

Louisiana Community Development Block Grant



Make A Difference
2024-2025 Program Cycle

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

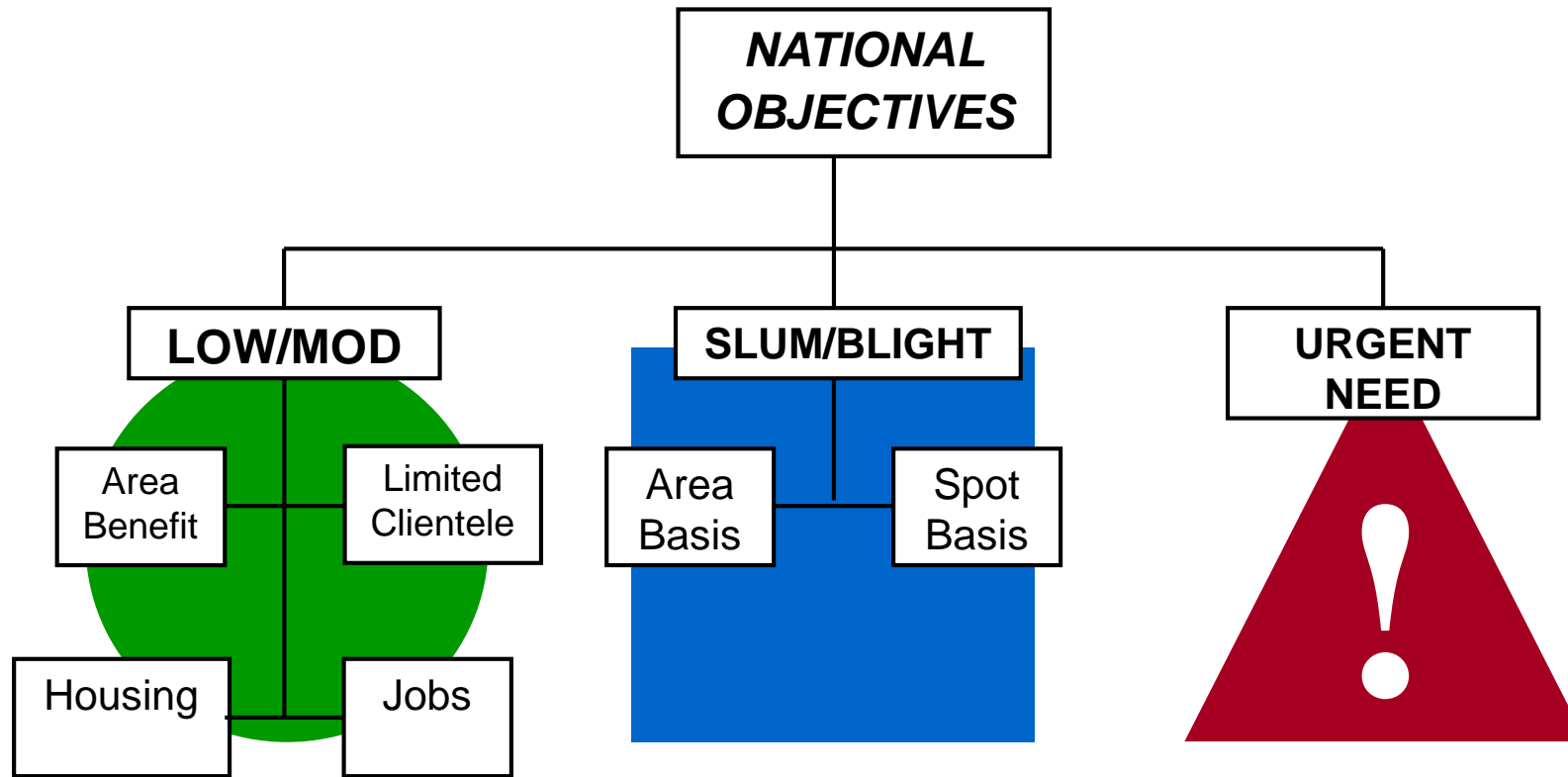
CDBG- Make A Difference

Eligible applicants may submit an application including any eligible CDBG activity defined as eligible under Section 105(a) of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended that meets a national objective in an effort to have a measureable impact on the community.

CDBG- Make A Difference

Remember that all funds expended must meet a national objective and be spent on an eligible activity.

