

STATE OF NEBRASKA
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
State CDBG Program Overview

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Disclaimer & Additional Information

- This document is supplemental to the state's Consolidated Plan; Action Plan, as amended; current Application Guidelines; and CDBG Administration Manual.
- Readers can find this slide deck and other program materials, including the current Application Guidelines and CDBG Manual on DED's [CDBG main page](#).
- This is intended to be an overview document and does not include all steps or requirements under the Nebraska CDBG Program.
- DED reports CDBG accomplishments in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) annually, see DED's [Reports webpage](#).

NOTE: HUD also makes grants available to Nebraska's Entitlement Communities; this includes the cities of Omaha, Lincoln, Bellevue, and Grand Island. For more information, refer to the HUD CDBG Entitlement Program website.

Overview & Authority

- This is a federal program.
- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) includes the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD).
- Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCDA); Public Law 93-383, as amended; and 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq. authorize HUD to make grants under the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** program.
- The primary objective of HCDA is the development of *viable communities*.

Overview & Authority, con't.

- HUD CPD provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop *viable communities* by providing, *principally persons of low- and moderate-income*:
 - Decent housing,
 - A suitable living environment, and
 - Expanded economic opportunities
- State CDBG Programs make funding available to units of local government (UGLGs).
- UGLGs are responsible for:
 - Prioritizing the types of eligible activities they apply for,
 - Local citizen participation,
 - Carrying out funded activities, and
 - Complying with federal and state requirements.

Overview & Authority, con't.

- DED administers Nebraska's State CDBG Program, adhering to the applicable federal and state requirements, and HUD guidance.
- DED works directly with the HUD through their Omaha CPD Field Office.
- Under the State CDBG Program, Nebraska is the "Grantee" and is responsible for:
 - Developing the Consolidated Plan;
 - Designing the CDBG Program within statutory and regulatory parameters;
 - Setting priorities and identifying activities to meet them;
 - Distributing funding according to the method of distribution (MOD);
 - Establishing financial management, recordkeeping, reporting, monitoring, audit, and closeout procedures for programs; and
 - Ensuring compliance by those carrying out funded activities.

Introduction to CDBG Funding

HUD Office of Community and Planning, with limited exceptions, administers the State CDBG Program and CDBG Entitlement Program through its Field Offices.



Congress appropriates funding using their funding **formula** for CDBG



HUD awards allocations of funding to CPD Formula Grantees



Grantee submits Consolidated Plan and/or Action Plan to HUD for approval

Grantee implements approved Action Plan



Introduction, con't.

As the HUD Grantee, DED is responsible for deploying investments of CDBG funding via its Method of Distribution.



Grantee
(State) creates
program
materials and
trainings, and
its markets
programs



State opens
Applications
for Funding
Opportunities



State enters
agreements
for funded
activities with
units of local
government



State, HUD, et
al. monitor
programs for
compliance
and audit
purposes

From time to time, as Grantee, DED may submit Action Plan Amendments to respond to evolving needs and/or priorities under the CDBG program.



Program Schedule, Key Dates

This schedule represents a year when Nebraska's Consolidated Plan is due to HUD for approval. It also assumes there are no delays at the federal level. Depending on date of appropriation from Congress, this timing may be delayed at the federal level. Grantees cannot submit their Action Plans to for HUD approval without the formula allocations.

- **Five-Year Consolidated Plan to HUD:** 45 days before start of program year
- **Annual Action Plan to HUD:** 45 days before start of program year
- **Start of Program Year:** July 1
- **CAPER to HUD:** 90 days after end of program year

Timing & Method of Distribution

- **Annual Action Plan 30-day Public Comment:** April/May
 - Public participation process
 - Method of Distribution
 - Program goals and objectives
- **CDBG Application Guidelines:** May/June
 - Eligibility
 - Funding opportunities
 - Application scoring and selection
- **Program Year, Key Dates**
 - **Start Date:** July 1
 - **Competitive Application Cycle Closes:** September
 - **Award Announcements (competitive cycle):** November
 - **Environmental Clearance/Release of Funds:** February
 - **Period of performance:** 30 months

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Eligible Applicants

- Every Nebraska county or incorporated municipality not designated as CDBG 'Entitlement Community' is eligible to apply to the State CDBG Program.
- **Entitlement Communities** are not eligible to apply to a State CDBG Program because they receive funding directly from HUD. In Nebraska, this includes:
 - Bellevue
 - Grand Island
 - Lincoln
 - Omaha

