

# Community Development Block Grant Needs Assessment Hearing

LANCASTER COUNTY  
2023



# What is CDBG?

- Federal program funded by HUD.
- Administered in South Carolina by the SC Department of Commerce, Division of Grants Administration.
- Designed to provide assistance to units of local government in providing economic opportunities and meeting community revitalization needs, particularly for low and moderate income persons.



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Department of Commerce  
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Community  
Development  
Block Grant

# Who Can Apply?

- Units of Local Government Only

- Towns

- Cities

- Counties

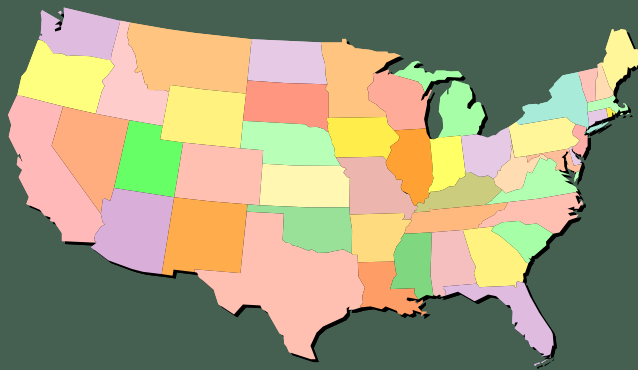


- Must Not be Within a CDBG Entitlement Area.

- All projects must meet a national objective and address eligible activity.

# National Objectives

- Benefit Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
- Aid in the Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight
- Meet Other Urgent Community Development Needs





# Community Development Program

- Competitive
- Currently offered twice a year
- Minimum of \$50,000
- Maximum depends on type of project
- Ten percent match required
- Must be eligible activity
- Must meet national objective

# Community Development Program Categories

- Community Infrastructure
- Community Enrichment
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Local Priorities
- “Ready to Go” Public Facilities
- Business Development

# Community Infrastructure

- **Funds Available State-Wide:** \$10,948,629
- **Grant Maximum:** \$1,000,000
- **Eligible Activities:** Water, Sewer, Roads, or Drainage Activities
- **Application Requests Due:** Friday, March 17, 2023
- **Applications Due:** Monday, April 17, 2023

# Community Enrichment

- **Funds Available State-Wide:** \$3,000,000
- **Grant Maximum:** \$750,000
- **Application Requests Due:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023
- **Applications Due:** Friday, September 15, 2023

## Eligible Activities

### **First Priority - Increasing Economic Competitiveness**

- Brownfield projects or demolition of obsolete buildings
- Downtown streetscape improvements where there is significant business activity and prior investment

### **Second Priority - Education and Workforce Development**

- Libraries - facilities or services to provide expanded library services, computer equipment or internet access, especially broadband capabilities
- Publicly owned facilities that offer educational opportunities for adult literacy or to serve at risk LMI children or youth



# Community Enrichment (Cont.)

## Third Priority-Safe and Healthy Communities

- Transportation-oriented public facilities to serve LMI workforce populations
- Public safety facilities and services in LMI areas, such as police substations, or fire substations, or fire trucks that serve LMI residents
- Demolition of vacant, dilapidated residential structures to address and support crime prevention efforts in a targeted LMI neighborhood
- Health clinic facilities or equipment in underserved areas or multi-service centers for health or related social services
- Public facilities modifications to ensure accessibility for disabled persons or for energy efficiency improvements for CDBG eligible public facilities
- New sidewalks in LMI areas where there is a demonstrated need for safe neighborhood foot travel and connectivity to goods or services

# Neighborhood Revitalization

- **Funds Available State-Wide:** \$1,000,000
- **Grant Maximum:** \$750,000
- **Application Requests Due:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023
- **Applications Due:** Friday, September 15, 2023
- **Planning Phase:** The targeted neighborhood must submit a locally funded revitalization plan that identifies community needs and prioritizes activities designed to revitalize the neighborhood with CDBG and other funds
- **Implementation Phases; Activities May Include:** Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Housing, Demolition and clearance of vacant and dilapidated properties, and Public Services.

# Local Priorities Program

- **Funds Available State-Wide:** \$100,000,000
- **Grant Maximum:** \$300,000
- **Application Requests Due:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023
- **Applications Due:** Friday, September 15, 2023
- **Eligible Activities**
  - These funds will be used for alternative grant activities that meet community development need of eligible municipalities.
  - Special projects could include historic preservation, innovation, energy conservation, parks, and trails/greenways

# “Ready to Go” Public Facilities

- **Funds Available State-Wide:** \$600,000
- **Grant Maximum:** \$500,000 (a waiver will be considered for infrastructure projects addressing an urgent and compelling need, regional solution or system-wide improvements, as well as the extent of leveraging and a reasonable CDBG cost)
- **Eligible Activities:** Activities must be eligible under the Community Infrastructure or Community Enrichment Program. CDBG funds are for construction or demolition costs only.

# Business Development Program

- **Funds Available State-Wide:** \$2,000,000
- **Grant Maximum:**
  - **Job Creation/Retention:** \$10,000 per job
  - **Area economic development:** \$500,000
  - **Local goods and services:**
    - Service area less than 20% poverty or 70% LMI - \$350/LMI person
    - Service area equal/more than 20% poverty or 70% LMI - \$1,000/LMI person
- **Eligible Activities:** Infrastructure to assist new or expanding businesses that will result in the creation or retention of jobs, 51% of which must be available to low and moderate income persons.



# Is There a Match Requirement?

## Must match 10% of the Grant Request

The match may be in the form of cash, non-Commerce grants, waiver of fees, public or private investments, and documented volunteer or in-kind services. A loan obtained in direct support of the CDBG project may count as a cash match.

# Questions On Potential Projects ?



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# For Grant Assistance:

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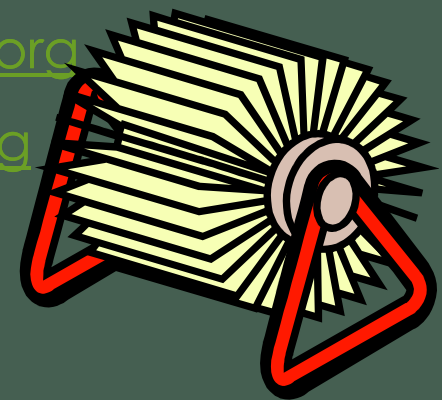
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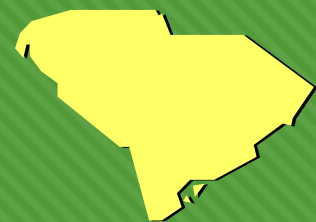
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