CDBG FAQ's
November 2026

Q1: What is CDBG?

A: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons.

Q2: What are the eligibility requirements to apply?

A: CDBG funded activities must meet at least 1 of 3 HUD's National Objectives**:**

- Benefit low-and moderate- income (LMI) persons; or
- Aid in prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
- Meet a need having a particular urgency (referred to as urgent need)

Q3: Is there a limit on how much an applicant can apply for?

A: There is not a limit, however applicants should keep in mind the funding cap thresholds established by HUD. HUD funding thresholds are as follows:

- Administration; 20 percent maximum of annual allocated funding
- Public Services; 15 percent maximum of annual allocated funding
- Capital Projects/Public Improvements; no minimum or maximum thresholds of the available funding

Q4: What is HUD's definition of Administration, Public Services and Capital Projects/ Public Improvements?

A:

- Administration: HUD defines administration as the costs associated with overall program management, oversight, coordination, reporting, and evaluation, which includes staff salaries, administrative services, and general office expenses like rent and supplies
- Public Services: HUD defines public services as a wide range of activities aimed at helping low-and moderate-income residents, such as job training, and services for the elderly, disabled or at-risk youth.

- Capital Projects/ Public Improvements: HUD defines capital projects/ public improvements as major, long-term projects to create new public housing or significantly improve existing facilities and infrastructure, including structural changes, renovations, and upgrades to building systems that enhance value or extend useful life.

Q5: What types of projects/activities are eligible?

A:

Examples of CDBG eligible activities:

- Childcare
- Health services
- Job training
- Recreation programs
- Education programs
- Public safety services
- Fair housing activities
- Services for senior citizens
- Homeless services
- Drug abuse counseling and treatment

Examples of CDBG ineligible activities:

- Political activities
- Acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government
- Ongoing grants or non-emergency payments
- (more than three consecutive months) to individuals for their food, clothing, rent, utilities, or other income payments
- Using CDBG to supplant state or local funding.

Q6: How do I apply for CDBG?

A: Agencies who wish to apply for funds can do so by submitting an application via email at grantsinfo@madera.gov.

Q7: What is the deadline to apply for CDBG?

A: All applications must be submitted by January 29, 2027, by 5:00pm**.**

Additional Resources:

CDBG regulations can be found at the following websites:

- For Entitlements, States, and insular areas:

  https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment

- For the Consolidated Plan:

  https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/conplan

CDBG resources can be found at the following websites:

- Explore CDBG:
  https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/cdbg-ta-products/#all-products
- Public Services Video:
  https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/public-services/
- Public Facilities Video:
  https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/public-facilities-and-improvements/
- Basically CDBG for Entitlements:

  https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/

- The Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities:

  https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/89/community-development-block-grant-program-cdbg-guide-to-national-objectives-and-eligible-activities-for-entitlement-communities/

Examples of Previously Funded Activities:

Previously Funded Public Service Activities	***Award Amount***
Pequeños Empresarios Inc. - *Child Entrepreneurship and Education Program*	$10,000
Madera Coalition for Community Justice *Madera Rental Assistance Project*	$34,000
OLIVE Charitable Organization *Bennet House*	$35,400
Madera Rescue Mission- Homeless Services Program *Homeless Prevention and Services*	$32,500
City of Madera, Parks & Community Services – Madera Senior Nutrition & Recreation Programs *Senior Wellness, Meals, and Recreation*	$21,401

Previously Funded Capital/Public Improvements	***Funded Amount***
Habitat for Humanity; *Home Rehabilitation Program*	$215,000
City; Public Works Department *Beautification Project*	$25,000
City; Parks Department *McNally Park Project*	$609,307
City; Parks Department *Centennial Park Pool*	$215,000