

Cuyahoga County Competitive Municipal Grant Program Community Development Block Grant Program

The primary objective of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program of each grantee funded under the Title is:

the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

All activities must meet one of the three HUD National Objectives and be an Eligible Activity to receive CDBG funding. As a general rule, any activity that is not authorized by statute is ineligible for CDBG funding. A list of eligible activities is attached.

CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

The regulations governing the CDBG program have established three broad National Objectives to achieve the Primary Objective:

National Objective 1:	Benefit low and moderate income persons;
National Objective 2:	Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
National Objective 3:	Meet other urgent community needs.

Activities funded under National Objective #1 must meet criteria under the following categories: a) Area Benefit; b) Limited Clientele; c) Housing; or d) Job Creation. These are further explained in the manual.

Activities funded under National Objective #2 must meet criteria under the following category: a) Area Basis. This is further explained in the manual.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

(§570.207)

The following activities are not eligible for CDBG funding:

- Buildings used for the general conduct of government (**Exception:** projects that remove architectural barriers such as ramps at a city hall)
- Government expenses
- Purchase of construction equipment
- Repairing, operating, and maintaining public facilities
- Street repair
- Political activities

LIST OF ELIGIBLE CDBG ACTIVITIES

Basic Activities:

(§ 570.201)

Acquisition of Real Property

Examples:

Land
Air Rights
Easements
Water Rights
Rights-of-Ways
Buildings and other Real Property Improvements

Disposition of Property

Appraisals
Surveys
Marketing
Legal Services
Financial Services
Transfer Taxes

Public Facilities and Improvements

Senior Citizen Centers
Parks and Playgrounds
Centers for Handicapped
Neighborhood Facilities
Solid Waste Disposal Facilities
Fire Protection Facilities and Equipment
Parking Facilities
Street Improvements
Water and Sewer Facilities; Storm Sewers
Foundation and Platforms for Air Rights
Pedestrian Malls and Walkways
Flood and Drainage Facilities

Clearance

Demolition
Removal of Buildings and Improvements
Movement of Structures to other Sites

Removal of Architectural Barriers

Ramps
Curb cuts
Wider doorways
Elevators
Physical modifications to buildings/facilities

Relocation Payments

Displaced persons include:
Individuals and families
Businesses and non-profit organizations
Farms

Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities:

(§ 570.202)

Code enforcement
Historic preservation
Renovation of closed buildings
Lead paint hazard evaluation and reduction
Public or private commercial/industrial buildings

Economic Development Activities:

(§ 570.202)

Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of commercial and industrial buildings, structures, and other property
Construction of public improvements
Commercial and industrial facilities

Planning & Capacity Building Activities

(§ 570.205)

Comprehensive Plans, Economic Development Plans,
Capital Improvement Programs Neighborhood Plans
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
Zoning Codes