



**City of Lodi
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
2023-24 Program Year
(July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)**

Application Instructions

General:

The City of Lodi is soliciting applications for its 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The City estimates receiving a grant award of approximately \$600,000 for the 2023-24 CDBG program year. The actual amount of funding will be announced by HUD after the federal budget has been approved. The amount will most likely be announced by HUD in April or May of 2023.

Approximately \$390,000 will be available to community-based organizations for capital improvement and non-public service projects only. Approximately \$90,000 will be made available to community-based organizations for public service projects only.

Eligible organizations are limited to nonprofits and local government entities. If awarded, funds are anticipated to be available on July 1, 2023, and projects must be completed by June 30, 2024.

Application Deadline:

The application will be available on Thursday, December 15, 2022, and due by **5 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023**. Late applications will not be accepted. The application instructions and forms will be available December 15, 2022 on the City's Community Development webpage: <https://www.lodi.gov/183/Community-Development-Block-Grant-Progra>.

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The application is titled “Application Questions” and is available in a Word format for the applicant to fill out and submit. The application must be completely filled out for an organization to be considered for funding. Please do not have duplicative answers to questions and be as concise as possible in your responses.

The Application Questions and the additional attachments must be submitted in an electronic format. Please submit by e-mail or FTP link to NeighborhoodServices@lodi.gov.

Please provide the Application Questions in a Word format and the additional attachments in a PDF format (no Excel).

Application Process:

Applications from community-based organizations will be reviewed and scored by City staff using a scoring rubric, which is available on the City’s Community Development webpage (linked above). Staff will provide funding recommendations. Recommendations will be presented in the draft Annual Action Plan for public review and for final consideration and approval at the May 4, 2023 City Council meeting.

Grant Requirements:

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

National Objectives:

Proposed activities must meet one of the three national objectives:

1. Benefits 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, examples of potential activities are outlined in the list below. Applicants should note that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has more specific requirements for permitted activities that go beyond these listed categories.

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 homeownership assistance
11. New housing construction (community-based development organizations only)
12. Emergency repairs or assistance due to displacement
13. Electrical utilities improvements

The 2019-23 CDBG Consolidated Plan provides eleven goals that the City will prioritize over a five-year planning period. Any proposed activity must meet one of the following eleven goals listed below. If you are uncertain whether your proposed activities will be eligible, please contact City staff (contact information is provided below). Goals marked with an asterisk (*) are higher priority based on performance of prior year projects.

2019-23 CDBG Consolidated Plan Goals:

1. Promote Safer Neighborhoods
2. Improve Community Parks and Green Space in CDBG Target Area
3. Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
4. *Increase and Maintain Supply of Affordable Housing
5. Build Capacity in CDBG Target Area
6. Support Public Service Programs for Priority Populations
7. Affirmatively Further Fair Housing
8. *Improve Housing Affordability
9. *Support Programs and Projects that Reduce and Prevent Homelessness
10. *Create and Promote Housing for Homeless Populations
11. COVID-19 Preparation, Prevention, and Response

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 percent of residents are low- to moderate- income. A project that serves limited clientele means the project limits its services/benefit to specific clientele, which would include low- to moderate-income persons/households, seniors over 62 years old, persons who are disabled, homeless, or migrant farmworkers, or certain other similar categories.

Contact:

Please contact the following program staff if you have any questions:

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