

County of Summit · The High Point of Ohio



2020 Community Development Block Grant

Application Workshop

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As an entitlement grantee, the County of Summit Department of Community and Economic Development receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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- ▶ CDBG funds are paid out on a reimbursement basis only.
- ▶ Projects must be shovel ready when submitting an application
- ▶ The County has a January 1 program start

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CDBG funded activities must meet one of the following HUD national objectives:

- ▶ Benefit low/moderate income individuals;
- ▶ Prevent or eliminate slums and blight; or
- ▶ Meet an urgent community need.

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CDBG-funded activities must also address one of the three goals established by federal statute for these programs:

- ▶ Provision of expanded economic opportunities;
- ▶ Provision of a suitable living environment; or
- ▶ Provision of decent housing.

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Who can be assisted with CDBG funds?

▶ Individuals:

- ▶ Low- to moderate-income individuals or households located in jurisdiction
 - ▶ Must verify income for individual or household
- ▶ Those who are “presumed” eligible
 - ▶ Disabled individuals, or a household containing a disabled individual
 - ▶ Elderly (62+);
 - ▶ Battered and abused spouses; and
 - ▶ Battered and abused children.

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Who can be assisted with CDBG funds (cont'd)?

- ▶ Location-based activities
 - ▶ Area-wide benefit, such as infrastructure improvements
 - ▶ Public facility - such as a community center

Must be located in a low- to moderate-income census tract or block group

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Where Can CDBG Funds be used?

CDBG Funds can be used anywhere within the County of Summit,

EXCEPT in the Cities of:

- ▶ Akron - Helen Tomic - 330-375-2090;
 - ▶ Barberton - Joe Stefan - 330-848-6729; and
 - ▶ Cuyahoga Falls - Peggy Szalay- 330-971-8135,
- which receive their own CDBG funds from HUD.

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Eligible Uses for CDBG funds:

1. Construction of:

- ▶ Public improvements - such as water and sewer facilities and streets; and
- ▶ Public facilities- such as neighborhood centers.

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Eligible Uses for CDBG funds (cont'd):

2. Rehabilitation of:

- ▶ Residential structures; and
- ▶ Non-residential structures.
- ▶ Includes ADA Accessibility and Removal of Architectural Barriers.

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Eligible CDBG Activities (cont'd):

3. Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources;
4. Acquisition of real property;
5. Relocation;
6. Demolition;

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Eligible CDBG Activities (cont'd):

7. Public services, within certain limits; and
8. Economic Development -job creation or retention activities, specific number of jobs must be created or retained based on funding amount.

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Ineligible Uses of CDBG funds:

- ▶ Acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government;
- ▶ Political activities; and
- ▶ Construction of new housing by units of general local government.

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Consolidated Plan Priorities

Infrastructure Improvements such as waterline
and sanitary sewer replacements in
low- to moderate-income census tracts;

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Consolidated Plan Priorities (cont'd):

Repairs to homes of low- to moderate-income homeowners who otherwise could not afford critical home maintenance, to include weatherization, lead abatement, ADA accessibility modifications, and Home Repair Programs for low- to moderate-income owner-occupied housing units;

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Consolidated Plan Priorities (cont'd):

Provision of economic opportunities that create or retain jobs for low-to moderate-income individuals;

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Consolidated Plan Priorities (cont'd):

Assistance to individuals, such as the **developmentally or physically disabled**, who need help with self-care through facilities/housing improvements or job training programs/employment opportunities;

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Consolidated Plan Priorities (cont'd):

The creation of programs to address the housing and supportive services needs/employment opportunities of our **Veterans**;

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Consolidated Plan Priorities cont'd):

The provision of support for educational programs that will improve the lives of low- to moderate-income persons;

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Consolidated Plan Priorities cont'd):

Programs to address the recreational and social needs of our growing **senior population**, such as community centers and senior playgrounds/walking trails; and

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Consolidated Plan Priorities cont'd):

Support of programs that address the needs
of the **homeless**.

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Leveraged Funds

- ▶ The County of Summit requires that each CDBG applicant provide leveraged funds:
 - ▶ Must be projected on the application; and
 - ▶ Documentation of leveraged funds must be provided at the time of reimbursement requests.

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Characteristics of an unsuccessful application:

- ▶ Missing information;
- ▶ Ineligible use, client, or location;
- ▶ No matching funds;
- ▶ Failure to document need;
- ▶ No measurable outcomes.

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Characteristics of a successful application:

- ▶ Application complete;
- ▶ Eligible client, location, and use of funds;
- ▶ Documented need;
- ▶ Matching funds;
- ▶ Meets one of the Consolidated Plan Priorities.

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What makes an application stand out from the rest?

- ▶ Collaboration with community partners;
- ▶ Documented expertise and/or experience.

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Things to consider:

- ▶ The area you want to complete your project in may no longer be a low mod area
- ▶ If my project is not shovel ready I shouldn't apply for 2020 funding
- ▶ Have I explored partners for the project I am applying for
- ▶ Does my agency have funds to float the project until CDBG reimbursement

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Remember:

We are here to help you:

- ▶ If you are not sure if your idea for a project or program will be eligible for CDBG funding - call us and ask.
- ▶ If you have questions on anything relating to the CDBG application or program - call us and ask.