



AGENDA ITEM: 1
MEETING DATE: July 15, 2024

Program Year 2025-2026

Application for Grant Funding

Unincorporated Areas

Fresno County
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Program
Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvement Activities

County of Fresno
Department of Public Works and Planning
Community Development Division
2220 Tulare Street, 8th Floor
Fresno, California 93721

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“Communities that receive entitlement funds from the CDBG program are required to use their funds in a timely manner.” (HUD’s handbook *Guidelines for Grantee Selection, Management, and Oversight of Subrecipients in the CDBG Program*).

INTRODUCTION:

The County of Fresno receives an annual allocation of CDBG grant funds from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County makes a portion of these grant funds available to fund public facility and infrastructure improvement activities in its unincorporated communities.

The County’s Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division is responsible for the administration and implementation of all CDBG-funded activities for the County and its participating cities. The application packet for the 2025-2026 Program Year is issued by the County’s Community Development Division. All CDBG funding requests are subject to terms and regulations in accordance with the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, (the Act) as amended, and the laws of the State of California.

The Community Development Division has issued this Application for grant requests of **\$75,000** up to a maximum of **\$300,000**, for public facility and infrastructure improvement activities to be implemented beginning July 1, 2025. Applications submitted for proposed funding must be for CDBG-eligible activities that are consistent with the County’s 5-year Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2025-2026 and meet one of HUD’s three National Objectives: 1) Benefit primarily low- and moderate- income (LMI) persons; 2) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or 3) Meet a need having a particular urgency (referred to as urgent need) as defined by HUD.

Only complete applications for funding, submitted on the 2025-2026 application form supplied by the County and included in this packet will be accepted.

Therefore, review your application proposal carefully, answer all questions and attach all required supporting documentation.

The deadline for submittal of the application and supporting documentation is 5:00 p.m., on Friday, August 30, 2024.

NOTE: An application workshop to answer questions and assist applicants with the preparation of the CDBG Application is scheduled for **Thursday, June 20, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Fresno County Plaza Building, 8th Floor, Conference Room “A”**. Staff representing the Community Development Division will discuss the application process. Staff representing other Divisions may be available to discuss plans, specifications, and cost estimate submittals. **We invite you to attend this workshop, and to bring any activity information with you that you may wish to discuss.** Please call the Community Development Division at (559) 600-4292 to reserve your space or if you have any questions.

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS:

- **Submittal deadline:** Applications must be received at the Community Development Division office by **5:00 p.m., on Friday, August 30, 2024.**
- Each agency, District or community group may submit **one** activity application.
- Applications must be submitted on the 2025-2026 application form.
- Applications must include all required attachments and all questions must be answered completely.
- Applications must include evidence of the noticed public hearing. Please attach the Minute Order authorizing submission of the application and the name of the person authorized to sign the grant agreement. Community groups must include a copy of the flier used to notify the community (include supporting documentation under **Attachment B, Evidence of Public Hearing/Local Support**).
- Application funding requests must not be less than **\$75,000** and must not exceed **\$300,000.**
- Application information must demonstrate applicant has the capacity to carry out the activity within budget and on schedule.
- Applicant must submit a current financial statement and budget, and a current certified audit.
- The activity must be able to be completed within 12 to 18 months of funding – the activity must be ready to proceed upon funding approval. This requires approval of all required land use entitlements.
- Application must include a map showing the street boundaries of the area that will benefit from the activity and/or must include a description of the eligible beneficiaries.
- Application must include evidence of community support for the activity, such as letters of support from community members, community meeting rosters and minutes, or community petitions, etc.
- If the activity will include installation of sidewalks, owners of adjacent properties must be notified of the activity and informed that the property owner would be responsible for maintenance of the sidewalks upon completion of the activity.
- Application must include a copy of the current contract with the activity engineer that demonstrates the term of the contract and that the engineer is authorized to provide services needed under application on behalf of the District. If the applicant is a community group, please contact the Community Development office at 600-4292 and you will be put in touch with the County's Design Division staff for further direction.
- If proposed activity will require other funding in addition to requested CDBG funds, submit documentation with application demonstrating the sources of funds are available to complete the activity.

