

Community Development Block Grant: Washoe County
July 29, 2024

Funding Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Allocations distributed annually by the state Commission on Economic Development to:

- 15 Rural counties
- 11 Rural incorporated cities

Nevada CDBG program excludes Reno, Sparks, Carson City, Las Vegas, Henderson, and Clark County, all of which are entitlement communities and receive their own CDBG funds directly from HUD.

Washoe County is an eligible entity for the unincorporated portion of the county, those areas that are not in the Reno or Sparks CDBG programs.

CDBG Goals & Objectives:

Program Goal:

The primary goal of the national CDBG program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for low and moderate income persons.

To qualify for consideration, Nevada projects must meet one of HUD's national objectives:

1. Benefit (LMI) low and moderate income persons (51% or more);
2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; **must be designated by the jurisdiction as a slum or blighted area to qualify.**
3. Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because the conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and no other financial resources are available. **Must be newly identified within last 18 months.**

If a project has an area wide benefit like a road, or water project the community must meet income eligibility (51% LMI).

Projects may also meet LMI requirements by benefiting a limited clientele HUD recognizes (Seniors, abused children, illiterate persons, battered spouses, persons with disabilities, homeless persons, persons living with HIV/AIDS, or migrant works.)

National objective (reiteration):

1. Benefit low and moderate income persons (51% or more)
2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
3. Address a recent, urgent community development need

Types of Projects:

- 1) Affordable Housing
- 2) Community Stabilization & Development
- 3) Public Facilities

Eligible & Ineligible Projects:

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- Water, wastewater and storm drain design and construction
- Streets, roads, and sidewalks
- Fire Stations
- Community, senior and youth centers
- Emergency vehicles/equipment
- Planning
- Downtown revitalization
- Libraries
- Landfills
- Assisted living facilities
- Substance Abuse Centers
- Handicapped Access

Projects and activities that are not eligible for CDBG funding include:

- 1) The operation and maintenance costs of public facilities or improvements made to those facilities.
- 2) Constructing, expanding or rehabilitating “buildings for the general conduct of government” such as city halls, county administrative buildings etc. This prohibition does not include buildings in which services are provided to the public, such as fire stations in low-income areas or the removal of architectural barriers for handicap accessibility in public buildings.
- 3) Costs of purchasing construction equipment, movable equipment, furnishings or machinery.

Past CDBG Projects:

Washoe County has participated in the State CDBG program since 1982. Over the past thirty years the County has implemented 55 grant projects funded through the State CDBG program, for a total funding amount of \$5,298,832. These projects have provided a significant benefit to the residents of Washoe County.

The CDBG funding has supported 30 public facility projects, 12 planning projects, two housing rehabilitation projects, and 11 public service projects.

Two projects pending approval – GGID PER / Sun Valley Pedestrian Safety

Grant Process:

Washoe County is the only eligible applicant

Applications will be submitted to Washoe County on or before September 27, 2024

- Applications may be submitted by non-profit organizations, county departments or other governmental entities that provide services in eligible geographic areas.
- Community Reinvestment is available to assist with the development of grant applications that benefit low to moderate income residents.
- Maximum of **two** County and **two** nonprofit/community applications

The application will be an electronic submission using ZoomGrants.

Further training and technical assistance will be available for applicants.

Timeline:

- Intent to apply is due September 27, 2024
 - Economic Development projects must submit CDBG Impact Analysis Matrix by September 27, 2024
- CDBG potential projects review meeting
 - September 05, 2024
- (For approved projects) Grant proposals due to Washoe County
 - November 8, 2024
- Grant proposals to Board of County Commissioners
 - February 13, 2025
- Grant Proposals to State of Nevada CDBG
 - February 15, 2025
- Approved projects begin
 - July 1, 2025

CDBG Administrative Requirements

Depending on the type of project that you are applying for you may have extensive administrative requirements including:

- Environmental Review
- Maintain records on Beneficiaries
- Verify Income Eligibility
- Contracts
- Labor Standards and Wage Monitoring
- Reporting, Reporting, Reporting

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Final note: Most projects supported by the state are infrastructure and acquisition projects in order to more closely align with GoEd's priorities.

Q&A

Is Michael Boreham the person to whom I should email about the Hidden Valley

- Yes, please. Michael Boreham is the Grant Administrator and primary point of contact.

There were recently major storm washouts in Hidden Valley Parks. Can CBDG help?

- That situation could potentially fall within CBDG guidelines.

Where is the job matrix?

- The job matrix is posted on the county webpage along with other important CBDG information and dates.