2024-25 CDBG & HOME Q&A

We are a homeless services provider that provides services in surrounding counties. The services we provide include prevention, rapid rehousing, wraparound and permanent supportive housing. We currently do not have a shelter or provide services in Yolo County. Can we still apply for funding and/or be involved in this program and can an activity similar to the services we provide in the surrounding counties be applicable to this program? Yes, applicants can apply under CDBG Public Services if providing services to unhoused clients. The services provided must serve Davis residents. The City is currently reviewing its policy related to Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and is not accepting applications in this category under the HOME program in FY 2024-25.

Is an applicant required to be a CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization) to receive HOME funds? No. At least 15% of HOME funds must be set aside for CHDO's, but the remaining funds are available to developers, owners and non-profits. Non-CHDO applicants without experience administering federal funds must enter into a joint venture agreement with an experienced developer to be considered. Additional information about CHDO's can be found here.

Where would program participants come from? Do you refer through a coordinated entry system? The Homeless Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC) is the Yolo County Continuum of Care responsible for the coordinated entry system. You can find more information about the HPAC CES here. Applicants must address how they intend to utilize the CES process when applying for funding. Applicants should include information on how they intend to identify clients, identify Davis residents, how/if they intend to utilize the HUD mandated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database, etc.

Looking at the Critical Needs list in the RFP document, what is the non-public services funding? Non-Public Services is primarily for construction and rehabilitation projects or projects that improve ADA accessibility. Information about eligible CDBG Public Facilities projects can be found here.

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Looking at the critical needs lists would eviction prevention programs that provide one time rent for tenants be under CDBG Public Services, Non-Public Service or HOME funds? What would back rent, utilities, rental subsidies fall under? These services would fall under CDBG Public Services. The City is currently reviewing its policy related to Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and is not accepting applications in this category under the HOME program in FY 2024-25.

The RFP lists \$780K total under CDBG and \$460K HOME. Is the \$460K within the \$780K or is it separate? They are separate. The City anticipates funding of approximately \$780K specifically for CDBG projects and \$460K specifically for HOME projects. The numbers are estimates based on last year's allocations and subject to change. Final allocations are pending Congressional allocation which haven't yet been announced.

How does the allocation for this fiscal year compare to prior years? Do you expect a similar amount or a possible increase from last? It's difficult to project based on previous years. The City hopes to see around the same amount as last year and has typically received around the same amount every year. The Social Services Commission will adjust funding recommendations up and/or down based on the actual allocation the City receives.

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