Completed applications may be mailed or hand delivered. Applications must be received at the Community Development Division office by **5:00 p.m., Friday, August 30, 2024.**

Mail completed applications to: Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division, Attn: Community Development Grants Program, 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor, Fresno, CA 93721.

Hand-delivered applications will be accepted at: The Community Development office located in the Fresno County Plaza Building, 2220 Tulare Street, 8th Floor, Fresno, CA.

The 2025-2026 application packet is also available on the County's website and may be downloaded at: <http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/grants>.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- ___ Application Summary (Section I)
- ___ Site Map/Site Control (Section I)
- ___ Public Hearing Documents, Proof of Publication Notice (Section II)
- ___ Letters of Support (Section II, Section V)
- ___ Applicant Certification (Section III)
- ___ Applicant's Legal/Organizational Documents (Section III)
- ___ Detailed Activity Description (Section V)
- ___ Activity Timeline (Section VI)
- ___ Activity Cost Estimate (VIII)
- ___ Applicant Operating Budget (Section X)
- ___ Environmental Questionnaire (Section XI)
- ___ Other Supporting Documentation

**SECTION I
APPLICATION SUMMARY**

A. Name of Applicant: _____

B. Applicant Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip Code: _____

C. Applicant Tax ID No.: _____

D. Applicant DUNS No.: _____

E. Contact Person Name and Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

F. Name of Activity Engineer: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

G. Activity Name: _____

H. Provide a brief description of proposed activity (detailed description to be provided in Section V):

I. Total Activity Cost: \$ _____

J. Grant Amount Requested: \$ _____

Applicants may only submit one activity application. The grant amount requested **may not be less** than \$75,000 **or exceed** \$300,000.

K. Address of Activity Site (if any): _____

L. Assessor Parcel Number (APN) (if applicable): _____

M. Attach a site map (**Attachment A, Activity Site Map/Site Control**) of the activity location that shows street boundaries for all areas that will benefit from the activity, outline the area around the activity that encompasses all areas that will benefit, and/or include a description of the persons that will benefit from the activity (i.e. low-moderate income persons, at risk youth, senior citizens, disabled persons, etc). Submit supporting documentation, including photos, under **Attachment H, Other Supporting Documentation/Maps/Photos**.

SECTION II PUBLIC HEARING/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Applicants are required to conduct a noticed public hearing before their governing boards to provide interested citizens the opportunity to comment on all activities submitted for funding.

A. Describe the means used to obtain citizen involvement, any accommodations made to encourage broad participation, and how all persons that may benefit from the activity were provided an opportunity to participate:

B. The following supporting documentation will illustrate compliance with this Section. Submit as part of this application the following supporting documentation:

- Proof of publication notice.
- Certified Minute Order or resolution authorizing submission of application and naming person authorized to sign on behalf of the Applicant.
- Letters of support, flyers.

Include all supporting documentation for this Section under Attachment B, Evidence of Public Hearing/Local Support.

**SECTION III
APPLICANT INFORMATION**

This section of the application will demonstrate the applicant’s capacity and ability to complete the activity in a timely manner. Include any supporting documentation that illustrates the applicant’s ability to complete activities on time and within budget.

A. The applicant is a (check one): CSA CSD Fire District
Non-Profit Corporation Other _____ (specify)

1. Describe the types of services delivered by the applicant, and the beneficiaries served:

2. If a Non-Profit Corporation or a Community Service District (CSD) submit copies of the following (**Attachment C, Applicant’s Legal/Organization Documents**):

- IRS designation
- Articles of Incorporation
- Bylaws
- Map showing applicant's boundaries
- List of names of Board of Directors
- Audited Financial Statements (last 2 years)
- Agency Organizational Chart (illustrating agency positions)

B. Does the applicant have experience completing similar type CDBG activities?
Yes No (If yes, name two activities, the year funded and year completed.)

