

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA): CDBG funds in the City of Escondido

Questions and Answers

Q. We were looking at #2 under National Objectives on the Program Overview document. It states: Meet a community need having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and/or welfare of the community and no other financial resources are available to meet the need. Can our organization apply under the second National Objective rather than the first National Objective?

A. In order to apply CDBG funds, you have to be able to draw a nexus between your program and our threshold requirements.

CDBG funds must be used to predominantly serve low-mod income households, even when serving an urgent need or addressing blight. If you are uncomfortable asking for income information, perhaps a program can serve folks who live in eligible census blocks? There is a map in the guidelines, a large percentage of Escondido is now considered CDBG-eligible. There are also specific populations (abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons (age 62 and older), severely disabled adults, homeless persons, illiterate adults, persons living with AIDS, and migrant farm workers) who are presumed to be low-mod without household verifications.

Programs must primarily serve non-Escondido residents. This could also be addressed through the use of eligible census blocks.

Proposed projects (regardless of the national objective) must address one of the 6 stated Con Plan priorities: youth, neighborhood revitalization, homeless services, ADA improvements, economic development, or senior assistance.

Q. How much funding is available for a public service project?

A. While HUD has not yet announced final CDBG allocation, we believe that we will receive a similar CDBG to last year (\$1,791,466). 15% of funds can be used for public service projects. We anticipate allocating approximately \$268,000 amongst all the public service projects in Escondido.

Q. Can multiple organizations work on a project together?

A. Absolutely. But all duties need to be clearly delineated. And one organization must act as the lead agency and take primary responsibility for contracts, project delivery and invoicing.

Q. Is it possible to submit a proposal via email? Or do you need a hard copy?

A. Please submit 3 hard copies of the proposal (so that each member of the review committee can get a copy); one copy should not be bound, the other two are up to your discretion. We would also like (although it is not required) an electronic copy; you can email a copy of the application to Karen Youel at kyouel@escondido.org or drop off a copy with the hard copies.