



**City of Lodi
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
2019-20 Annual Action Plan
Application Instructions**

General:

The City of Lodi is soliciting applications for its 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Eligible organizations are limited to nonprofits and local government entities. If awarded, funds are anticipated to be available July 1, 2019 and projects must be completed by June 30, 2020.

Mandatory Workshop:

Interested applicants **must attend** an application workshop on **Wednesday, January 2nd** to be considered eligible to apply.

Mandatory Application Workshop and Community Needs Workshop

January 2, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Carnegie Forum – Council Chambers

305 West Pine Street

Lodi, CA 95240

Application Deadline:

The application will be available Monday, December, 2018 and is due by **5 p.m. on Monday, January 21, Tuesday, January 22, 2019**. Late applications will not be accepted. The Application Instruction and Application Questions will be available on the City's Community Development webpage: http://www.lodi.gov/community_development/Neighborhoods/CDBG.html .

Application Instructions:

The Application is available in a Word format called "Application Questions" for the Applicant to fill-out and submit. Application Questions must be completely filled-out. Please do not have duplicative answers to questions. Please be as concise as possible.

The Application Questions and attachments must be submitted online through the unique link that is provided to the Applicant. The City's Community Development Department will provide each Applicant the link shortly after having completed the Mandatory Application Workshop. The link allows an Applicant to download its completed Application Questions and attachments. Please submit the Application Questions in Word Document version and attachments may be in Word or PDF (no Excel).

Grant Requirements:

CDBG funds must be used to primarily benefit low- to moderate- income individuals, households or area. Only projects that are new or an expansion to existing programs/projects are eligible.

National Objective

Proposed activities must meet one of the three national objectives:

1. Benefit to low-income individuals or households
2. Addresses the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
3. Meets a particularly urgent community development need

Most projects will fall within the first national objective.

Eligible Activities

CDBG funds may be used for several activities. Eligible activities categories are listed below; however, HUD has more specific requirement of permitted activities that go beyond the categories. Any proposed activity must fit within one of these activity categories. If you are uncertain whether your proposed activities will be eligible, please contact staff.

1. Public facilities and public improvements
2. Economic development and employment training
3. Real property acquisition or rehab
4. Public services
5. Crime prevention
6. Building capacity of community resources
7. Code enforcement (reduce blight)
8. Homeless facilities
9. Fair housing (prevent discrimination)
10. Housing rehabilitation or home ownership assistance
11. New housing construction (community-based development organizations only)
12. Emergency repairs or assistance due to displacement
13. Electrical utilities improvements
14. Energy conservation and renewable resources

City Goals

The City has begun the process to develop revised goals in its updated 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan. A draft will be available early March. Because those goals have not been identified yet, the City will be evaluating applications based on current 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan and draft Community Needs. Goals include: 1) improving access to social services; 2) improving accessibility to public facilities; 3) constructing/upgrading public facilities; 4) addressing slum, blight, and nuisance conditions; 5) building capacity and leadership in marginalized communities; 6) preserving existing affordable housing, 7) securing additional funding; and 8) expanding financial opportunities for lower-income individuals and families.

Area-Benefit or Limited Clientele:

Proposed projects must have an area-benefit or serve a limited clientele. An area-benefit means the project serves clientele within a census block or designated area (neighborhood) where at least 51% of residents are low- to moderate-income. A project that serves limited clientele means the project limits its services/benefit to a limited clientele, which would include low to moderate income

persons/households, seniors over 62 years old, disabled, homeless, migrant farm workers, or certain other similar categories.

Estimated 2019-2020 Award:

The City estimates receiving a 2019-20 CDBG grant award of approximately \$600,000. The actual amount of funding will be announced by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) after federal budget has been approved. The amount has typically been announced in the spring.

Contact:

Contact the following program staff if you have any questions:

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