existing conditions must pose a serious and immediate threat (*health or welfare*)
- Existing conditions are of recent origin (*within 18 months*)



Application Evaluation

(Review Application Checklist, -15 points for each missing required document.)



2023 CDBG Application Highlights

- CDBG Applications must be submitted utilizing the online submission page. **(No emails or paper copies will be accepted.)**
- Municipalities may apply for one CDBG Capital Improvement, Economic Development or Demolition project.
- Non-profits may apply for one CDBG Capital Improvement project and one CDBG Public Service/Planning project. Otherwise, there is a limit of one funding application per agency.
- Consistency with the current Cook County Consolidated Plan (*Moving to Implementation*) and **Policy Roadmap**, including a focus on racial equity
- **Municipal Fair Housing survey** must be completed by the application due date; penalty (10 points)
- Increased focus on **Section 3 – New Rule** and MBE/WBE performance (see Capacity criterion) and requirements (specific guidelines will be noted during the procurement process)
- A geographic focus on the southern suburbs for the 2023 application cycle and emphasis on connections to the **South Suburban Economic Growth Initiative** (SSEGI)
<https://www.cookcountyl.gov/content/south-suburban-economic-growth-initiative-ssegi>
- Emphasis on regional collaboration, consistency with the **ON TO 2050 comprehensive regional plan**, and project implementation within the context of a broader municipal or organizational strategic plan or vision
- Applications due by **5:00pm Central on March 17, 2023**



Program Funding Cycle/Timeline



CDBG Program Year
(October 1, 2023 –
September 30, 2024)



Applications Available
Online – January 18, 2023



Webinar
February 1, 2023



All Application Due
March 17, 2023 (5:00pm)



Application Review Period
(March – May 2023)



EDAC Public Hearing/Approval
of Capital Improvement Projects
(June 2023)

Cook County Board
Review/Approval
(July 2023)



Issuance of Subrecipient
Grant Awards
(August 2023)





Application Review

(SEE ONLINE APPLICATION)

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/2023-cdbg-capital-improvement-grant-application>

[COOK COUNTY \(cookcountyil.gov\)](https://www.cookcountyil.gov)

Things to Remember:

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- Project must meet a National Objective and the project selected activity must be eligible. Also, the Area Benefit Threshold must be a minimal of 51% for all capital improvement projects
- The project must be Consistent w/Planning for Progress – Cook County’s Consolidated Plan, *Moving to Implementation*
- **Municipal** Fair Housing survey must be completed by the application due date; penalty (10 points)
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/municipalfairhousingsurvey>
- Double check all Census Tract/Block Group/LM Income Percentage. Please use the following Low- and Moderate-Income Area Data (2011-2015 ACS) website link:
<https://hud.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ffd0597e8af24f88b501b7e7f326bedd>
- All required documents must be submitted per “**Application Checklist**”
- Application must be submitted online ONLY – Deadline “**MARCH 17, 2023**”
- BOARD APPROVALS NEEDED ARE REQUIRED BEFORE SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS.



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Questions?





THANK YOU!
Good luck on your 2023 CDBG
Capital Improvement Application!

