



Q&A - FY 2026/27 CDBG Funding Application Virtual Workshop
April 22, 2026

Question: Is there reference as to what qualifies as low to moderate income?

Answer: Yes, CDBG income limits can be found on The HUD Exchange at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5334/cdbg-income-limits/>.

Question: Our nonprofit is open 40 hours a week but not 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day (varying hours). Would we still meet the “open to the public” requirement?

Answer: Yes, that would be considered eligible. The federal regulation does not specify certain hour requirements as long as the hours are considered reasonable.

Question: Is there a way to prioritize multiple applications submitted?

Answer: The application does not include a specific section for ranking preferences. However, applicants can note their preference somewhere on their application. The evaluation committee is not obligated to take preference into account.

Question: Total available is \$1 million – is that for one application?

Answer: Applicants may submit two \$1 million applications but only one could be awarded. There is a total of \$1 million available for capital projects for this cycle.

Question: Can you provide clarity on the two projects awarded within five years?

Answer: Each city/agency is limited to receiving no more than two awards in a five-year period beginning with the last application cycle (FY 2025/26). If you applied for the last cycle but were not awarded, you would still be eligible for up to two awards over the next four cycles.

Question: Is the \$1 million eligible for two separate projects and is that affected in the 5-year period?

Answer: There is \$1 million available for capital improvement projects and \$265,000 available for public service activities. The requirement is no more than two awards in a five-year period which could be two capital projects, one capital project and one public service activity, etc.

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Question: For the “no more than one application per project type”, a city was previously awarded a project that completed 16 right of ways at different points throughout the city. Still able to do a similar type of project (multiple sidewalks) as one project?

Answer: Yes, you could include several areas as part of one project, but you would just have to be specific in listing each sidewalk or area.

Question: If projecting to help 10 people with 10 bus passes, do you have to use the exact dollar amount?

Answer: The amount can be an estimate, but it should be based on the average price. You may want to include a small contingency since you won't be able to adjust the budget later if prices increase.

Question: Do matched funds have to be pledged by October 1, 2026?

Answer: There is no match requirement under CDBG but including leverage funds is highly encouraged. Funds do not have to be pledged by October 1st but would have to be reported by the end of the contract.

Question: Are subrecipients allowed to include a contingency as part of their application?

Answer: Yes, but they should be reasonable and will be looked at by the evaluation committee.