	Activity Name	Year Funded	Year Completed
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

**SECTION IV
APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND COMMITMENT OF
RESPONSIBILITY**

As the official designated by the governing body, I hereby certify that if approved by the County of Fresno for Community Development Block Grant Program funding, _____ (Applicant name) assumes the responsibilities for carrying out the activity specified in this application in a timely manner and certifies that:

- It possesses the legal authority to apply for the grant funds and to execute the proposed activity;
- The Applicant does not have any unresolved audit findings for prior CDBG or other federally-funded activities or projects;
- There are no pending lawsuits that would impact the implementation of this activity;
- It will comply with all statutes and regulations governing the federal Community Block Grant Program;
- The information, statements, and attachments contained in this application are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct;
- The Applicant has the ability to perform the duties for the activity applied for in accordance with the CDBG program regulations.

I authorize the Department of Public Works and Planning, Community Development Division, to contact any agency, whether or not named in this application, which may assist in determining the eligibility of the activity. All information contained in this application is acknowledged to be public information.

Signature _____

Title _____

Type or Print Name _____

Date _____

SECTION V DETAILED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

A. Activity Description

A complete description of the activity to be undertaken must include the activity or services to be provided, where the activity will be provided, how the activity will be provided, and whom the activity will benefit.

Photographs of the activity location may also be submitted, and will be used by staff in presenting the activity to the Citizens Advisory Committee during its review and ranking of the unincorporated area activities. Photographs may be included in **Attachment H, Other Supporting Documentation/Maps/Photos**, or may be submitted by email to jnimer@fresnocountyca.gov.

1. Provide a detailed description of the activity and the scope of work to be funded with CDBG grant:

2. Describe how and who (i.e. low-moderate income persons, at risk youth, senior citizens, disabled persons, etc) the activity will benefit:

3. Describe the activity location. Provide the street address and assessor's parcel number of the activity and/or the location of the improvements and street boundaries of the entire area that will benefit from the activity:

4. List any other agencies currently active in the activity area:

5. Are the proposed activities part of a targeted revitalization effort?

Yes No

If yes, submit a copy of the neighborhood or community revitalization plan **(Attachment H, Other Supporting Documentation/Maps/Photos)**.

6. Describe other activities proposed and/or needed in the community or neighborhood that are anticipated in the next five years should funding be available (include housing, infrastructure and/or economic activities):

7. Describe how the proposed activity will benefit the persons, neighborhood or community it will service:

8. How many persons are expected to benefit from this activity _____
 or how many jobs will be generated or retained as a result of the activity, and
 how many low/mod income persons will be employed in those jobs?

Number of jobs _____ Number employed _____

Note: Activities that are proposed to meet the Low/Moderate-Income National Objective by creating/retaining jobs for Low/Moderate-Income persons will require a Supplemental form to be provided by the Community Development Division after this application is submitted.

B. Activity Funding

List all sources of funds anticipated to be received for this activity, including other grants. If a letter of commitment from other funding sources has already been received, include a copy as supporting documentation (**Attachment F, Other Funding Commitments**).

- | | |
|--|----------|
| 1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds: | \$ _____ |
| 2. Local funds: _____ | \$ _____ |
| 3. Other federal funds: _____ | \$ _____ |
| 4. State funds: _____ | \$ _____ |
| 5. Other funds or in-kind services: _____ | \$ _____ |
| 6. Total Activity Cost: | \$ _____ |

C. Activity Priority

1. Local support for the activity is evidenced by letters of support and/or commitment. Yes No (Attach supporting documentation, **Attachment H, Other Supporting Documentation/Maps/Photos**)

SECTION VI ACTIVITY READINESS

CDBG funds are required to be spent in a timely manner; therefore, the Applicant is required to complete this activity in a timely manner. CDBG funding for Program Year 2025-2026 will become available on July 1, 2025, and funded activities can commence upon completion of a fully executed activity grant agreement with Fresno County.