STATE PROGRAM NATIONAL OBJECTIVES



Categories of CDBG Eligible Activities

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2179/guide-national-objectives-eligible-activities-state-cdbg-programs/>

Acquisition of Real Property

Public Facilities and Improvements and Privately-Owned Utilities

Code Enforcement

Clearance, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, and Construction of Buildings (including Housing)

Architectural Barrier Removal

Loss of Rental Income

Disposition of Real Property

Public Services

Payment of the Non -Federal Share

Relocation

Planning and Capacity Building

Program Administrative Costs

Activities Carried Out through Nonprofit Development Organizations

Economic Development Assistance to For-Profit Business

Microenterprise Assistance

Homeownership Assistance

Lead-based Paint Hazard Evaluation and Reduction

In-Rem Housing

Construction of Tornado-safe Shelters

CDBG- Make A Difference – Timeline FY 2024 Program

Letters of Intent – Due in OCD-LGA by November 13, 2023.

Invitations to Apply – Anticipated to be issued by January 10, 2024.

Application Workshops- Anticipated to be scheduled January 22-24, 2024

Applications Due Date – May 20, 2024

CDBG- Make A Difference – Timeline FY 2025 Program

Letters of Intent – Due in OCD-LGA by July 15, 2024.

Invitations to Apply – Anticipated to be issued by August 5, 2024.

Application Workshops- Anticipated to be scheduled August 19-22, 2024

Applications Due Date – December 16, 2024

CDBG- Make A Difference

Projects that include engineering/architectural services should consult the Engineering Fee Schedules and Policies document on the OCD-LGA website.

Pre-agreement costs are not eligible.

Administrative costs will be allowed up to \$100,000, depending on grant amount and type of projects involved.

Remember, if CDBG funds will be used to pay for professional services, federal procurement requirements apply.

CDBG- Make A Difference Grant Amounts

Minimum grant request of \$500,000, including administrative costs

Maximum grant request of \$2,000,000, including administrative costs

CDBG- Make A Difference Funding Caps

No more than 15% of the total amount requested can be spent on the following activities:

- Public services
- Planning and administrative costs, excluding funds for grant administration
- Clearance/Demolition

CDBG- Make A Difference Threshold Requirements

In order to be meet threshold determination

- CDBG Program grants made prior to FY 2023 must be conditionally closed out (CDBG-CV awards will not be considered in making this determination for FY 2024 or FY 2025 PF Program).
- Audit and monitoring findings made by the State or HUD have been cleared.
- All required reports, documents, and/or requested data have been submitted within timeframes established by the State.
- Any funds due to HUD or the State have been repaid or a satisfactory arrangement for repayment of the debt has been made and payments are current.
- Applicant is not on OCD-LGA sanction list.

CDBG- Make A Difference Rating Criteria

Citizen Participation Efforts – 15 points

What actions did you take to achieve citizen participation and to encourage low/moderate income persons to provide input?

Publications

Social Media

Website

Surveys

Community/Focus Groups

Public Hearings

CDBG- Make A Difference Rating Criteria

Community Support – 15 points

Is there broad-based community support for the application? Are residents involved in the planning and, if funded, committed to the implementation?

Letters

Social Media

Website

Minutes from Meetings

News articles

Petitions

CDBG- Make A Difference Rating Criteria

Low to Moderate Income – 15 points

- 51.00% to 61.00% - 5 points
- 61.01% to 75.00% - 15 points
- 75.01% to 90.00% - 20 points
- 90.01% to 100.00% - 25 points

Low/mod % will be determined by dividing the number of low/mod persons benefiting from all activities meeting a low/mod benefit national objective by the total population benefiting from all activities meeting a low/mod benefit national objective.

CDBG- Make A Difference Rating Criteria

Measurable Impact to Community – 15 points

What will be the results of the completion of your project(s)? How will you measure that?

Houses rehabilitated

Demolitions completed

Area benefit

Jobs created/retained

Training completed

Services provided

CDBG- Make A Difference Application Process – FY 2024

Letter of Intent must be submitted to OCD-LGA by November 13, 2023 including the following:

- Description of the project(s).
- Paragraph addressing each rating criteria.
- Citizen participation documentation attachment.

CDBG- Make A Difference Application Process

OCD-LGA will review letters of intent and issue invitations to apply based on the following:

- Activities included
- Capacity
- Sustainability
- Citizen participation requirements
- Fund availability
- Threshold Determination

CDBG- Make A Difference Application Process – FY 2024

Application workshops are anticipated to be held
in January, 2024.

Full applications must be received in OCD-LGA by
May 20, 2024

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