

Feb 3, 2025

FY26 CDBG Application Review Meeting

Attendees:

- Vision Committee: Noah Isherwood, Alison Alwes, Cole Knapper, Matthew Pulver, Cameron Harrelson - quorum
- HCD Staff: Melinda Lord, Alejandra Calva, Marci Irwin, Marqueta Swain, Damario Squire, Lily Sronkoski, Solomon Smothers, Hannah Savard, Kelley McClean, Yashu Kavalakuntla, Cory Scott, Santerica Davis, Michele Tully, Andrea Livingston

Agenda

Topic	Team member
Introduction	Melinda Lord
Review FY26-30 Consolidated Plan and CDBG Guidelines	Melinda Lord
Discuss FY26 CDBG Applications and Combined HCD Staff and Vision Committee Ratings	Melinda Lord

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Review Remaining FY26 CDBG Schedule/Questions & Comments	Melinda Lord

Introduction

- Who HCD is and what we do
 - Purpose & Agenda
 - Affordable Housing, Community Development, Homeless Services and Community Impact programs
 - HCD Mission Statement
 - Purpose of this meeting
 - Confidentiality
 - Vision Committee members

FY26–30 Consolidated Plan

- Five-year plan of needs assessment, a resource review and a gaps analysis
- Includes a strategic plan of prioritized goals and strategies and an annual action plan
- All CDBG projects must meet one of the approved ConPlan goals and National Objectives
- New Goals for FY26–30
 - Affordable Housing Development and Redevelopment
 - Public Services
 - Economic Development
 - Public Facilities and Improvements

FY26 CDBG Applications Discussion

- **Public Services**

- **Minimum award of \$30,000 and a 25% cash match requirement**
- **15% cap of the total annual CDBG budget and projects cannot be carried forward**
- Reasons given for disqualified/ineligible applications
- No comments or concerns on combined ratings scores
- HCD Staff will come up with funding recommendations for M&C and send to VC for approval

- **Affordable Housing**

- No comments or concerns on combined ratings scores

- **Economic Development**

- CBDO (Community Based Development Organization) provides Public Services activities to a specific NRSA (Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area) - EADC is the only CBDO in Athens
- Alison - 2 Questions:
 - What is in the ACC Gov ConPlan to encourage agencies to become CBDOs?
 - Marqueta - Nothing in the ConPlan, but we do try to educate the community on what a CBDO is
 - There are hindrances that may make becoming a CBDO not worth the effort for many agencies
 - Is a reduction of dollars or a non-vote for an agency from multiple VC members noted when recommendations are presented to M&C?
 - Yes, there is an additional slide included in the M&C presentation. Additional information can be added.

- **Public Facilities and Improvements**

- Noah
 - What is the overlap with other departments such as Leisure Services for Public Services funding?

- Marci – The beneficiaries have to live in a LMI (low-to-moderate income) area
- Meeting Adjourned
- Meeting called to order for approval of minutes:
 - Meeting Minutes approved unanimously by quorum committee members.