A. Activity Readiness to Proceed Once Funded:

1. If selected for funding, can the activity be completed within 12 to 18 months from the date of agreement? Yes No

2. Are there weather (rain, temperature, etc) conditions that could delay construction of the activity? Yes No

If yes, explain any potential delays:

3. Will the activity require any PG&E activity? Yes No
If yes, explain any potential delays:

4. Will the activity require CalTrans or any other outside agency review or approval? Yes No

If yes, explain any potential delays:

5. Has environmental review subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA and/or the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) been completed or initiated for this activity? Yes No

Initial Study / Environmental Assessment No. _____

CEQA

NEPA

Initiated on: _____

Completed on: _____

6. Have any environmental reviews for CEQA and/or NEPA been completed within the last five years for other activities within ½ mile from the location of this activity? Yes (Please list appropriate information below) No

Initial Study / Environmental Assessment No. _____

Completed on: **CEQA** **NEPA**
 _____ _____

Activity Description/Geographical Area Reviewed:

- B. Identify any known facts that could delay the implementation of this activity (for example, archeological or historical environmental concerns, right of way acquisition, easements, etc.):

- C. Does the applicant have site control as evidenced by supporting documentation (**Attachment H, Other Supporting Documentation/Maps/Photos**)?

Yes No Site control is expected by _____

SECTION VII ACTIVITY TIMELINE

Attach a timeline for the proposed activity, from application submittal to activity completion. Include milestones or key actions that will take place if the activity is approved for a CDBG grant by the County Board of Supervisors. Show the dates for each milestone and indicate the activity's completion date (the notice of completion date).

A **sample** timeline is below for your use. The first item on the timeline will be the submittal date of the application to the County. NOTE: If activity is recommended for approval, Community Development staff will contact you during preparation of the agreement. Any subsequent changes to agreement execution dates and/or timeline will be revised accordingly.

PROPOSED CDBG ACTIVITY TIMELINE AND MILESTONES

Activity Milestones/Actions	Notes	Date
1. Application Submitted		August 30, 2024
2. Environmental Review	Minimum 90-day review	April 2025
3. Agreement for CDBG Grant		July 2025
4. Engineer Selected/Hired	Must go through formal RFP process if not already secured, or if secured for more than 3 years	
5. Submit Plans/Specs/Current Cost Estimate (P/S/E) to the County		
6. County Review, Comment, Return of P/S/E	Period = 30 days from receipt of P/S/E	
7. Submit Final Plans/Specs/Cost Estimate, if needed	Must be stamped, certified by ENG	
8. County Review of Final P/S/E and issue Authorization to Advertise	Period = 30 days from receipt of Final P/S/E	
9. Begin Advertising Activity (Publication Date)	Advertise minimum of 2 weeks	
10. Bid Opening	Submit bid canvas and low bid proposal with 7 days of bid opening	
11. County Authorization to Award	Period = 21 days from receipt of Bid Package	
12. Award of Contract	Must be the date of a Board meeting	
13. Preconstruction Meeting		
14. Complete Construction of Activity	Estimate construction days per contract	
15. Complete Punch-List Items	Time for addressing post- construction items	
16. Final Inspection	Walk-through with County / other parties prior to NOC	
17. Record Notice of Completion (NOC)	Allow time for Board meeting	
18. Submit Final Invoice, Activity Outcome Measurement Report, Activity Cost Summary, etc.	Deadline is 60 days following filing of NOC	

SECTION VIII ACTIVITY COST ESTIMATE

A. Construction Costs (you may submit a separate spreadsheet if necessary):

Work Item #	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Total Cost of Work Item
SUBTOTAL					\$ _____

- B. Estimated Engineering or Architectural Cost Including:
- 1. Design engineering and/or architectural fee \$ _____
 - 2. Special requirements (conditional use permit/zone change/site plan review, foundation or archeological investigations, extensive environmental work) \$ _____
 - 3. Construction Engineering \$ _____
 - 4. Maintenance Plan Preparation \$ _____
- C. Advertising/Award (printing and noticing) \$ _____
- D. Property Acquisition (if applicable)
- 1. Real Property \$ _____
 - 2. Appraisals, title work and related work \$ _____
- E. Contingency \$ _____
- F. Other (specify) \$ _____
- G. **TOTAL ACTIVITY COST** \$ _____

Please provide an anticipated draw schedule for construction for the number of months estimated.

