

2025 CDBG Application Training Q & A



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Please note: The answers provided in this document may be subject to change based on guidance from HUD and/or state law and should only be used as an additional resource as applicable. Subrecipients are encouraged to contact ODOC/CD Staff for clarification on complex issues and determinations.

Who tracks the state & federal congressional districts? I see this on all grant applications.

The congressional districts are tracked for legislative purposes. For additional information, please contact your local legislative representative.

Would a notice of violation (NOV) fall under a consent order?

A NOV is not a Consent Order and would be considered a Documented Hazard.

Can you give examples of documented hazards? What gets uploaded

This would be determined by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Is it only from DEQ, or can it be from OCC? As in a gas line replacement?

Yes, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission would be the agency to determine if a Documented Hazard existed for a gas issue.

Is Water and Wastewater Rate required even if the project does not include a water project?

No, water and wastewater rates are not required if the project is not a water project.

How does a audit work if it is an equipment purchase? We are a fire district try to purchase equipment.

An audit is required regardless of the project. Some equipment purchases are eligible. Contact the appropriate planner to confirm.



If we have both water and sewer rates. Do we fill out all three sections or just the combined?

Each section must be completed, do not combine sections.

Can you discuss the "one open" CDBG grant requirements. Example: If a municipality has a federal CDBG grant, does that prevent the municipality from applying for the state CDBG grant. If a municipality has a REAP grant does that prevent the municipality from apply for a Revitalization Grant?

This depends on the entity applying. For example, a county may have two open contracts. This information is covered the application guidance.

Some projects don't require an engineer like for street resurfacing. Can a cost estimate be used then?

A cost estimate may be used in this scenario but must be signed by the vendor.

How long is a LMI survey good for?

Five (5) years.

So if an entity automatically qualifies for CDBG and doesn't have to do a survey and sells water to another entity an income survey would need to be done for both entities correct?

If an entity sells to another entity, then another survey will need to be completed.

When will the list in the application guidelines of LMI change? This next application period?

The HUD LMI numbers will change for the 2025 applications.



Posting requirements - two public locations, is websites included?

After further research, we could not find substantial evidence that posting a notification to a website could be used in lieu of a public location would be acceptable. However, we encourage communities to use both options to obtain greater citizen participation; but for application purposes, please be sure to keep posting the notification in public locations as required.

Who sets the beneficiary cost at \$2000 a person? This is so low these days.

ODOC has no immediate plans to change the \$2,000 per beneficiary as CDBG funds remain limited at this time.

Can you switch the source of leverage after the application has been submitted?

This is possible but can only be determined on a case-by-case scenario. Please contact the appropriate CDBG Program Representative for review.

How about fees for engineering reports required for the application? I think there is a law that says you have to pay for those services. Some services are performed outside of the CDBG grant.

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Can the grand admin charge an application fee that is paid a not part of the grant budget?

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I believe CDBG-DR is also an exception, right?

ODOC/CD will consider including an exception for CDBG-DR Programs in future CDBG application guidelines.



All documents on the grants website and state website include 2024 dates. When will these be updated?

Application guidelines will be updated by mid-January.

Any idea when the applications will be available on OKGrants?

By January 31, 2025.

Has the scoring changed?

No.

How do you attend the public hearing? Will it be recorded?

In-person or virtual, and yes it will be recorded.

