

## **2024 Action Plan NOFA FAQ**

### **What are the eligible applicants and activities for General Funds Support (GFS)?**

- II. Eligible Applicants
  - Open to all types of domestic applicants other than individuals.
- III. Eligible Activities
  - Emergency Shelters
  - Warming Centers
  - Safe Parking
  - Street Outreach
  - Essential services for persons experiencing homelessness
  - Tenant Based Rental Assistance

### **How many letters of support are required?**

There is not a specific number required. If the project has received support or approval from a jurisdiction, please include a letter indicating support or approval.

### **If applying for CDBG funds, what's the difference between using the public facilities application versus public services application?**

The type of activity will determine which application to use. See page 12 of the NOFA for eligible activities.

Public facilities are infrastructure improvements not considered private and are available to the public.

Public Services are new or a quantifiable increase of an existing service. Activities include, but are not limited to, job training, childcare, health services, services for persons experiencing homelessness, services for seniors, and assistance to microenterprises. See page 12 of the NOFA for more information.

### **Is the intent of Public Services funding still to fund existing services as well as new projects?**

The designation of expanding, continuing or new is related to CDBG funding. Continuation of existing services will be scored competitively against other public services applications using the same rubric.

**What are the specific activities under the activities listed on table 4 (page 22 NOFA)?**

Activity 2 = Affordable Rental and Ownership Housing

Activity 3 = Housing Trust Fund

Activity 6 = Homeless-serving and Prevention – is for Permanent supportive and transitional housing.

PLHA Guidelines define Permanent Supportive Housing as: “Permanent supportive housing” has the same meaning as in HSC Section 50675.14, that is, housing with no limit on the length of stay, that is occupied by the target population, and that is linked to onsite or offsite services that assist the supportive housing residents in retaining the housing, improving his or her health status, and maximizing his or her ability to live and, when possible, work in the community. Permanent supportive housing may include associated facilities if used to provide services to housing residents. Permanent supportive housing does not include “health facility” as defined by HSC Section 1250 or any “alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility” as defined by HSC Section 11834.02 or “Community care facility” as defined in HSC Section 1502, “Mental health rehabilitation centers” as defined in Section 5675 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), or other residential treatment programs.

**Which category of PLHA will development of new affordable housing fall under? Both Housing Trust Fund and Homeless-serving and Prevention?**

Activity 2 - Affordable “Rental” and Ownership Housing, and

Activity 3 - Housing Trust Fund

**Is there any minimum or maximum amount of funding to request?**

For CDBG Public Services (PS), a \$10,000 minimum has been in place since 2015 and is highly recommended as it is not feasible to administer, by both the County and the subrecipient, a federally funded activity for less than \$10K for the 2024 NOFA. HUD will provide the final funding amounts in February. Keep in mind that the funding requested often exceeds the amount of funding available to allocate.

**Any jurisdictions that cannot be benefited by CDBG funded activities?**

Grover Beach is not part of the Urban County and receives their own allocation of CDBG funds, thus no funded activities can be administered in Grover Beach. County funds can be used anywhere in the county except Grover Beach.

**Which application should be filled out for economic development related activities?**

The Public Services application should be completed and submitted.

**What is the difference between low/moderate income persons and low/moderate income clientele?**

Low/moderate income persons are confirmed income eligible by providing evidence. Low/moderate income clientele are populations assumed to be low/moderate income.

**Are applicants required to be registered in SAM.gov?**

An entity must be registered in SAM.gov and have a UEI number to receive federal grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This includes HOME, HOME-ARP, ESG and CDBG grants.

**If I am applying for multiple funding sources, should I submit an application for each funding source?**

No, select all the funding sources in which you wish to apply for your project. Each proposed project should have a separate application.

**Should I provide the documents I would be able to produce for the underwriting requirements?**

HOME regulations require the County to undertake a subsidy layering and underwriting analysis for HOME funded projects prior to a funding commitment. Subsidy layering and underwriting requirements for project development are available at 24 CFR part 92.250 ([eCFR :: 24 CFR 92.250 -- Maximum per-unit subsidy amount, underwriting, and subsidy layering.](#)).

**Do we need to provide Policies and Procedures for federal requirements (e.g. Non-discrimination) in the application attachments?**

If you have the Policies and Procedures that are required, feel free to provide them to help demonstrate capacity and history of compliance.

**Is there a standardized budget template to be used?**

No, you may use any budget format that you would like.

**Is there a place where I can elaborate on the project more than the 1 paragraph summary?**

The one paragraph summary question should be used to summarize your overall project, if you would like to expand, please include an additional description as an attachment. Please be specific and concise about the proposed project.

**Where should I apply for microenterprises that fall under the LMI category?**

Apply for CDBG funds on the Public Services, note that only 15% allocation goes to public services. Microenterprises don't fall under a public service, don't focus on individuals.

**Can we submit SharePoint links for larger files?**

The county does not have access to SharePoint but you can submit via Dropbox

**If applying for Home and HOME Arp, do we need to designate number of assisted units for both funding sources?**

Yes, provide estimates based on the HUD Cost Allocation Tool.

**What is the County looking for with the attachment "Attachment F - CDBG Acknowledgements (Required if Applicable)"?**

All applicants applying for CDBG funds would need to complete the document. The Applicant initials each area to acknowledge that they are responsible for ensuring that these CDBG requirements are followed by their program.

**Do I need to provide an Article 34 letter if the project we are submitting an application for does not have any dedicated funding yet?**

There is not a need to provide the letter at the time of application. We recommend waiting in case of a favorable recommendation.