Month 1 \$ _____ Month 2 \$ _____ Month 3 \$ _____
 Month 4 \$ _____ Month 5 \$ _____ Month 6 \$ _____

Date _____

Prepared by: Name and Title (print or type)

SECTION IX
LOCAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Districts/Agencies/Nonprofits

Check this box if you are a Neighborhood or Community Citizen Group (if so, this page does not apply).

The local financial resources available to the applicant will be considered as a criterion to evaluate the applicant's administrative capacity to timely implement the proposed activity once funded. Answer all questions completely and include materials requested and any additional supporting documentation that illustrates the applicant's capacity.

A. Name of responsible Financial Officer (CFO/Accountant): _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

B. Name of person responsible for conducting day-to-day financial transactions:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

C. Information/Documents Required:

1. Complete **Operating Budget and Budget Resources** form on following page. **Do not modify** or use a different form. **Completion of the Operating Budget and Budget Resources form is required in addition to the applicant's audit and financial statement.**
2. Attach a Minute Order or Resolution authorizing adoption of the applicant's current budget (2024-25). Include as **Attachment D, Minute Order/Resolution.**
3. Attach most recent Audit and a current Financial Statement signed and dated by an authorized officer, showing amounts and specific nature of assets and liabilities. Include under **Attachment E, Applicant's Financial Documents.**
4. Districts only—provide copy of District's service fee schedule and/or connection fee schedule. Include with **Attachment E, Applicant's Financial Documents.**
5. Provide a list of all funding commitments received for this activity, and/or other pending funding for which the applicant has applied for on behalf of activity. Describe status of other funding. Include supporting documentation under **Attachment F, Other Funding Commitments.**

SECTION X
APPLICANT OPERATING BUDGET
 Districts/Agencies/Nonprofits

Check this box if you are a Neighborhood or Community Group (if so, this page does not apply).

Operating Budget

Description	Actual Current FY 2024-25	Proposed FY 2025-26
1. Total Budget Expenditures (include salaries, employee benefits, services, supplies, fixed assets, etc.)	_____	_____
2. Appropriations for Contingencies (cannot exceed 15% of Total Budget Expenditures)	_____	_____
3. General Reserves	_____	_____
4. Other Reserves	_____	_____
*5. TOTAL BUDGET (1 thru 4)	_____	_____

Budget Resources

Description	Actual Current FY 2024-25	Proposed FY 2025-26
1. Total Available Cash & Reserves	_____	_____
2. Taxes	_____	_____
3. Interest	_____	_____
4. Charges for Services	_____	_____
5. All Other Revenues	_____	_____
*6. TOTAL ESTIMATED FINANCING SOURCES (1 thru 5)	_____	_____

* **NOTE: Line 5 of the Operating Budget (Total Budget) and Line 6 of the Budget Resources (Total Estimated Financing Sources) must equal.**

SECTION XI
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE
Districts/Agencies/Nonprofits

Check this box if you are a local Neighborhood or Community Citizen Group (if so, this page does not apply).

The following information will be provided to the County's environmental staff to be used in the required environmental review, in accordance with Federal and State (NEPA and CEQA) regulations. All questions must be addressed and supporting documentation included. It is advised that the Activity Engineer answer the questions and sign the form. **This Section is a threshold requirement which will assist in determining activity readiness.**

FÈ Activity Name: _____

GÈ Existing Zone District: _____

HÈ Existing General Plan Land Use Designation: _____

I È Is the activity in conformance with local land use, circulation and drainage plans?

