COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

2020 CDBG CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

APPLICATION WORKSHOP - JANUARY 24, 2020
2020 CDBG APPLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

• **New this year:** Applications must be submitted through the online submission page (do not email or submit paper copies)

• **Change for this year:** Non-profits may apply for one CDBG Capital Improvement project and one CDBG Public Service / Planning project. Otherwise, there is a limit of one CDBG funding application per agency.

• **Fair housing survey** must be completed by the application due date; penalty increased from 5 points to 10 points

• **Applications due** by 5:00pm Central on March 13, 2020
NATURE OF THE CDBG PROGRAM

COOK COUNTY’S DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH HUD, AWARDS GRANTS TO CARRY OUT A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES DIRECTED TOWARD REVITALIZING NEIGHBORHOODS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND PROVIDING IMPROVED COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES.
NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:

**Benefit**
- Benefit to low- and moderate income (LMI) persons
  - Area Benefit Activities
  - Limited Clientele Activities
  - Housing Activities
  - Job Creation or Retention Activities

**Aid**
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
  - Prevent or eliminate slum and blight on an area basis
  - Eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay on a spot basis

**Meet a Need**
- Meet a need having a particular urgency (Demolition Projects)
  - Urgent need activities must pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community
  - Existing conditions are recently urgent (within the past 18 months)
  - Grantee is unable to finance the activity and other sources of funding are not available
PROGRAM
ELIGIBLE REQUIREMENTS:

Eligible Areas:
All jurisdictions in Cook County may be served by Cook County’s CDBG Program in this funding year with the exception of 14.

Applicable Administrative Requirements:
- Environmental Review
- Davis-Bacon Labor Standards
- Procurement
- Fair Housing Act
- Lead-Based Paint
- Relocation/Acquisition

Eligible Activities:
- Infrastructure
- Public Facilities
- Demolition
- Special Economic Dev.
- Microenterprise
- Social Services
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Project must be consistent with Cook County’s Current Consolidated Plan

HUD Community Planning Development’s L/M Income Data (2011-2015 ACS - Census Tract/Block Group)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES:

Infrastructure Projects:
- Street Resurfacing
- Alley Resurfacing
- Water Main/Sewer Line Replacement
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Public Facility Projects:
- Recreational Facilities
- Public Parks – ADA Compliance (Playgrounds)
- Energy Efficiency Improvements
- Disabled Accessibility Improvements

Demolition Projects:
- Vacant Buildings
- Debris/Asbestos Removal
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

**Capital Improvement Projects (Area Benefits):**
- Area Benefits Threshold Exception: “No Longer Available”
- Area Benefits Threshold: 51% for infrastructure, water, sewer, or flood control projects

**Capital Improvement Projects (Cap):**
- Municipal Funding Request Cap: $400,000.00 (Infrastructure)
- Non-Profit Funding Request Cap: $200,000.00 (Public Facilities)

**Maximum Number of Projects (1)**
APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Project Need and Justification
   - 35 Points

2. Capacity and Skills to Execute Project
   - 25 Points

3. Leverage Other Funding
   - 10 Points

4. Clarity & Reasonableness of Proposed Costs
   - 10 Points

5. Broader Context of Project
   - 20 Points

6. Readiness to Proceed
   - 0 to -15 Pts

7. Fair Housing/Racial Equity
   - 0 to -10 Pts

8. Financial Capacity
   - 0 to -10 Pts
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PRIORITIES:

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Prioritize multi-jurisdictional funding requests
- Coordinate multiple infrastructure improvement into single projects
- Prioritize projects and programs that help to address the job-housing disconnect, particularly within the south suburbs
- Target infrastructure projects and programs that will promote economic development efforts

PUBLIC FACILITIES

- Continue to support capital improvements for public facilities
- Coordinate closely with other infrastructure resources
SUCCESS STORY - 1
STREET RESURFACING PROJECT (BEFORE)

• CDBG City of Blue Island –
  Street Resurfacing Project

• Paul Revere Primary School & Surrounding
  Residential Area

• Street surface in extremely poor condition
SUCCESS STORY – 1
STREET RESURFACING PROJECT (AFTER)

- CDBG City of Blue Island – Street Resurfacing Project
- Paul Revere Primary School & Surrounding Residential Area
- This street resurfacing project provided safe and accessible facilities for students, residents, and motorists accessing the school and surrounding community.

