

I. Introduction

CDBG Program

Prior to 1982 the Small Cities CDBG Program was administered by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The HUD Small Cities CDBG was competitive, meaning that each application had to compete with others to be funded.

In 1982 under the "New Federalism," HUD turned program over to states.

In Ohio the State Department of Development administers the program.

In 1982 the state's CDBG funds were allocated to non-urban counties and small cities based on a "distressed" formula (unemployment, population loss, per capita income).

In 1983 changes were made to the CDBG Program. Part of the funds were not allocated by the "distressed" formula but rather were distributed on a competitive basis statewide.

II. Eligible Programs

Community Development Program Allocation

(Not eligible for 2020, received biennial allocation for PY2019)

Programs must meet one of the National Objective Goals

- Directly benefits low- or moderate-income residents – 100% presumed classes include Homeless Persons, Battered Spouses, Migrant Workers, Severely Disabled Adults, Elderly Persons, Illiterate Adults and Persons Living w/AIDS
- Area wide benefit qualifying by census or income survey as 51% low- or moderate-income
- Prevent / Eliminate Slum and Blight

Neighborhood Revitalization Program - \$750,000

Cities may apply for one Neighborhood Revitalization program award biennially. Counties may apply for up to two Neighborhood Revitalization program awards on behalf of different local jurisdictions biennially. Communities not receiving PY 2020 Allocation funds may not apply for PY 2020 Neighborhood Revitalization Grant funds.

Critical Infrastructure Program - \$500,00

The Critical Infrastructure Program was created to assist communities with funding for high priority, single-purpose projects, such as roads, flood and drainage and other public facilities projects with high community-wide impact and that benefit primarily residential areas. Projects may include multiple activities that together contribute to a failed or failing condition. Open Cycle Application.

Economic Development Loan Program - \$500,000

Create and Retain permanent, private-sector job opportunities for principally for low-moderate income persons, by expanding and retaining business and industry throughout Trumbull County. Local units of government will be required to substantially disburse any existing Revolving Loan Fund balance in conjunction with or prior to submitting a funding application to the state for a specific economic development project. Open Cycle Application.

Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program - \$750,000

To create a safe and sanitary living environment for Ohio citizens, by providing safe and reliable drinking water and proper sanitary waste disposal. Applications may be submitted on a continuous basis throughout the program year, beginning on July 1, 2020. Maximum of \$750,000; maximum grant ceiling includes a public water or sanitary sewer project, on-site improvements and program administration costs. On-site improvements are capped at \$200,000. Grantees will be allowed one amendment to move funds between public construction and on-site improvements as needed. Minimum of \$100,000; minimum total project cost of \$200,000. Cities and villages will be limited to one grant award per program year. Counties will be limited to four awards per program year. A county may receive two grant awards for applications submitted on behalf of itself and two on behalf of one or more eligible sub-units of general local government (villages and cities) within the county's jurisdiction. Jurisdictions funded under this program in PY 2019 will not be eligible for funding in PY 2020; however, counties funded in PY 2019 can apply on behalf of a different sub-unit of government within their jurisdiction. Grants cannot exceed 50 percent of costs and 51 percent low-and moderate-income benefit required

Target of Opportunity Grant Programs

The CDBG Target of Opportunity Grant Programs provide funding for "target of opportunity" projects. The CDBG Target of Opportunity Grant Programs includes the Economic and Community Development Program, Downtown Revitalization Program and a set-aside for the New Horizons Fair Housing Program. Awards are negotiated based upon need and availability of funds. Project applications will be accepted on an open-cycle basis from July 1, 2020 until April 30, 2021, or until such time the OCD commits available funding.

Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program - \$250,000

Benefits low-moderate income residents – 100% (National Objective). Provides affordable, healthy and safe housing rehabilitation and repairs.

III. Available Funds - PY2020 CDBG Program

In PY2020 the county is not eligible to apply for the following CDBG Programs:

CDBG Community Development Program - Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization

Trumbull County is eligible to apply for the Critical Infrastructure Program

The county's allocation for PY2020 was included in the PY2019 Allocation. The PY2021/22 Allocation is expected to be the same as PY2019/20.

Eligible activities must benefit 51 percent low- and moderate-income households or help alleviate slum and blight conditions for CDBG.

Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program Competitive Grants

Non-entitlement jurisdictions (cities with a low-moderate income population at or above 25 percent and all counties) that are part of a participating jurisdiction consortium, as defined by the HOME Program regulations with an approved CHIP Policy and Procedures Manual (eligible to receive Ohio Housing Trust Fund and CDBG funds). Jurisdictions with an allocation of more than \$400,000 from HUD per year are eligible for a maximum CHIP Program award of \$250,000. (The remaining jurisdictions must refer to Grant Ceiling, Single-Community Applicants, Column B – Single County \$400,000).

Activities include but are not limited to private owner rehabilitation and home repair projects

Economic Development Public Infrastructure Program or Loan Program

Competitive grants up to \$500,000 maximum for direct loans, \$500,000 maximum for off-site infrastructure projects creating new jobs - an additional \$50,000 for the recipient businesses that hire and provide training to public assistance recipients.

Grants cannot exceed 50 percent of project costs, maximum CDBG cost per job must not exceed \$25,000 for direct loans or \$9,999.99 for off-site infrastructure projects.

Applicant should keep ratio (CDBG cost per job) as low as possible to stay competitive

Other grants available through CDBG Program

See Ohio Consolidated Plan online.

IV. Open Discussion

Questions or comments related to the PY2020 Community Development Block Grant Program

V. Conclusion

Thank those in attendance for coming and that for further information or questions they can contact the Trumbull County Planning Commission at 330-675-2480.