~~Yes~~ Yes (include supporting documentation) No Unknown

Í È Present land use: _____

Î È Describe major vegetative cover: _____

Ï È Proposed source of water: _____

Ï È Proposed sewage disposal method: _____

JÈ List existing physical site conditions to be improved by the activity, such as buildings, wells, pipelines, roads, etc. (if improvement is to an existing building, provide the age of the building(s) and indicate if any surrounding buildings may be 50 years or older):

Are there any buildings or structures of historical or cultural value in the surrounding area?

Yes No

Please describe structure and location:

10. What are the existing, surrounding land uses (e.g., agriculture, residences, school, factory)? Include photographs as **Attachment G, Environmental Supporting Documentation:**

North: _____ East: _____

South: _____ West: _____

11. What land uses in the area may be impacted by the activity?
12. What land uses in the area may impact the activity?
13. If any of the following items are located within 3,000 feet of activity location, please describe and include photographs as **Attachment G, Environmental Supporting Documentation**:
- Major roads/highways: _____
- Railroad tracks: _____
- Water resources: _____
- Storage tanks: _____
- Hazard sites: _____
- Airports: _____
14. During the next two years, if there are other similar or related activity(s) under consideration in the same geographical area, describe the activity and its proposed location.
Attach summary as **Attachment I, Other Activities**
15. Identify any agencies from which a permit is required for this activity (i.e. County of Fresno, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, CRWQCB, etc.):
- _____
16. Please identify other reasonable courses of action that were considered and not selected, such as other sites, design modifications, or other uses of the subject site. Indicate why those actions were not selected.

Information requested in questions 17, 18 and 19 below must be provided in Attachment G, Environmental Supporting Documentation

17. Provide a written description and map (or maps) illustrating (in detail) the location and size of **existing** sewer, water and/or drainage lines to be replaced or installed and/or location and size of **existing** curb, gutter and/or sidewalk improvements to be improved or constructed.
18. Provide a written description and map (or maps) illustrating (in detail) the location and size of **proposed** sewer, water and/or drainage lines to be replaced or installed and/or location and size of **proposed** curb, gutter, and/or sidewalk improvements to be improved or constructed, and size and location of material or equipment staging areas.
19. Provide a written statement of purpose and need for the activity.
20. Complete the Environmental Supplemental Questionnaire on the following page.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to determine if this activity is ready to proceed, and meet HUD's timeliness of expenditure requirements for the CDBG Program, funded activities must be ready to proceed once an agreement with the County is executed. Please answer all of the following questions. This information will assist in determining whether the activity is ready to proceed.

- | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
|--|------------|-----------|------------|
| 1. Is the activity in conformance with your local land use, circulation, and drainage plans?
(NOTE: An activity may not be accepted or processed if it does not conform to the appropriate General or Community Plan.) | | | |
| 2. Will the activity require rezoning, a conditional use permit, variance, parcel map, or subdivision map? | | | |
| a. Will required entitlement clearances be completed by September 30, 2024? | | | |
| 3. Does the applicant have clear title to all properties involved in the activity? | | | |
| a. Will the applicant need to acquire real property, road rights-of-way, or easements as part of the activity?
(NOTE: HUD requires compliance with its acquisition procedures.) | | | |
| b. Will the activity cause displacement of residents, businesses, or farms? | | | |
| c. Can an alternate site be selected to avoid displacement? | | | |
| 4. Does the applicant's operating budget include revenues and/or mechanisms in place to maintain improvements? | | | |
| 5. Does the applicant have sufficient, qualified personnel to properly maintain the activity upon completion? | | | |
| a. If not, are local service fees sufficient to hire additional staff to properly maintain the activity? | | | |
| b. If not, is the applicant willing to raise local service fees to meet this obligation? | | | |