National Objectives

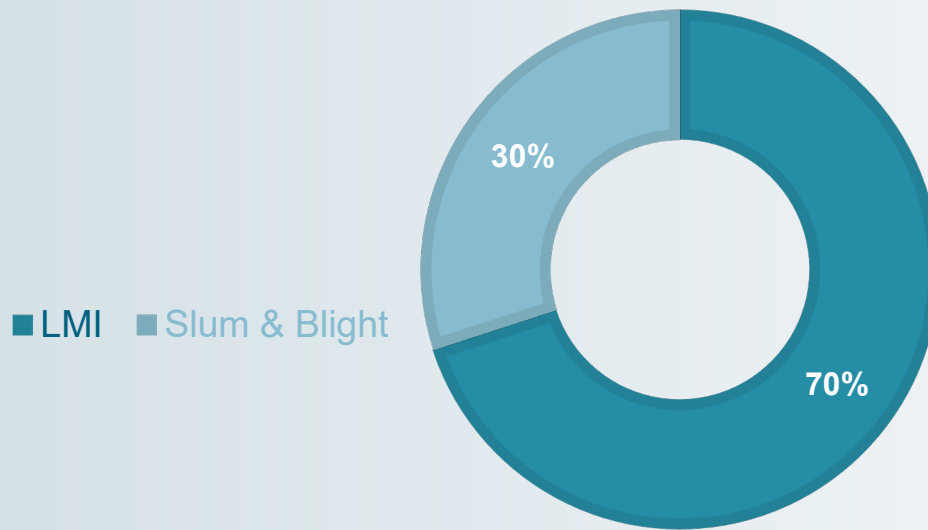
Every CDBG project must meet a National Objective:

1. **Benefiting low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons**
2. **Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight (SB)**
3. Meets community development needs having a particular urgency or **urgent need (URG)** that the unit of local government is unable to fund on its own or obtain other sources of funding*

*Urgent Need is seldom used in the implementation of State CDBG Programs due to the documentation requirements.

Allocation of CDBG Funding

OVERALL BENEFIT BY NATIONAL OBJECTIVE



Over Nebraska's HUD-approved Con Plan period, at least 70% of funding must benefit **low- and moderate-income individuals** during allocated years.

LMI National Objective

- **LMA** – Low/Moderate Income on an Area Basis – area is primarily residential
- **LMC** – Low/Moderate Clientele – specific group, not by area
 - Activities that exclusively benefit a clientele who are generally presumed by HUD to be principally LMI, including:
 - 1) Abused children
 - 2) Elderly persons
 - 3) Battered spouses
 - 4) Homeless persons
 - 5) Illiterate adults
 - 6) Persons living with AIDS
 - 7) Migrant farm workers
 - 8) Adults meeting Bureau of Census' definition of severely disabled adults
- **LMJ** – Low/Moderate Income Jobs
 - Jobs are held by or made available to low-moderate income persons

Slum and Blight National Objective

- Slum and Blight focuses on activities that create a change to the physical environment of a deteriorating **area** or **spot**.
- There are two ways to meet Slum and Blight
 - **SBA** – Area Basis
 - **SBS** – Spot Basis

Application Review & Selection

Step 1

Applications reviewed for threshold compliance

Step 2

Qualified applications move to Review Teams

Step 3

Applications scored and ranked

Step 4

Applications recommended for award

Step 5

Announcement of status of application.

Application review is completed by DED staff.

Award Implementation by UGLG

Start Date
Notice of
Approval

Months 0-1
CDBG
Agreement
(Period of
Performance
established)

Months 0-3
Environmental
Clearance &
Release of
Funds

Months 4-24
Carry out
Funded
Activities and
Reporting
Requirements

Months 24-30
Closeout

An awarded unit of local government (UGLG) may engage a third-party to support the implementation of their award. In all cases, **the awarded UGLG is responsible for award implementation**, including but not limited to financial management, recordkeeping, and record retention.

Resources

- **NEBRASKA CDBG PROGRAM WEBPAGE**

<https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/cdbg/>

- **HUD CDBG PROGRAM WEBPAGE**

<https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-cdbg>

- **HUD EXCHANGE**

- State CDBG Program Webpage

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-state/>

- CDBG Entitlement Program Webpage

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitlement/>

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