

OVERVIEW AND LIST OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

OVERVIEW OF THE CDBG PROGRAM

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program was created as a “bundled” federal aid program intended to aid, “. . . the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income . . .” (*Taken from the Housing and Urban Development website*). The program was designed with flexibility to allow communities to determine how to meet the specific local needs of low-moderate income individuals. (*Additional information can be found at www.HUD.gov or Part 24 CFR parts 500 - 600.*)

ELIGIBLE CDBG-FUNDED ACTIVITIES

Acquisition of Real Property (*Typically land acquisition for development of affordable housing, community centers or economic development*)

Disposition (*costs of disposing of real property*)

Public Facilities and Improvements (*Public community centers, sidewalks, sewers, water systems*)

Clearance (*Removal of urban blight, environmental clean-up*)

Public Services (*Social services for non-profits to assist low income people*)

Interim Assistance (*Immediate actions needed to arrest deterioration or other emergency conditions*)

Relocation (*Costs of relocated displaced tenants from rehabilitation projects*)

Loss of Rental Income 2-35

Privately-Owned Utilities 2-3

Rehabilitation (*Renovation of existing housing, both tenant and owner occupied*)

Construction of Housing (*New construction ONLY by certified Community Based Development Organizations or CBDO's*)

Code Enforcement (*Enforcing codes to clean up low & moderate income neighborhoods*)

Special Economic Development Activities (*Activities that sustain or retain business*)

Microenterprise Assistance (*Training & other help for small businesses*)

Special Activities by CBDO's (*See above*)

Homeownership Assistance (*Down payment assistance, homeowner counseling*)

Planning and Capacity Building (*Costs of developing community development plans*)

Program Administration Costs (*Costs of running the CDBG program – subject to a 20% cap*)

Miscellaneous Other Activities (*Go to www.hud.gov*)