

Community Development Block Grant: Laboratory

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Session Purpose

- Complying with State and Federal regulations can be challenging
- Need for training and technical assistance
- Successful project completion, including compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements keeps the program in good standing



Session Purpose

- Training format included a CDBG Basics and Advanced CDBG session
- CDBG Basics
 - National Objective
 - Eligibility
 - Citizen Participation

Other Training Opportunities

- American Community Survey/Income Surveys
- Community Development Implementation Strategy
- Fair Housing Fundamentals
- Financial Basics and Advanced Financial Management
- Environmental Review
- Ohio Historic Preservation Office

Other Training Opportunities

- Economic Development and Revolving Loan Funds
- Competitive Set-Asides
 - Neighborhood Revitalization
 - Downtown Revitalization
 - Critical Infrastructure

Other Training Opportunities

- Does not take the place of one-on-one or small group training sessions or technical assistance
 - Quarterly sessions in Columbus
 - Regional or individual community meetings
 - Technical assistance visits

Session Format

- Brief introduction
- Overview of CDBG compliance areas and recommended timeline
- 3 laboratory exercises
 - Project Selection
 - Environmental Review
 - Procurement/Labor Standards

Community Development Block Grant: Introduction

Establishing Legislation

- Authorized under Title I of the **Housing and Community Development Act of 1974**
- Combined a number of existing community development programs into one funding source
- Provided for increased flexibility for local governments
- Regulations located at **24 CFR Part 570**

State-Administered CDBG

- State Program (Small Cities) established in 1982
- **Targets**
 - Cities with populations of less than 50,000
 - Counties with populations of less than 200,000
- Reflected desire for increased flexibility
- Regulations located at 24 CFR Part 570.480

CDBG Primary Objectives

- Developing viable communities, *principally for low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons*, through;
 - Decent housing
 - Suitable living environment
 - Expanded economic opportunity

Key Definitions

Entitlement Program

- Grants given to cities with populations of 50,000 and counties with populations of 200,000

State and Small Cities Program

- Grants given to states, which administer the program to non-entitled cities/counties

CDBG Recipient

- The CDBG unit of general local government that receives its CDBG grant from HUD or the state

Ohio State Program Administration

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- Awards funds to the Ohio Development Services Agency

Office of Community Development (Community Services Division)

- Administers the program for the State of Ohio
 - Eligible communities
 - 79 counties, direct cities, and villages, depending on the individual program parameters

Community Development Program

Strengths:

- Flexible resource for CDBG-eligible community development activities qualified under the LMI and Slum/Blight national objectives
- Needs are identified at the local level

Challenges:

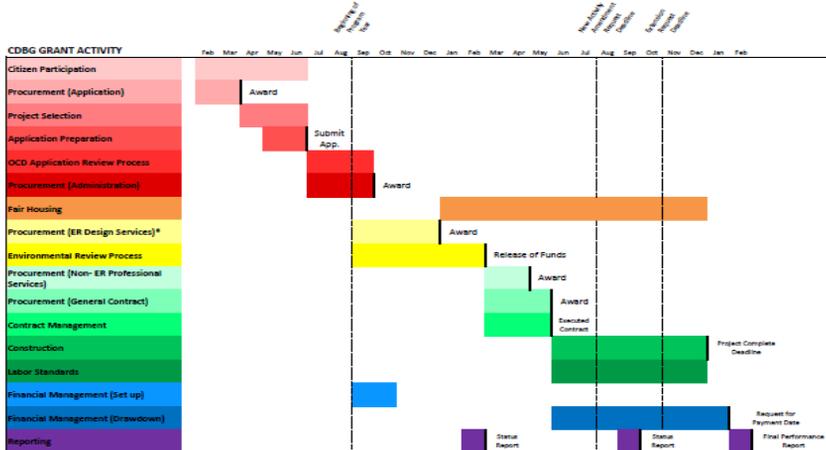
- Compliance with federal, state, and local requirements

Federal and State Requirements

- National Objective
- Citizen Participation
- Fair Housing/Civil Rights
- Environmental Review
- Financial Management
- Acquisition/Relocation
- Procurement
- Construction and Contract Management
- Labor Standards
- Grants Management System

CDBG Allocation Program Grant Timeline

RECOMMENDED TIMELINE FOR CDBG ALLOCATION PROGRAM GRANT ACTIVITIES



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Module 1: Citizen Engagement and Activity Selection