



CITY OF ESCONDIDO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
FUNDING APPLICATION

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**CITY OF ESCONDIDO
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Section A: General Program Information

The City of Escondido accepts applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding throughout the year. However, to be considered for funding in any fiscal year beginning July 1st, applications should be received by mid-March prior to that July 1st (the start of that fiscal year). Applications received during any other time of the year may be held until the next fiscal year funding cycle based on funding availability.

The City anticipates receiving approximately \$1.7 million in entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for FY 2010-2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). Of that amount, approximately \$256,350 may be allocated for public services programs/projects.

In May, the City Council plans to adopt its Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the City of Escondido which locally determines how entitlement funds will be used to benefit low- and moderate-income individuals over a five-year period. Based on a comprehensive community needs assessment conducted in the development of the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan, six community development priorities were identified and adopted by Council (see **Section D** of these instructions for a summary).

Section B: CDBG National Objectives

Federal regulations require that all CDBG projects meet one of three national objectives to qualify for funding:

1. **Benefit low/moderate-income persons.** Documentation of benefits to low/moderate-income persons is required for all funded projects. Current income limits for program qualification are specified in **Section C** below and may be updated at any time.
2. **Serve to prevent or eliminate conditions of slum and blight.**
3. **Alleviate a serious and immediate threat to the health and/or welfare of the community.** The threat must be recent in origin or urgency (previous 18 months), and no other source of funding is available for the program/project.

Section C: Qualifying Income Limits effective March 19, 2009 (latest update available)

(MSA San Diego, CA FY 2009 Median Family Income: \$74,900)

	NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Extremely Low (30% of Median)	17,350	19,850	22,300	24,800	26,800	28,750	30,750	32,750
Very Low Income (50% of Median)	28,900	33,050	37,150	41,300	44,600	47,900	51,200	54,500
Low Income (80% of Median)	46,250	52,900	59,500	66,100	71,400	76,700	81,950	87,250

Section D: Proposed FY 2010-2015 Community Development Priorities

The following community development priorities for allocation of CDBG funding are proposed for the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan. **Federal regulations require that all CDBG projects must meet one or more of the local priorities as listed herein to qualify for funding.**

1. Increase quality-of-life opportunities for Mission Park Area students and their families by improving their social and physical environment.
2. Provide economic development opportunities for Mission Park Area residents.
3. Explore and develop coordinated, low-cost, flexible transportation alternatives for seniors.
4. Identify and improve low-income neighborhood areas appropriate for revitalization through direct citizen involvement.
5. Support comprehensive, integrated service systems to transition homeless families and individuals, as well as persons with AIDS, to permanent or residential housing and self-sufficiency.
6. Continue to utilize CDBG and other resources, as they become available, to address the public facility needs identified in the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan.

Section E: Application Requirements

→ A complete application for CDBG funding shall include the required information listed below. Applications/proposals should be presented in the following sequence:

- Project Summary** (in your own words, in the form of a cover letter or memo, not to exceed one page)
- Application for Funds form** (form on Page 6 of this packet)
- Project Narrative** (in your own words, not to exceed four pages, double-spaced)
- Attachments:**
 - A. **Project Workplan** (form on Page 7)
 - B. **Project Line Item Budget and Budget Narrative** (form on Page 8, plus narrative)
 - C. **Environmental Review form** (form on Page 9)
- Agency Information Summary** (in your own words, not to exceed two pages)
- Current List of Agency's Board of Directors**
- Proof of Tax Exempt Status (IRS letter)**
- Letters of Collaboration (if applicable)**
- All documents required in Section F below**

→ One complete copy of the application submittal with all attachments should be submitted to:

**Neighborhood Services Division
Attention: Michelle Geller, Program Coordinator
201 N. Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025**

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- Applications must be prepared on 8-1/2" by 11" paper, single-sided, double-spaced unless otherwise indicated, and either stapled, clipped or rubberbanded, but otherwise unbound.
- **Applications which are missing any of the above information will be deemed "incomplete" and may not be considered.** City reserves the right to request clarification or any additional information deemed necessary from the applicant.
- Proposals evidencing coordination of services with other services in the community are **encouraged** and will earn preferential points. Coordination is often more effective in meeting the needs of the targeted population and in avoiding duplication of services.

