

FY2009 CDBG Workshop

FAQs:

1. Where can I get a copy of the application?

- A copy of the application as well as other resources can be found on our website, [Community Development Block Grants Program](#).
- You may also come to City Hall - Second Floor, Department of Planning & Community Development.

2. When is the application due?

- Applications must be in our office by Friday, August 29th, at 4:30pm. There are no exceptions.

3. Can I submit more than one application?

- Yes.

4. What is the largest amount you can request?

- It is suggested that applicants request in increments of \$5,000.00. Because the City's allocation has been reduced over the years, we encourage funding requests of \$75,000.00 or less.

5. Once the application is submitted and the award is received, will there be assistance for grantees?

- There will be a workshop in the spring for grantees to discuss project compliance, performance measurement, and contract standards.

6. If the award is less than requested, can the applicant change their proposed project to fund something else?

- Possibly; this will be discussed at the grantee workshop.

7. What are the local priorities?

- They are in the [Five year Consolidated Plan](#).
- This is our last year of our consolidated plan. The City will submit a new plan for the next five years.

8. I think the local priorities should be different. How can I express my opinion?

- There are two public hearings in the City Council Chambers at 6pm that you should attend:
 - August 7th – discuss housing and community development needs; and
 - September 18th - discuss proposed use of CDBG funds.

9. How are funding decisions made?

- Applications are reviewed by the CDBG Committee; they make their recommendations to the Mayor. The Mayor makes all final determinations.

10. How does one find out if their application has been approved?

- Letters of acceptance or denials are mailed once determinations are made.

11. What are the Target areas?

- The Target Area is defined as an area with 51% Low/Moderate Income, as defined by the census and HUD. Please see [Target Area Map](#).

12. I have had difficulty reading the map. Can you tell me what the target areas are?

- The City has provided an updated map with clearer lines of distinction on our website. It allows you to zoom in and out to read street lines. If you are still having difficulty, please contact our office.

13. Does my program have to be in the target area?

- No. If your program is not located in the target area, then your clientele must reside in the target area or meet the family income guidelines.

14. Has the target area changed over the years?

- Yes, it has changed. It has gotten smaller. One possible reason it has gotten smaller is that residents are not completing the Census form. With the 2010 Census, we are encouraging everyone to get counted!