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# Community Development Block Grant


IACC Conference - Wenatchee

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## We strengthen communities


The Department of Commerce touches every aspect of community and economic development. We work with local governments, businesses and civic leaders to strengthen communities so all residents may thrive and prosper.




Planning




Infrastructure




Community Facilities



Housing



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## Community Development Block Grant

- National CDBG distribution
- Entitlement status based on population
- WA State CDBG administered by Commerce

Rural: states/territories

Tribes

Urban: Entitlement cities/counties

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## Local CDBG & State CDBG Programs

Non-Entitlement Counties

These counties and the cities/towns in these counties except the 11 listed to the far right, are served by the state CDBG program.

Entitlement Counties

These 7 counties and the cities/towns in these counties are not served by the state CDBG program except Bonney Lake in Pierce County.

Entitlement cities not served by the state CDBG program, but in non-entitlement counties:

- Anacortes
- Bellingham
- Longview
- Mount Vernon

- Richland, Pasco, Kennewick
- Wenatchee, East Wenatchee
- Walla Walla
- Yakima

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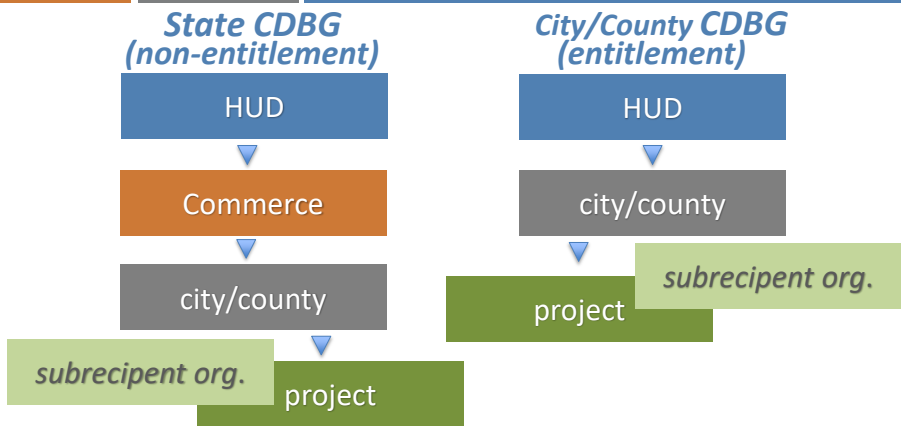
Each CDBG program has own application process

Each local CDBG program and CDBG state program designed to meet local needs:

Each will:

- 1. Assess needs and determine priorities
- 2. Submit a 5-yr Plan and annual Action Plans to HUD
- 3. Select projects for their CDBG funding

CDBG Fund Flow



## CDBG Eligible Activities

### Planning, acquisition, design and construction

1. Public infrastructure
2. Public or nonprofit facilities
3. Housing rehabilitation including side services
4. In support of some affordable housing and job creation projects

### Public services



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## CDBG Ineligible Activities

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



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## CDBG Purpose = Benefit LMI Persons

LMI = low- and moderate-income

- up to 80% of area median income
- Ex. \$47,500 four person family in Grant Co.

How to document LMI benefit

depends on type of project!

1. Area benefit
2. Direct benefit



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## 1. Project Will Benefit Everyone in an Area

Define the benefit area

- City/town or district boundaries
- System or facility service area

**At least 51% of area population must be LMI**



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## Area LMI Data Resources

### HUD LMI % Calculations

- Online, interactive HUD CDBG LMI Map
- List on Commerce CDBG webpage

### Income Survey

- IACC Survey (for multiple funders)
- CDBG Survey



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## 2. Project Directed to LMI persons

### Direct assistance programs (all persons LMI)

Ex. local housing rehabilitation program,  
regional microenterprise assistance program

- Person applies for assistance and income qualifies
- Documentation = tax records, pay stubs, etc.

### Limited Clientele projects (over half persons LMI)

Facility/service's purpose to benefit LMI persons

1. Has user income data, or
2. HUD Presume LMI Group  
Ex. elderly persons = senior center, homeless shelter



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## 2 Other CDBG Objectives

Used under limited circumstances:

- Prevent or eliminate slum/blight
- Address immediate threat to public health & safety

Doesn't require benefit to LMI



## WA St CDBG General Purpose Grants

<b>March</b>	Application workshops
<b>June</b>	Due date
<b>September</b>	Awards

**\$750,000** Construction or acquisition  
**\$500,000** Housing rehabilitation  
**\$250,000** Microenterprise assistance  
**\$24,000** Planning

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## Federal Grant Requirements

- Environmental Review (SEPA/NEPA)
- Procurement requirements
- Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage
- Civil Rights compliance
- Acquisition & Relocation (seller/tenant rights)
- Audit
- Subrecipient monitoring



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## CDBG - Recommended Next Steps

1. Determine project fit with CDBG
  - Eligible activity, benefit to LMI, high need
2. Develop project budget
3. Est grant need using Rate Affordability Review
4. Research and apply to funding (loan) partners
5. Visit website for CDBG news and documents
6. Attend CDBG workshop in March



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## Federal Budget Decreases and Delays

### 2018 \$12 million to state CDBG

- 9% more than 2017
- 25% less than 2010

### 2019 \$?

- Range from \$0 to \$12 million

**April** - hope Congress approves allocation

**August** – hope 2019 funds available



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## How to find info for each CDBG programs

### Local CDBG programs:

- Search CDBG on city or county website

### WA State CDBG program:

- [www.commerce.wa.gov/cdbg](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/cdbg)

### Tribal CDBG program:

- HUD Northwest Office of Native American Programs



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Community Development Block Grants



The CDBG program improves the economic, social and physical environment of eligible, rural cities and counties to enhance the quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents, thereby strengthening the entire community. The CDBG program offers General Purpose and Specialty grants.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

- Small, rural cities/towns and counties that are not entitled to receive CDBG funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) can apply for a state CDBG grant.
- Cities and towns with populations less than 10,000, not participating in a CDBG Entitlement Urban County Consortium, and counties with populations less than 200,000.

PROGRAM LINKS

- CDBG General Purpose Grants
- CDBG Specialty Grants
- 2015-19 Consolidated Plan and 2016 Action Plan

RESOURCES

- Guidance Materials (PDF)
- CDBG Fact Sheet (PDF)
- Management Handbook & Forms - Construction
- Management Handbook & Forms - Non Construction
- HUD LM data for non-entitlement communities (PDF)
- 2016 CDBG Funding cycles (PDF)
- Drinking water and wastewater funding summary (PDF)
- Public Works Report
- Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC)
- National Research Services Center of Washington
- 20M-System for Award Management
- US Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)


Fund info

Resources

NEED HELP?

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