



Dauphin County
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

**Dauphin County
Community Development
Block Grant and HOME Investment
Partnership Programs**

Funding Year 2021

General Information and Application

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Dauphin County is beginning the process of developing the **One Year Action Plan for the year 2021**. Our program year runs from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Municipalities and non-profit community service organizations may apply for any of the three types of activities:

- **Infrastructure/**
- **Public Facilities Activities**
 - Acquisition of real property
 - Relocation
 - Demolition
 - Rehabilitation of non-residential structures
 - Construction and reconstruction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and ADA improvements to existing facilities

These activities must benefit a service area in which at least 51% of persons are low- or moderate income based on 2015 Census Block Group LMI Data or 51% income survey data.

ADA improvements are presumed to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Determination of whether a public facility project benefits low- and moderate-income persons is based on the service area of the facility.

- **Public Services Activities**

There are a wide variety of public service activities available through the CDBG program. The activity must be either a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service. Public service activities typically benefit low- or moderate-income persons. Up to 15% of the total CDBG funds may be expended on public service activities.

- **Planning Activities**

Planning activities include comprehensive plans, Act 537 plans, community development plans, functional plans for housing, land use and urban environmental design, economic development, open space and recreation, energy use and conservation, floodplain and wetlands management, transportation, utilities, historic preservation, etc. Other plans and studies include small area and neighborhood plans, capital improvements program plans, individual project plans, general environmental, urban environmental design, historic preservation studies, etc.

It is not necessary for planning activities to benefit low-and moderate-income persons. The County has a limited amount of CDBG funds available for planning activities.

How do you know if your activity is...

1. Benefiting Low and Moderate-income persons:

- Benefits will be available to *all residents in a particular service area* that meet the low and moderate income (LMI) criteria listed below.
 - a. The service area is located within the 2015 census tract (s) and block group(s) LMI data that is at least 51% LMI; OR
 - b. An income survey has been conducted and the service area is at least 51% LMI; OR
 - c. The service area needs to be surveyed, as we believe that it meets LMI criteria.

- Benefits will be available to a *limited clientele* (a specific group of individuals) who (at least 51%) are LMI
 - a. Clientele benefiting from the activity are presumed to be LMI (abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons, severely disabled adults age 15 or older, homeless persons, illiterate adults, persons living with Aids, and migrant farm workers); OR
 - b. Eligibility requirements limit the activity exclusively to LMI persons; OR
 - c. Nature of the proposed activity, in combination with the project location, can support a presumption of primary benefit to LMI persons; OR
 - d. Documentation of verification of family size and income will show that LMI persons primarily benefit from the activity.

2. Addressing Slum/Blight on an Area or Spot Basis

- Activity will address *slums or blight on an area basis*.
 - a. Activity is located in an area officially designated as a slum or blighted area under state or local law OR a substantial portion of deteriorated buildings and/or infrastructure exists in the area; AND
 - b. The proposed activity will address one or more conditions which contributed to the area's deterioration.
 - c. If the activity benefits primarily LMI and is in a slum/blight area, please note both in the application.

- Activity will address *slums or blight on a spot basis*.
 - a. Deteriorated buildings and/or infrastructure; AND
 - b. Activity specifically addresses the conditions of blight and physical decay

More information on the CDBG Program can be found on the Internet at:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs.

All applicants must submit three (3) copies and one electronic copy of the project application to:

Dauphin County Department of Community & Economic Development
Attention: Deb Laudenslager, Program Coordinator
112 Market Street, 7th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

***ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
NOVEMBER 6, 2020 AT 4:30 P.M.***

(Applications will not be accepted after this deadline, regardless of postmark date)