2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Program Year: April 1, 2024—March 31, 2025 Community and Economic Development

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FAIR HOUSING IS THE LAW

Also, as a part of the requirements of the program, the locality is expected to undertake activities that promote Fair Housing. Title VIII of the Civil Rights of 1968 stipulates that we all have the right to be treated fairly regardless of our race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.



- In the sale and rental of housing
- In residential real estate transactions
- In the provision of brokerage services



If you believe that you have been a victim of discriminatory housing practices, you have avenues by which the matter can be investigated.



Beaufort County and Lowcountry Council of Governments are committed to Fair Housing. For more information contact LCOG at (843) 473-3990.



The SC CDBG Program is designed to provide assistance to units of local government in improving economic opportunities and meeting community revitalization needs, particularly for persons of low and moderate income (LMI).



LM QUALIFIED

Beaufort County

Beaufort County		<u>1 Person</u>	<u>2 Person</u>	<u>3 Person</u>	<u>4 Person</u>	<u>5 Person</u>	<u>6 Person</u>	<u>7 Person</u>	<u>8 Person</u>
Beaufort County, SC HUD Metro FMR Area	30% Limits	\$19,300	\$22,050	\$24,800	\$27,550	\$29,800	\$32,000	\$34,200	\$36,400
	50% Limits	\$32,150	\$36 <i>,</i> 750	\$41,350	\$45,900	\$49,600	\$53,250	\$56,950	\$60,600
	80% Limits	\$51,450	\$58 <i>,</i> 800	\$66,150	\$73 <i>,</i> 450	\$79,350	\$85,250	\$91,100	\$97,000

2023 Income Limits effective June 15, 2023 (cdbgsc.com)

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The CDBG program has been funded through the State since 1982 by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing Community Development Act of 1974 as amended (Title I).



The Annual allocation from HUD for the program is administered by the

SC Department of Commerce – Division of Grant Administration.

SC has been allotted approximately \$19,866,653 in CDBG funds for 2024.



<u>SC STATE CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING</u> <u>AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</u>

Draft 2024 Action Plan

Written comments on the plan can be submitted from January 15-February 13, 2024.

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GRANT PROGRAM CATEGORIES

There are three broad grant program categories:

- Community Development
- Business Development
- Regional Planning

The Community Development Program is further broken down into several subcategories to address infrastructure, community facilities, and neighborhood priorities as follows:



Community Development Program

COMMUNITY	INFRASTRUCTURE

\$9,000,000 est.

APPLICATION REQUEST	March 22, 2024				
APPLICATION DEADLINE	April 22, 2024				
WATER					
SEWER					
DRAINAGE					
ROADS					
MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000					
MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT -					
\$1,000,000					
LOCAL PRIORITIES	\$1,000,000 est.				

LUCAL PRIORITIES	
APPLICATION REQUEST	
APPLICATION DEADLINE	

August 16, 2024 September 16, 2024

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY, QUALITY OF LIFE, AND SUSTAINABILITY RESILIENCY AND NARROW THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000 MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$300,000

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT \$7,170,654 est.

APPLICATION REQUEST August 16, 2024 APPLICATION DEADLINE September 16, 2024 BROWNFIELD PROJECTS/DEMOLITION OBSOLETE BUILDINGS

DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING FOR REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE (\$50,000 maximum)

LIBRARIES

PUBLICLY OWNED FACILITIES

TRANSPORTATION-ORIENTED PUBLIC FACILITIES PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES/SERVICES DEMOLITION VACANT, DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES TO ADDRESS/SUPPORT CRIME PREVENTION FIRE SUBSTATIONS OR FIRE TRUCKS

HEALTH CLINIC FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT

PUBLIC FACILITY MODIFICATIONS

NEW SIDEWALKS IN LMI AREAS

MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000 MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$750,000



Community Development Program

READY TO GO \$500,000

APPLICATION REQUEST ONGOING APPLICATION DUE 30 DAYS AFTER REQUEST ACTIVITIES LISTED IN COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

MINIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$50,000 MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT - \$500,000* (*maximum waiver available)

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE

- Benefit low-to-moderate income ("LMI")
 Persons
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
- Meet other urgent community needs posing a serious threat to the health or welfare of the community

10% MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PROJECTS



GRANT PROGRAM CATEGORIES

Business Development Program: \$1,000,000

This program provides financial resources for local governments to pursue opportunities that create new jobs, retain existing employment, stimulate private investment, and revitalize or facilitate the competitiveness of the local economy. Funding will be prioritized based on the following order:

- 1. New or expanding businesses tied to job creation
- 2. Area economic development activities not associated with job creation
- 3. New or expanding local businesses that provide essential goods and services in predominately LMI communities

Regional Planning Program: \$500,000

This program is designed to provide CDBG funds to Councils of Governments to assist local governments in developing plans and building local community development capacity.

State TA & Admin:

\$ 695.999

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Projects located in Opportunity Zones will receive an additional 10 bonus points (scopportunityzone.com)





PERFORMANCE THRESHOLD

A unit of local government can apply for an additional Community Development grant if it has no more than two open CDBG grants (excluding Business Development or Regional Planning grants).

However, the open grants must not have exceeded a **30**month grant period.



PERFORMANCE THRESHOLD



No more than one Neighborhood Revitalization/Village Renaissance or streetscape project.



No more than one Ready to Go project.



No more than one project for the same general target area/neighborhood open at the same time, unless the current project is under construction.



BEAUFORT COUNTY/LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM

The Beaufort County/Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium (LRHC) is comprised of the following counties: Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper and all 21 municipalities in the region.



BEAUFORT COUNTY/ LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM

TOP THREE OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Rehabilitation of substandard housing
- 2. Increase accessibility to adequate and affordable housing
- 3. Support the development and availability of safe, decent, and affordable housing



BEAUFORT COUNTY/LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM



Beaufort, Hampton, Colleton and Jasper Counties have areas that are in need of affordable housing, rehabilitation of substandard housing, and demolition of vacant/dilapidated houses.



As the housing stock ages, there becomes a greater need for rehabilitation of substandard houses and the number of vacant/dilapidated houses increases while increasing the number of persons at risk for homelessness.



Please give us a list of the priority housing needs for your area to be considered in our upcoming 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan to be submitted to HUD by April 26, 2024.