Section F: Important Information for Successful Applicants:

- Funds should be expended within the program year (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011).
- Funds are disbursed on a **cost reimbursement basis** upon receipt and approval of all required documentation.
- Expenses incurred outside the program year are not eligible for reimbursement. Expenses incurred prior to the execution of the contract may not be eligible for reimbursement; however, continuation of services is deemed eligible. **The contract will not be executed until all of the following additional documents, as well as proof of insurance and environmental clearance, have been received by the City:**
 - Articles of Incorporation of Agency (**new programs only**)
 - By-laws of Agency (**new programs only**)
 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number (**required**)
 - Letter from Board of Directors designating the authorized agent for the contract (**required**)
 - City of Escondido Business License (**required, unless deemed exempt**)
- Insurance requirements **must** be met before execution of the contract. Insurance is an eligible expense. **(Guidelines for Obtaining Approval of a Certificate of Insurance Naming the City of Escondido as Additionally Insured are available from the City Clerk, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025, (760) 839-4617. An original Certificate and Additional Insured Endorsement must be filed with the City Clerk, and will remain on file as long as the policy is in effect.)**

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- **Documentation must be maintained** for individual participants in the program, including income, race and ethnicity data. The agency must report these figures to the City both quarterly and annually.
- Agencies receiving CDBG funding will be required to include a performance measurement component as part of their work plan. Each funded activity must demonstrate a measurable outcome that contributes positively toward fulfilling national and local objectives. Subsequent funding of agencies and programs will depend in part upon the demonstration of positive outcomes and effective use of grant funds in the program.
- In accordance with HUD regulations A-85 and A-133, all applicants who receive federal funding in excess of the specified amount (currently \$500,000) must annually submit a single audit. This is an eligible expense.
- The agency must comply with federal regulations regarding eligible expenses, accounting procedures and reporting requirements in accordance with 24 CFR 502 and OMB Circulars A-122 and A-110.

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ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT WORKPLAN

Organization: _____ **Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

Project Title: _____

Goal Statement: _____

Objective: _____

Key Activities	Date

If the proposed program has more than one objective, please submit a separate work plan form for each objective. You may wish to make a copy of this page prior to completion.

**ATTACHMENT B
BUDGET
Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

Organization: _____

Project Title: _____

ITEM	ESCONDIDO FUNDING	OTHER FUNDS		PROJECT TOTAL
		AMOUNT	SOURCE	
Personnel				
Salaries/Labor				
Benefits				
Other				
Operating Expenses				
Professional Services				
Total				

A budget narrative must accompany this form.

ATTACHMENT C

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SECTION
FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGISTER 24 CFR PART 58**

1. Project Name: _____
2. Supporting Agency/Representative: _____
3. Contact Name: _____ Phone/FAX: _____
4. Detailed Project Description (or attachment): _____
5. Location of Proposed Site (address): _____
6. *Assessor Parcel Number: _____
7. *Assessor Parcel Map - to be attached: _____
8. *Zone and General Plan designation: _____
9. *Permitted Use or Conditional Use: _____
10. **Is the site within a 100-year or 500-year floodplain _____ If yes, give community number and map panel number: _____
11. Size of Site: _____
12. Site of Facility (proposed or existing): _____
13. Size of Expansion (if proposed): _____
14. Number of Staff: _____
15. Number of Clients: _____
16. Schedule - Days & Hours of Operation: _____
17. Client Capacity & Staff Level: _____
18. Client Profile: _____
19. Amount of Funding Requested: _____
20. Is there more than one funding year involved? _____

* Information available through City of Escondido's Planning Department (760) 839-4671