Yes No N/A

- c. Does the applicant have a written maintenance plan for improvements made with CDBG funds? If yes, attach Plan as **Attachment H, Other Supporting Documentation/Maps/Photos.**
6. Does the activity involve the installation of sidewalks?
 - a. Have owners of adjacent properties been notified of the activity, and informed that the property owner would be responsible for maintenance of the sidewalk upon activity completion?
 - b. Have owners of adjacent properties indicated support for the activity and willingness to maintain the sidewalks upon activity completion? If yes, attach letters of support, if any, as **Attachment B, Evidence of Public Hearing/Local Support.**
7. If required by the County, will the applicant set up a depreciation fund to replace the activity?
 - a. Would this requirement cause an increase in service fees?
 - b. If so, is the applicant willing to increase service fees to set up a fund?
8. Are all improvements affixed to the property?
(NOTE: Furniture, and other equipment and improvements, [except for fire equipment] not affixed to the property are ineligible for CDBG funding.)
9. Is all of the property in the activity area within the applicant's jurisdictional limits (i.e. the activity area will not require annexation prior to project construction)?
10. Is the activity designed to eliminate slum and blight?
(Answer N/A if the activity predominantly serves low and moderate income persons.)
11. Will all other funding needed to complete the activity be in place by July 1, 2025?
 - a. If no, can the activity be completed without all the funding?

Yes No N/A

12. Can the activity be designed with deduct items if bids exceed budget?
- a. If no, is the applicant able to cover cost overruns from local resources?
 - b. If no, can the activity proceed in phases using the CDBG funds in the initial phase?
 - c. Will the activity require the formation of an assessment district?
(NOTE: There may be Federal eligibility problems when an applicant intends to form an assessment district. Discuss with County staff.)
13. Does the applicant have a current contract meeting federal procurement procedures with an engineering firm to perform engineering work?
- a. If yes, attach a copy of the contract as **Attachment H, Other Supporting Documentation/Maps/Photos.**
 - b. If no, will the applicant contract with an engineer and/or architect to design this activity?
 - c. Will the applicant complete the contract process prior to July 1, 2025 with its own local resources?
(NOTE: Contact County staff for required federal procedures for hiring consulting engineers/ architects. If a consultant is selected without following federal requirements, a new selection process may be required.)
14. If necessary, has the applicant received all clearances, and/or funding commitments, from any public utilities or railroads that may be involved in the activity?
- a. Will the applicant have these clearances, and/or commitments, by the date for beginning construction as indicated in your time schedule?
15. If the activity involves a water well, has the applicant received necessary permits from the Health Department?

Yes No N/A

16. Will all drainage, as a result of the activity, be contained on-site or in applicant-owned drainage basins?
- a. If no, has the applicant paid required State permit fees for storm water discharges into rivers and streams? If fees have been paid, attach proof of payment as **Attachment H, Other Supporting Documentation/Maps/Photos.**
17. Will the activity correct or address any serious health and/or safety issues?
If yes, attach correspondence the agency has received from a health or regulatory agency to demonstrate the seriousness of the problem with **Attachment H, Other Supporting Documentation/Maps/Photos.**
18. Is any of the land to be improved by the activity under an agricultural land conservation contract (Williamson Act)?
19. Is any of the land to be improved subject to the approval of the Airport Land Use Commission due to the property's proximity to an airport?

To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing information is true.

Signature - Activity Engineer

Date

Name

Title

APPENDICES

Application Approval Timeline
CDBG Program Description
Sample Press Release/Public Notice

Appendix 1

APPLICATION APPROVAL TIMELINE

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>
Public Hearing(s) Conducted by Applicant	June - August 2024
CDBG Application Submittal Deadline	August 30, 2024
County Review of CDBG Applications	September 2024
Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Review of CDBG Activity Proposals	October – November 2024
Rating and Ranking of CDBG Activity Proposals by CAC	February 2025
Board of Supervisors Conducts Public Hearing for Approval of Recommended Activities and Programs	April – May 2025
Initial Study/Environmental Assessment Review Period	January – July 2025
Applicant Notification of Grant Award	May 2025 (Estimated)
2025-2026 Program Year Begins	July 1, 2025

