



February 4, 2021

Dear Community Development Partners:

The City of Baltimore through its Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services (MOHS) wishes to notify citizens, non-profit organizations, private businesses and City Departments of its intent to apply for funding under four Federal formula programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership, Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

DHCD and MOHS will conduct an **on-line public hearing on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** The purpose of this hearing is to provide citizens an opportunity to discuss community needs and review the City's past performance in using the four formula programs. It is also an opportunity to learn about applying for City Fiscal Year 2022 (CD-47) funding through the CDBG program. To register for the public hearing please log in to: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tUrc-6vrT0jHdEJQ8Saxxs-A7nfl283v6kx>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

It is projected that the following amounts will be awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and available to the City for City Fiscal Year (CFY) 2022 starting July 1, 2021:

Community Development Block Grant Program	\$ 22,150,000
Estimated CDBG Program Income	\$ 1,100,000
HOME Program	\$ 4,340,000
Estimated HOME Program Income	\$ 100,000
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS	\$ 8,300,000
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	\$ 1,900,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED CFY 2022 FUNDING	<u>\$ 37,890,000</u>

No appropriations for CFY 2022 have been made by HUD. Amounts shown are projections. The actual amounts received by the City may be greater or lesser.

It is expected that approximately 90% of the CDBG funds will be used for activities benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. The remainder of funds will go towards activities that eliminate slum and blighting conditions.

For both the HOME and ESG programs, 100% of the funding will benefit households with annual incomes of less than 80% of Area Median Income. HOPWA funds are restricted to housing and services for persons with AIDS and their families.

DHCD is also inviting non-profit organizations and City Departments to submit proposals for projects to be funded through the CDBG Program. The major focus of Baltimore's CDBG program is physical and social development activities. A restricted portion of the grant funds can be expended for social services and administrative and planning costs. Requests for funding under these categories will be carefully weighed to ensure adherence to expenditure caps.

The CDBG application will be available **Friday, February 5, 2021** on our website <https://dhcd.baltimorecity.gov/>. At the home page, click on *Plans & Reports* on the left side of the screen and then scroll to the Active Plans and Notices section. There you will find a link to the Neighborly software platform. All applications for CFY 2022 must be submitted electronically via the Neighborly platform.

A brief training on how to access and complete the Neighborly application will be held on **Wednesday February 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** via Teams. To obtain a link to the training session, please request the link by emailing Tonya Lewis at LatonyaD.Lewis@baltimorecity.gov. Please put "Neighborly training link request" in the subject line.

Submission Requirements

- Separate applications must be completed for operating support and capital projects.
- All applications must be submitted via the Neighborly software platform.
- Required documents and budget spreadsheets for operating applications must be uploaded via the Neighborly software platform.
- The deadline for submission of proposals is **4:30 p.m. Friday March 12, 2021.**

Questions concerning the CDBG application should be addressed to:

Susan Moriarty, Chief of Compliance
susan.moriarty@baltimorecity.gov
(410) 396-1966

Persons interested in applying for funding under the **HOME, ESG and HOPWA Programs** should contact the following:

ESG & HOPWA Programs
Paroma Nandi, CoC Lead/Grants Coordinator
Mayor's Office of Homeless Services
Paroma.Nandi@baltimorecity.gov
(410) 396-0271

HOME Program

Alexandra Hoffman,
DHCD Director of Project Finance
Alex.Hoffman@baltimorecity.gov
(410) 396-5562

For general information regarding the public hearing and submission of CDBG proposals, please contact Lorraine Cannon at (410) 396-3507. We look forward to your attendance at the public hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alice Kennedy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alice Kennedy
Acting Commissioner

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