** Information available through City of Escondido's Engineering Department (760) 839-4651, extension 3823

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETION OF CDBG APPLICATION

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF PROJECT NARRATIVE

- A. **Statement of Problem/Need:** Describe the problem or need that the proposed activity is intended to address, based on your understanding of the priorities.
- B. **Target Population:** Describe the characteristics of the population to be served (i.e., youth, seniors, persons with disabilities, etc.) or the area to be benefited, and how this population meets CDBG guidelines.
- C. **Project Goal and Objectives:**
1. State the **overall goal of the project** and list up to **3 specific objectives**; describe the method of approach to be used to accomplish the goals and objectives. One of the objectives will be used for performance measurement during the year (measuring impact of the program).
 2. Indicate the number of service units that will be provided (for example, number of counseling sessions, health screenings, hours of after school activities, etc.), the number of unduplicated clients who will be served, the number of unduplicated clients who are low/moderate-income, and the number of unduplicated clients who are residents of Escondido.
- D. **Project Description:**
1. Describe the work to be performed, activities to be undertaken, or the services to be provided.
 2. Describe the procedures for documenting program participation, including the racial, ethnic, income and gender characteristics of participants.
 3. Describe the relationship of the proposed activity to other community services addressing the same or similar problem.
 4. Describe the level and form of coordination with other agencies or organizations in this project.
 5. Describe who will be involved with the project. If applicable, attach letters of intent from each participating agency specifying the agency's role, function and contributions to the project.
- E. **Previous Accomplishments:**
1. If the project has previously received City of Escondido CDBG funding, describe the accomplishments achieved with that funding and the degree to which the objectives were met. If there were difficulties in achieving the objectives, describe how these difficulties or obstacles will be overcome.
 2. If this is a new project, describe how the agency has managed similar projects in the past, the funding sources used in those projects and the accomplishments achieved.
- F. **Evaluation:**
1. Describe how the project will be evaluated and how the agency will determine outcomes of the project, i.e., the positive results that the project is intended to accomplish. Outcomes (measuring impact of the program) must relate back to objectives and the overall goal.
 2. State one objective (from C1) that will be used for performance measurement.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF AGENCY INFORMATION SUMMARY

- A. Background:
1. Include the agency's mission statement.
 2. Indicate the length of time the agency has been in operation and how long the agency has provided services to Escondido residents.
 3. Describe the type of services currently being provided by the agency, including the number and characteristics of clients served.
- B. Qualifications:
1. Discuss the agency's capacity to develop, implement and administer the proposed project.
 2. Discuss any other projects the agency has managed that are similar to the proposed project.
 3. Provide a list of staff persons who will be involved with the project and their qualifications for this work.
- C. Financial:
1. Describe the agency's fiscal management, accounting systems, and audit practices.
 2. Describe the experience of the agency in managing federal or State grants.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF ATTACHMENT A WORK PLAN

The work plan should stand as an independent explanation of your proposal, i.e., a reader should be able to clearly understand what you are proposing to do, for whom, how you propose to do it, and by when, without referring to the project narrative. Using the attached work plan sample, **Example 1**, and guidelines below, describe your implementation schedule.

GOALS

- A goal is a general statement of how a group of individuals, system organization or community will be different as a result of your project. The statement describes who/what will be affected, in what respect they will be change/improved, and how this change will be accomplished.

Example:

The goal of the La Vida Buena Project is to increase years of healthy life among low income Hispanic residents of Escondido by reducing sedentary lifestyles to decrease the risk of chronic diseases.

OBJECTIVES

- Objectives are specific statements about what will be done to accomplish goals. They answer the basic questions of who, what, how and when. Objectives are specific, measurable and time-limited. Often a single goal has multiple objectives. Please complete a separate workplan form for each objective.

Example:

Involve 550 Hispanic adults in regular aerobic exercise by increasing the availability and accessibility of these activities in Escondido by June 30, 2008.

KEY ACTIVITIES

The Key Activities section of the work plan should provide a detailed description of the steps you will follow to accomplish the stated objectives. This section should demonstrate that you have thoroughly considered your proposal and clearly identified how you intend to implement it if funded. See **Example 1** for specific examples.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF THE BUDGET

THE BUDGET CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS -- A LINE ITEM BUDGET AND A BUDGET NARRATIVE.

