

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Categories of Eligible Activities

1. Acquisition of Real Property

- a. Land
- b. Air rights
- c. Easements
- d. Water rights
- e. Right-of-way
- f. Building and other real property improvements

2. Disposition *(sale of real estate acquired with CDBG funds, including disposition at less than fair housing market value allowed if property will be used to meet a national objective)*

- a. Surveys
- b. Marketing
- c. Financial services
- d. Transfer taxes and other costs involved in the transfer of ownership of property

3. Public Facilities and Improvements

4. Clearance

- a. Demolition of buildings and improvements
- b. Removal of demolition products (rubble) and other debris
- c. Physical removal of environmental contaminants or treatment of such contaminants to render them harmless
- d. Movement of structures

*Demolition of HUD-assisted housing may be undertaken only with the prior approval of HUD

5. Public Services

- a. Child Care
- b. Health Care
- c. Job training
- d. Recreation programs
- e. Education programs
- f. Public safety programs
- g. Fair housing activities
- h. Services for senior citizens
- i. Services for homeless persons
- j. Drug abuse counseling and treatment
- k. Energy conservation counseling and testing
- l. Homebuyer down payment assistance
- m. Welfare (excluding provision of income payments)
- n. Operating cost of maintaining a facility where public services are provided

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6. Interim Assistance

- a. The repair of
 - i. Streets
 - ii. Sidewalks
 - iii. Public buildings
 - iv. Parks and playgrounds
 - v. Publicly owned utilities
- b. The execution of special (i.e., Beyond that normally provided)
 - i. Garbage
 - ii. Trash
 - iii. Debris removal, including neighborhood cleanup campaigns

7. Relocation

8. Loss of Rental Income. CDBG funds may be used to pay housing owners for the loss of rental income incurred in holding, for temporary [periods, housing units to be used for the relocation of individuals and families displaced by CDBG-assisted activities

9. Privately owned utilities. A privately-owned utility may be defined as a publicly regulated service which is provided through the use of physical distribution lines to private properties and that is owned and operated by a non-public entity. Utilities include, but are not necessarily limited to, natural gas, electricity, telephone, water, sewer, and television cable services

10. Rehabilitation

- a. Costs
- b. Financing
- c. Refinancing
- d. Property acquisition
- e. Security devices
- f. Insurance
- g. Conservation
- h. Water and sewer
- i. Tools
- j. Barrier removal
- k. Landscaping, sidewalks, and driveways
- l. Renovation of closed buildings
- m. Historic preservation
- n. Lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction
- o. Rehabilitation services
- p. Business in a residence

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11. Construction of Housing CDBG funds may be used in certain specific circumstances to finance the construction of new permanent residential structures

- a. Construction project that has received funding through a Housing and Development Grant (a HODAG- reference §570.201(m))
- b. Housing as a last resort under 24 CFR Part 42, Subpart I. (This is housing that the grantee has determined must be constructed in order to provide suitable replacement housing for persons to be displaced by a contemplated CDBG project, subject to the Uniform Act, and where the project is prevented from proceeding because the required replacement housing is not available otherwise.) Reference: §570.207(b)(3)

12. Code enforcement -City of Bismarck does not fund under CDBG

13. Special Economic Development Activities-City of Bismarck does not fund under CDBG

14. Microenterprise Assistance -City of Bismarck does not fund under CDBG

15. Special Activities by CBDOs

16. Homeownership Assistance

- a. Subsidize interest rates and mortgage principal amounts
- b. Finance the cost of acquiring property already occupied by household at terms needed to make purchase affordable
- c. Pall all or part of premium
- d. Pay any or all of the reasonable closing costs
- e. Pay up to 50% of the down payment required by the mortgages for the purchase on behalf of the purchaser.

17. Planning and Capacity Building

- a. Studies
- b. Analysis
- c. Data gathering
- d. Preparation of plans
- e. Identification of actions that will implement plans

18. Program Administration costs (20%)

- a. Citizen participation cost
- b. Fair housing activities
- c. Indirect costs charged using an acceptable cost allocation
- d. Development of submissions or application for Federal programs

19. Other Miscellaneous

- a. Preparing program budgets schedules and amendments
- b. Evaluating program results against stated objectives
- c. Coordinating the resolution of audit and monitoring findings

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- d. Developing systems for assuring compliance with program requirement
- e. Preparing reports and other compliance documents related to the program for submission to HUD
- f. Developing interagency agreements with subrecipients and contractors to carry out program activities.