

CDBG Pre-Application Public Meeting

General NOFA Information

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) is a program administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, also known as HCD. HCD has published a 2025 Notice of Funding Availability (aka NOFA).

CDBG Priorities

- All CDBG-funded activities must meet the National Objective of "Benefit to **L**ow and **M**oderate **I**ncome Persons." (LMI)
- At least 70% of funds awarded must benefit low and moderate-income individuals or households.
- Only seven percent (7%) of an award may be used for the general administration costs of running a program or project.

Activity Areas

The types of activities CDBG will pay for include:

- 1) Public service and Planning
- 2) Programs, specifically Housing Programs, and Economic Development Programs
- 3) Projects, meaning:
 - a) Public Facilities Projects, like sidewalks or a park,
 - b) Infrastructure Projects, like sewer and drainage, or utility and broadband lines, and
 - c) Housing Projects, like affordable housing for senior citizens.

Application Limits and Key Dates

The maximum combined application may be \$3.6 million.

A Planning application can be up to \$300,000.

Application portal is expected to open on December 1st.

Application deadline is January 30, 2026.

Award letters signed July 2026.

Expenditure deadline: 2 years 9 months from contact signing.

The Proposed Application

The Department proposes applying for:

\$1.5 million for continuation of the **Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program**. This program makes deferred loan to low- and moderate-income homeowners to make certain repairs to their homes, including Health & Safety issues, building code problems, and incipient failures, like a leaking roof.

Any program income, meaning loans that have been repaid, will be added to this budget but not counted against the maximum.

\$1.8 million for a **Project** to work on upgrading the traffic signal at the intersection of Anna Sparks Way and Central Avenue, installation of a bus stop at this intersection, and potentially other activities for the benefit of the [We Are Up](#) community development serving senior citizens, people with disabilities, and students, located in McKinleyville.

\$300,000 to satisfy a **Planning** need of the [Humboldt Community Services District](#), like an assessment of the utility alterations or upgrades to optimize unutilized capacity and priorities for future community infrastructure development.