LINE ITEM BUDGET

- Please provide an itemized budget detailing all project expenses. Include the total cost of the project and indicate the amount of CDBG funds and other funding sources to be allocated to each line item. Please develop budget line items appropriate to your project expenses. Line items are not specified to accommodate the variety in types of project expenses submitted for CDBG funds. **Example 2** is provided as an example and is not intended to serve as a model.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

- Please provide a description and justification of each budget line item. In general, each narrative statement should describe:
 - what the specific item is
 - how the specific item relates to the project
 - how the amount was arithmetically determined
- Please refer to **Example 3** for an example of the level and type of information to be included in the budget narrative.

EXAMPLES

Example 1

PROJECT WORKPLAN

Organization: ABC Agency **Fiscal Year** 2010-2011

Project Title: Project Help

Goal Statement: Reduce the risk of violent crime and drug/alcohol use among middle school youth from low-income families in Mission Park Area by improving learning, social and parenting skills.

Objective: #3, By June 30, 2011, 100 low-income parents of Mission Middle School youth will have enrolled and 80 parents will have completed 4 parent education sessions.

Key Activities	Date
3.1 Conduct needs assessment with target population gatekeepers	10/31/10
3.2 Conduct focus groups with parents of participating youth to determine most effective approaches and strategies	11/30/10
3.3 Design parent education curriculum and program structure and materials	01/14/11
3.4 Train staff and parent volunteers to lead/facilitate parent education programs	02/01/11
3.5 Pilot parent education program at Grant Middle School	02/15/11
3.6 Graduation and evaluation	05/01/11

Example 2

BUDGET

Organization: ABC Agency **Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

Project Title: Project Help

ITEM	CITY FUNDING	OTHER FUNDS		PROJECT TOTAL
		AMOUNT	SOURCE	
PERSONNEL				
A. Salaries				
1. Executive Director \$3,000/mo @ 5% for 12 mos		1,800	SDCF	1,800
2. Project Coordinator \$2,000/mo @ 100% for 11 mos	11,000	11,000	SDCF	22,000
3. Instructors 3 @ \$10/hr. 4hrs/wk, 18 weeks	2,160			2,160
B. Benefits				
20% of salaries	2,630	2,560	ABC	5,190
OPERATING EXPENSES				
A. Space Rent	1,080			1,080
B. Materials	175			175
C. Transportation	135			135
D. Incentives		1,890	ABC	1,890
TOTALS	17,180	17,250		34,430

Example 3

BUDGET NARRATIVE - PROJECT HELP

OVERVIEW

The total cost of Project Help is \$34,430. This proposal requests \$17,180 in CDBG Public Services funding from the City of Escondido. The agency also plans to generate \$17,250 from other sources to fully support Project Help. ABC Agency plans to provide \$4,450 from its reserve fund and has applied to the San Diego Community Foundation for the balance of \$12,800 to fully fund Project Help.

EXPENSES

I. PERSONNEL

A. Salaries

1. Executive Director - Provides general oversight and fiscal management for the project. \$3,000/month @ 5% for 12 months = \$1,800.
2. Project Coordinator - Provides program development and administrative management of project. \$2,000/month @ 100% for 11 months = \$22,000.
3. Instructors - Provide parent education classes. 3 instructors @ \$10/hr, 4 hrs/wk, 18 weeks = \$2,160.

B. Benefits

Includes health and dental coverage, social security, disability insurance and life insurance. Estimated at an average of 20% of salaries. $\$25,960 \times .20 = \$5,190$.

II. OPERATING EXPENSES

A. Space Rent

Rental of classroom space for parent education sessions. 3 rooms/week @ \$20 x 18 weeks = \$1,080.

B. Materials

Paper, notebooks and duplicating expenses to produce 100 parent notebooks and 8 facilitator notebooks. Estimate $100 @ 50/pgs @ .03 + 8 @ 100/pgs @ .03 = \175 .

C. Transportation

Mileage for parent volunteers. 3 volunteers @ 10 mi/wk @ .25/mi x 18 wks = \$135.

D. Incentives

Cash stipends and discount coupons for focus group participants (12), childcare volunteers (5) and parent facilitators (4). Estimate $21 \text{ stipends @ average } \$5 \times 18 \text{ weeks} = \$1,890$.