COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Application Guidelines

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CHAPTER 1

Introduction

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Introduction

The Nebraska Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has the primary objective to strengthen and grow Nebraska communities through community betterment programs and services in order to provide a stable platform for community and economic development. The Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) administers this CDBG program.

The Department’s role in CDBG project activities is to provide funding to communities for community development, housing, and economic development projects in order to leverage and utilize additional federal, state, and private resources within a community, providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities.

Activities that may use CDBG resources, including but not limited to the following:

- Library facilities;
- Business assistance;
- Sidewalk improvements;
- Water and sewer facilities;
- Community/Senior Centers;
- Infrastructure improvements;
- Owner-occupied rehabilitation;
- Downtown building façade improvements;
- Compliance with Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility standards;
- Strategic and comprehensive planning efforts; and many other CDBG-eligible activities.

In order to apply for CDBG resources it is important for applicants to review the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the current Annual Action Plan, and the Application Guidelines for specific CDBG categories.

- Application Guidelines: http://opportunity.nebraska.gov/CDBG

These Application Guidelines provide applicants with the necessary information in order to apply for CDBG resources. Each chapter details information for each category, including Section A. Overview; Section B. Application Forms and Instructions; and Section C. Application Guidelines. The three sections combined encompass the “Application Guidelines” for each specific category.

The following chapters provide specific information regarding the following CDBG categories:

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Economic Development
- Chapter 3: Downtown Revitalization
- Chapter 4: Public Works
- Chapter 5: Water/Wastewater
- Chapter 6: Planning
- Chapter 7: Owner Occupied Rehabilitation
- Chapter 8: Tourism Development
- Chapter 9: Exhibits
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