



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fact Sheet

What is CDBG and who is eligible for funding?

CDBG PROGRAM SUMMARY The **Community Development Block Grant** or CDBG program, authorized in 1974, is one of the longest continuously run programs administered by the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**. The program's purpose is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities. CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to over 1,200 units of local government, insular areas and States. The CDBG program has the flexibility to fund an array of activities.

How can CDBG be used?

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE

ANY CDBG activity proposed **MUST** meet one of the three national objectives:

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| BENEFIT LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME PERSONS | Often referred to as the "primary" national objective |
| PREVENTION OR ELIMINATION OF SLUM AND BLIGHT | Covers activities that aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight in a designated area. |
| URGENT NEED | Designed only for activities that alleviate emergency conditions such as a flood or other natural disasters. |

What are the basic requirements for CDBG funding?

CORE PRINCIPLES

Benefit to low- and moderate-income persons and communities: The CDBG program works to address a range of community needs. Funds are targeted to assist low- and moderate-income persons and families with the intent of filling gaps in funding. **70% of all CDBG funds must benefit low-to moderate-income persons.**

Local decision-making & flexible use of funds: By design, the CDBG program empowers local communities to make decisions about how best to address their own needs. Funds may be used for a wide range of activities, allowing grantees to tailor their community development strategies to local circumstances.

Community participation: Through the citizen participation process, community members and stakeholders take part in decision-making. The program builds in opportunities for community and beneficiary input, including public hearings, reviewing program performance and allowing for written feedback.

Leveraging & partners: Working with partners is critical to the success of most CDBG program activities. Not only do partners often bring financial resources to the table, they also bring expertise and perspective about how to make programs work. CDBG's flexibility allows grantees to use it as a resource to leverage other funds.

How much funding does Gastonia receive?

CDBG FUNDING

Between **2016 – 2021**, the City of Gastonia received over **\$ 3.5 million dollars** in CDBG funds for projects to benefit Gastonia and its residents.



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How does Gastonia use its funding?

FUNDED ACTIVITIES

The CDBG Program has the ability to fund a diverse array of activities. Between 2016 and 2021, the City of Gastonia funds a variety of ways to benefit our community; a few examples of how Gastonia uses its funding are as follows:

- Continuum of Care** The **Continuum of Care Program** is a community-wide commitment with a fundamental mission of aiding homeless individuals and families by providing access to long-term permanent housing and self-sufficiency. The program promotes community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. The City of Gastonia uses its CDBG funds as mandated by HUD to procure the lead agency which provides the administrative planning, oversight and guidance required to secure federal funding used to address homelessness. As a collective entity, the COC is eligible to apply for federal funding through HUD's NOFO and ESG Programs allowing eligible CoC non-profit members to apply and receive funding for re-housing and supportive services.
- Fair Housing** CDBG funds are used to promote **fair housing** through community education, minority recruitment and screening and addressing citizen fair housing complaints.
- Housing Rehabilitation** Providing assistance to over **99** individuals and families, the City's **Housing Rehabilitation Program** offers up to \$25,000 through either grant or loan assistance for housing repairs. Repairs assistance helps with major operating systems such as electrical, floor, plumbing, HVAC, roof, ADA accessibility and then consideration of other minor items.
- Public Facilities and Improvements** The City of Gastonia has funded over **\$1.6 million** in **public facilities and improvements** category. The CDBG program identifies publicly-owned facilities that are open to the general public. Over the past five years, Gastonia has funded a wide array of public infrastructure, public facilities and improvement activities such as playground equipment, high visibility crosswalks, LED lights, splash pad, walking track, bathroom facility and sidewalks.
- Lead-Based Paint** This program is designed to specifically to address **lead-based paint** issues in pre-1978 homes, and is administered as a part of housing rehabilitation program to address lead issues discovered during the course of the rehabilitation process; this activity can also be conducted as a standalone activity.

Want to learn more about CDBG or need assistance?

Visit our website at:

<https://www.cityofgastonia.com/community-development.html>

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