CDBG Project Award: $200,000.00
SUCCESS STORY – 2
PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECT (BEFORE)

- Aspire of Illinois
  (Facility Service Persons with Cognitive Disabilities)
- Aspire Career Training Center (ACTC) Rehabilitation Project
- 36% Employment rate among persons w/disabilities
- 74% Employment rate among persons without disabilities
- Limited access to quality education and job training for persons w/disabilities
SUCCESS STORY – 2
PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECT
(AFTER)

Aspire Career Training Center (ACTC) Rehabilitation Project

As a result, training is being provided in six (6) industries:

- Food Service
- Hotel & Hospitality
- Fitness Center Administration
- Office Management
- Information Technology
- Warehousing & Distribution

CDBG Project Award: $100,000.00
SUCCESS STORY – 2
PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECT (AFTER)

- Aspire Career Training Center (ACTC) Rehabilitation Project
- New Reception Area
SUCCESS STORY – 2
PUBLIC FACILITIES (AFTER)

• Aspire Career Training Center (ACTC) Rehabilitation Project

• Food Services Area
SUCCESS STORY – 3
DEMOLITION PROJECT (BEFORE)

Single-Family Residential Project –
Chicago Heights, IL (Unincorporated Cook County)

• Health and Safety Concerns
• Slum Blight Elimination
• Redevelopment
SUCCESS STORY - 3
DEMOLITION PROJECT (AFTER)

Single-Family Residential Property –
Chicago Heights, IL (Unincorp. Cook County)

Property demolished and grounds prepared for
redevelopment

• **CDBG Project Award:**
  - $19,400.00
  - $17,900.00 (Actual Demo Costs)
DEMOlITION ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Slum Blight Spot Basis
- Eliminate specific conditions of blight
- Physical Decay on a spot basis
- Demolition of dilapidated properties

Urgent Need
- Designed only for activities that alleviate emergency conditions
- Demolition structures that are severely damaged by a major disaster
  - Existing conditions must pose a serious and immediate threat (health or welfare)
  - Existing conditions are of recent origin (within 18 months)
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES:

- Special Economic Development (subject to required public benefits being met under job creation/retention or provisions of goods/services):
  - Acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, or install commercial or industrial buildings
  - Other eligible real property improvements

- Microenterprise Development (Workforce Development):
  - Financial Support
  - Technical Assistance
  - General Support to owners and persons developing microenterprises

- Social Services and Capacity Building Assistance (increase the capacity for entities to carry out eligible neighborhood revitalization or ED activities)

(The above activities are restricted to projects undertaken and controlled by public or nonprofit entities.)

- Economic development services in connection with eligible CDBG activities restricted to services provided by nonprofit entities.
2020 FUNDING CYCLE UPDATES

- CDBG Applications must be submitted utilizing the online submission page. (No emails or paper copies will be accepted.)
- Consistency with the current Cook County Consolidated Plan and Policy Roadmap, including a focus on racial equity
- A geographic focus on the southern suburbs for the 2020 application cycle and emphasis on connections to the South Suburban Economic Growth Initiative (SSEGI)
- Increased focus on Section 3 and MBE/WBE performance (see Capacity criterion) and requirements (specific guidelines will be noted during the procurement process)
- Emphasis on regional collaboration, consistency with the ON TO 2050 comprehensive regional plan, and project implementation within the context of a broader municipal or organizational strategic plan or vision
- The Area Benefit Threshold is 51% for all capital improvement projects
PROGRAM FUNDING CYCLE/TIMELINE

CDBG Program Year (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)

Applications Available Online – January 2020

Workshop
January 24, 2020
Webinar
January 30, 2020

Application Review Period
(April – May 2020)

County Board Review/Approval
(July 2020)

Issuance of Subrecipient Grant Awards
(August 2020)

All Application Due
March 13, 2020
(5:00pm)
THINGS TO REMEMBER

• Must be Consistent w/Planning for Progress – Cook County’s Consolidated Plan

• Project must meet a National Objective and project selected activity must be eligible

• All required documents must be submitted per “Application Checklist”

• Double check all Census Tract/Block Group information. Please use the following L/M-Income Area Data (2011-2015 ACS) website link:
  https://hud.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ffd0597e8af24f88b501b7e7f326bedd
APPLICATION REVIEW

(SEE ONLINE APPLICATION)

https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/2020CDBGCapital

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