



# Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

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## Program Overview



# Legislative Authority

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The Small Cities CDBG program was established under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended.

The primary statutory objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable communities by:

- providing decent housing and a suitable living environment; and
- expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low-and moderate-income.



# New Mexico Program Established

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- Established in 1983 with passage of amendments to the New Mexico Community Assistance Act.
- NM Community Development Council named as oversight authority.
- Local Government Division(LGD) named as the administering agency.



# CDBG Program Objectives

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CDBG activities must address at least one of the following objectives:

- Benefit principally low and moderate income families (families earning less than 80% of the area median income)
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
- Meet other community development needs of recent origin that pose an immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community



# Program Objectives cont'd

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It is the responsibility of DFA to ensure that at least 70 percent of the state's CDBG allocation is used for activities that benefit low-and moderate-income persons.

This is achieved by granting "maximum feasible priority" to activities which benefit low/mod families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.

# Low & Moderate Income Benefit



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- Area benefit – activity benefits an area that is predominantly low and moderate income.
- Limited Clientele – activity serves a specific group of people who are assumed to be predominantly low and moderate income (e.g. seniors, youth)

# Low & Moderate Income Benefit, cont'd



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- Residential – Activity improves housing that will be occupied by low and moderate income persons.
- Employment – Activity creates or retains jobs, the majority of which must be for persons of low and moderate income.



# Slum & Blight

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- Area must meet the definition of a slum and blighted area under state or local law. (CDBG regulations define terms)
- Area must contain a substantial number of deteriorated or deteriorating buildings or public improvements
- Activity must address one or more of conditions contributing to the slum and blight.



# Urgent Need

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- Must alleviate an existing condition which poses a serious and immediate threat to the community's health and welfare
- The condition to be alleviated must be of recent origin
- The applicant is unable to finance the work needed and cannot locate other sources of financing.
- Verification of the emergency must be documented by the appropriate state agency



# State CDBG Funding Categories

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There are 7 categories through which grantees can apply for CDBG funding in New Mexico. They are:

- Community Infrastructure
- Housing
- Public Facility Capital Outlay
- Economic Development
- Emergency
- Planning
- Colonias



# Community Infrastructure:

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CDBG funds, up to \$500,000, may be used to:

- acquire real property
- construct and/or rehabilitate water systems, sewer systems, municipal utilities, streets and roads, highways, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm sewers, street lighting, traffic control devices, parking facilities, and solid waste disposal facilities.



# Housing:

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- CDBG funds, up to \$500,000, may be used for owner-occupied housing activities including:
- clearance, demolition, repair, rehabilitation or reconstruction, modernization, temporary relocation assistance, code enforcement, and historic preservation.
  - an average of \$50,000 per unit in CDBG funds may be used for housing rehabilitation or repair.



# Public Facility Capital Outlay:

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CDBG funds, up to \$500,000, may be used for real property acquisition, construction or improvement of:

- community centers, senior citizen centers, nonresidential centers for persons with disabilities, and other community facilities designed to provide health, social, recreational or similar community services for residents.



# Economic Development:

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CDBG funds, up to \$500,000, may be used for:

- acquisition of real property,
- construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of public facilities, site improvements, utilities, and other commercial or industrial real property improvements and planning.



# Emergency:

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CDBG funds, up to \$500,000, may be used for emergency projects that address life-threatening situations resulting from disasters or imminent threats to health and safety.



# Planning:

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CDBG funds, up to \$50,000 per grantee, can be used for the development of:

- comprehensive community development plans,
- infrastructure capital improvement plans and individual project plans,
- Data gathering analysis and special studies
- Asset Management Planning
- Preliminary Engineering Reports



# Colonias:

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CDBG funds, up to \$500,000, can be used for water, sewer, and housing improvements in designated Colonias areas located within 150 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border. Colonias must be designated by the municipality or county in which it is located.



# Ineligible Activities

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- City Halls and County Courthouses  
(unless funds will be used to bring the structures into ADA Compliance)
- General Operation and Maintenance Services
- Costs for preparation of applications
- Any political activities



# Eligible Grantees...

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Any County or incorporated municipality except the Cities of Albuquerque, Farmington, Las Cruces, Rio Rancho and Santa Fe may apply through a competitive application process for CDBG funding.



# Mandatory Requirements

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- Public participation – applicants must allow opportunities for public input in the development of community development goals, objectives and applications for funding assistance.

# Public Participation Requirements



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Prior to selecting a project, applicants must conduct at least one public hearing to:

- Advise residents of available funding.
- Advise residents of eligible activities.
- Obtain recommendations on housing and community development needs.

# Public Participation

## Requirements Continued...

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- Public hearing notices must be published in the non – legal section of the newspaper.
- Must be published and advertised in accordance with local open meetings resolution.
- Evidence of compliance must be submitted with application.

# Public Participation

## Requirements continued...

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- Applicants must consider all recommendations from the public.
- Governing body must select activity to be applied for in an open public meeting.
- Successful applicants must conduct a second public hearing after the project is completed to review program performance.



# NM Community Development Council

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- Members are appointed by the Governor.
- The CDC is solely responsible for allocating CDBG grants throughout NM
- The CDC may deviate, by majority vote, from staff rankings
- The CDC may adjust the scope and dollar amount of projects
- The CDC may waive or adjust any state-imposed rule or requirement relative to project selection and administration of the CDBG program



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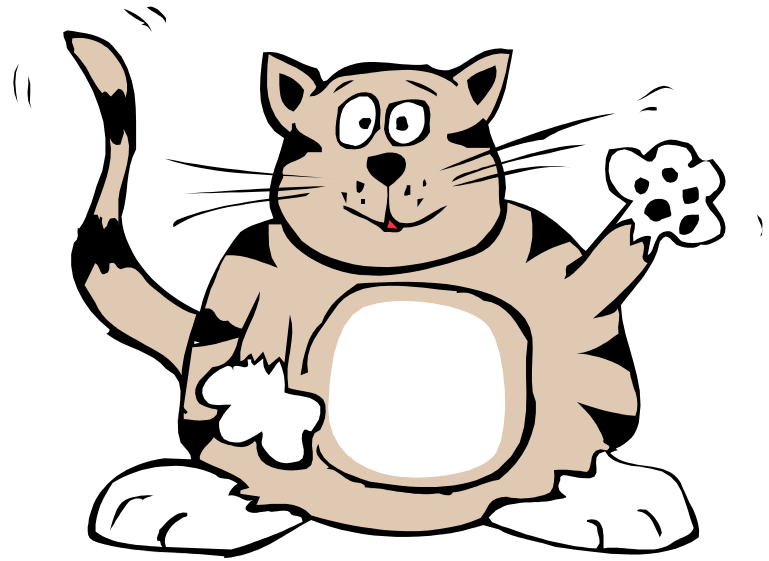
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