

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, July 17, 2017

Regular Meeting

Item Public Inp3

Council to receive a presentation from PADD regarding Phase I of the East Overland project and discussion regarding Phase II.

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1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Except as provided in *Section 1.03* of the Application Guidelines, eligible applicants include communities with a population of 5,000 persons or greater and who are not a CDBG Entitlement Community (including Omaha, Lincoln, Bellevue, and Grand Island). Any community with a population of 5,000 or greater may apply for CD Phase I. To be eligible for Phase II funding, the applicant must have received a Phase I grant. See the "Fundability Threshold Requirements" for specific thresholds that are also considered in determining eligibility. For more information, see *Sections 1.01 and 1.03* of the Application Guidelines.

2. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The primary national objective of the CDBG Program is the "development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, particularly for low- and moderate-income persons." Eligible activities are those identified as State Priorities in the Housing, Public Works, Planning, and Downtown Revitalization program categories.

Activities completed within the CD Category project must be located in the LMI neighborhoods selected for the program based on income surveys conducted and include activities that will benefit the LMI persons within the neighborhoods. In addition, activities that are adjacent to the neighborhood sites or provide a clear benefit to the LMI persons in the neighborhoods identified for the program may also be eligible, but will depend on the nature of activities proposed. The proposed activities for the program may be broad in nature and should include both public and private activities. If any activity is not noted within the list below, please consult the DED Primary Contact, or another CDBG Program Representative, in order to determine if any other proposed activities are eligible for the program.

Phase I Pre-development

- Neighborhood/comprehensive/strategic pre-development studies;
- Functional or special pre-development studies; and
- Analyses of impediments and barriers to fair housing choice.

Phase II Implementation

- Housing rehabilitation or homebuyer assistance programs;
- Neighborhood centers or senior centers of a single- or multi-purpose nature designed to provide public recreational and social activities;
- Nonprofit centers for day care, dependent care, primary health, and mental health care outpatient clinics
 - Excluding shelters defined as: hospitals, nursing homes, convalescent homes, battered spouse shelters, shelters for the homeless, halfway houses, group homes, temporary housing;
- Accredited public libraries;
- Single- or multi-service fire/rescue buildings
 - Fire trucks are specifically considered "public facilities" and thus eligible;
- Removal of architectural barriers for accessibility;
- Water distribution system improvements
 - Only where system service connections are or will be metered;
- Sanitary sewer collection system improvements
 - Lines on private property are eligible under LMH national objective;
- Bridge improvements;
- Street improvements including curb, gutter, and sidewalk;
- Storm sewer improvements;

- Flood control designed to influence or affect the flow in a natural water course such as a river, stream, or lake;
- Drainage improvements (e.g. retention ponds or catch basins);
- Tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks
 - Containing not less than 20 manufactured housing units that are within such proximity of shelter to be of use in a tornado;
- Neighborhood parks
 - a new facility/improvement or
 - a quantifiable increase of an existing facility/improvement;
- Loans to businesses located in the designated downtown business district
 - for façade improvements and/or
 - to improve deficiencies in meeting community codes;
- Historic restoration, rehabilitation, housing conversion of upper stories, and preservation for physical structures, and infrastructure in a defined downtown business district; and
- Acquisition, clearance, and code enforcement
 - *NOTE: These activities may only be undertaken when in support of the abovementioned activities.*

For more information, see *Section 3.04* of the Application Guidelines. Restrictions are identified in *Section 3.03*.

3. GRANT AMOUNTS, MATCHING FUNDS, & LEVERAGE

The maximum grant amount for CD activities will be \$30,000 for Phase I (Pre-Development) and \$700,000 for Phase II (Implementation) with a maximum of \$350,000 provided during the first award of implementation funding and \$350,000 provided for the second year's award of funding. No more than \$8,000 may be used for construction management, and no more than 10% of the amount of the grant may be used for general administration and housing administration, respectively.

For more information, see *Section 4.01* of the Application Guidelines.

Match and Leverage Requirements:

All activities, except general administration, require match and leverage as provided below:

Funding Phase	Local cost-share	
	Match	Leverage
Phase I (pre-development)	25%	25%
Phase II (implementation)	25%	25%

For Phase II, all activities, except general administration and housing management, require a cost-share where match and leverage are respectively 25% each of total CDBG non-administrative costs. Proposed match and leverage must be from CDBG eligible activities directly related to the proposed project(s) in the same neighborhood or directly benefitting a substantial majority of the LMI persons or families residing within the neighborhood during the grant award period.

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