

CDBG Office Hours

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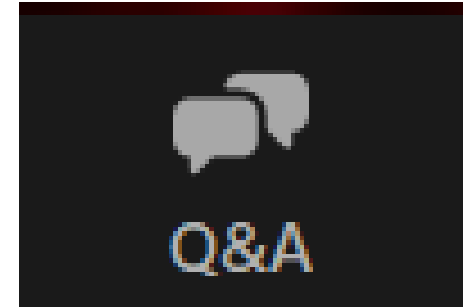
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How to ask a question

- 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 out loud throughout the presentation and will provide answers if possible
 - All questions will be saved and recorded as part of the public record





CDBG Program Updates

2022 CDBG NOFA

- 42 Recommended for Award
- 2 Routing
- 40 Approved

2023 CDBG NOFA

- 2023 NOFA drop date: September 29, 2023 – OTC Waitlist Only (approx. \$19M)
- **Application Opened October 30, 2023**
- **Application Closes December 29, 2023**



CDBG Program Updates cont'd

Upon review of the posted application questions, it was noticed that a question under 'Bid Ready Plans and Specs' was missing. Please be advised, in addition to the posted questions, Applicants must also upload a certification from the Jurisdiction that bid docs are ready.

- **Bid Ready Plans and Specs**

Do you have bid ready plans and specs? *

- Upload plans and specs
- Upload cost estimate
- Upload timeline
- Upload letter from engineer/architect certifying bid ready plans and specs
- Upload Certification from the Jurisdiction that bid docs are ready

*****2023/2024 Resolution had a minor change and has been updated and added to the files tab as of 10/31/23



CDBG-CV Unclaimed Funds



Announcement

- CDBG-CV unclaimed funds are now available for **Existing CDBG-CV Grantees** that have **construction** projects that experienced unanticipated cost increases.
- A memorandum will follow by the end of this week with qualifications, priorities, and instructions for making an additional funding request.



Listening Session Unanswered Questions (1/3)

Question

These are more comments than questions: I would ask that applicants be allowed to apply for two OTC apps as long as they do not go over 3.25 mil total – for instance, a Housing Program and ED Program for up to 1.5 mil so many types of projects and programs have been moved to the OTC umbrella this year, it feels very limiting.

Answer

Thank you for the feedback but we won't be allowing more than one OTC applications. We want to allow as many jurisdictions to come in as possible. Applicants will need to prioritize.

From: 2024 NOFA Listening Session



Listening Session Unanswered Questions (2/3)

Question

Pre-development use of CDBG and then not using CDBG funding to complete the project is an issue for very small rural jurisdictions that do not have other options for infrastructure/public facilities projects. So please take this into consideration in the future for being considered for awarding OTC infrastructure/public facilities projects.

Answer

Thank you for the feedback.

From: 2024 NOFA Listening Session



Listening Session Unanswered Questions (3/3)

Question

For a single OTC application, could it include an Infrastructure component along with multiple Housing Assistance components? Or, would we have to select one for the application - Infrastructure OR Housing Assistance?

Answer

An applicant would have to choose one OTC application to submit, in this case either an infrastructure project or a housing program.

From: 2024 NOFA Listening Session



Listening Session Recap (1/2)

Question

Can you please clarify - if we apply under the competitive solicitation for Public Services - as proposed we can only apply for 1 Public Service for up to \$250k?

Answer

An applicant can apply for up to two applications total. This may include one OTC and one competitive or two competitive. The two competitive can include two public services applications, two planning applications, OR a public service and a planning application.

From: 2024 NOFA Listening Session



Listening Session Recap (2/2)

Question

Are you going to post the unanswered questions from the Listening Session in the here?

Answer

We are working on getting responses to those remaining questions and will have them ready before the next office hours webinar.

From: Office Hours 11/1/23

Questions and Answers: Recap from Prior Office Hours





2024 NOFA

Question

We have a jurisdiction has asked us to consider their project for the 2024 NOFA. They need help for funding for a planning project for a fire hydrant planning project (they are LMI/LMA eligible). I was wondering about eligibility for the 2024 NOFA. (FYI they don't have fire hydrants and they need a system to rebuild in their downtown)

Answer

For the 2024 NOFA we will have a competitive application for public and planning services. The funding amounts are anticipated to be \$250,000 per award. For planning, it can be a feasibility study or predevelopment cost type of planning. If you reach out to your HCD representative, we can set up a meeting to do a brainstorming session, get more details about the need of that community, and what the community wants to implement.

From: Office Hours 11/1/23



Program Income Set Aside for 2024

Question

We have PI we are committing to a project in 2024 but will be submitting a 2023 application. The PI is available now, are we ok to move forward with the 2023 and still setting aside the PI for the 2024?

Answer

We just ask that you have a plan for the program income. It looks like you have a plan and have every intention of adding it to a future application in 2024. That is satisfactory.

From: Office Hours 11/1/23

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