Appendix 2

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM **Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvement Activities**

The CDBG Program, initiated in 1974, is a federally assisted program administered through the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Under the Program, Fresno County is entitled to receive a certain annual allocation for various housing and community development activities. The following is a list of eligible and ineligible activities. In addition to eligibility, a proposed activity must be determined to meet a National Objective, which analysis is performed by Community Development staff.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- I. Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
(includes acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of the following types of activities on publicly-owned infrastructure and facilities)
 - A. Water System Improvements - Acquisition of private systems, installation of new systems, extensions to under-served areas and improvements to existing systems.
 - B. Sewer System Improvements - Extensions to non-sewered areas, replacement of existing lines, connections of private properties, and improvements to sewer treatment plants.
 - C. Street and Drainage Improvements - Drainage basins and lines, streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, lights, bridges, and canal undergrounding.
 - D. Fire Protection Improvements - Fire stations, hydrants, and fire protection equipment.
 - E. Neighborhood Facilities - Single or multi-purpose facilities to provide health, social, recreational, or similar services as well as branch libraries and facilities for specific groups, such as senior citizens and the handicapped.
 - F. Parks & Recreation Facilities - Site acquisition, development and improvements to new and existing parks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities.
 - G. Solid Waste Facilities & Equipment

- H. Removal of Architectural Barriers (curb cuts, park improvements, and improvements to public buildings to meet ADA requirements)
- I. Energy Conservation Measures

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PRIORITY CLASSIFICATIONS

These classifications are used to assist in the ranking process, but do not determine eligibility.

- 1. High Priority: Economic development*, health and safety, and fire protection activities
- 2. Medium Priority: All public works improvements (water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, etc.)
- 3. Low Priority: Neighborhood facilities, parks and recreation facilities, improvements to historical facilities and activities that remove barriers for the disabled

* Please note, economic development projects have complicated program requirements, and will involve additional review for eligibility

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Activities involving the following are **ineligible activities** under the CDBG Program:

- I. Civic Buildings - such as city halls, courthouses, police stations
- II. Operating and/or maintenance expenses
- III. Political activities
- IV. Purchase of equipment – furnishings and personal property (except for fire protection equipment)

Appendix 3

Every activity proposal **MUST** contain evidence of citizen participation and support for the proposal. This evidence must include documentation of at least one Public Hearing at which the specific activity was discussed and opportunities provided for citizen input.

SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE/PUBLIC NOTICE

_____ to Consider Proposals
for CDBG Funds

The _____ (Insert Applicant Name) will hold a public hearing to consider activities that could be financed by the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The meeting will be held on _____, 2024, at _____ p.m. in the _____, located at _____. Interested individuals and organizations are encouraged to attend to voice activity recommendations for their community or neighborhood.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a Federal grant program administered by Fresno County to address housing and community development needs of low- and moderate-income persons. Types of eligible activities include (public works improvements such as water, sewer, streets and drainage, fire protection facilities and equipment, solid waste facilities, libraries and community centers.)

For further information, please contact the _____ (Applicant/Agency Name) at (559) _____ or the Fresno County Community Development office at (559) 600-4292.

ATTACHMENTS

Include all required material and supporting documentation under the appropriate Attachment. If needed, Applicants may provide additional attachments beyond those listed in the Table of Contents.

ATTACHMENT A
Activity Site Map/Site Control

ATTACHMENT B
Evidence of Public Hearing/Local Support

ATTACHMENT C
Applicant's Legal/Organizational Documents

ATTACHMENT D
Minute Order/Resolution

ATTACHMENT E
Applicant's Financial Documents

ATTACHMENT F

Other Funding Commitments

ATTACHMENT G
Environmental Supporting Documentation

ATTACHMENT H
Other Supporting Documentation/Maps/Photos

ATTACHMENT I

Other Activities

ATTACHMENT J
Evidence of Maintenance Plan