

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Overview

Federal statute requires funded activities must be consistent with the City's Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan which is a five-year strategy covers July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. A hard copy is maintained by the City's Community Development Department and is available to the public at the Housing Services office. The plan is also accessible on the City's website:

http://www.cedar-rapids.org/local_government/departments_a_-_f/community_development/housing_programs/public_service_and_facilities_documents.php#447

To be eligible for CDBG funding, proposals must address any of the eligible activities that fall under one of three broad national objectives:

- principally benefit low to moderate income households
- reduce or eliminate slum & blighting conditions
- address a particular urgency (such as natural disaster or immediate health threat)

City council has implemented priorities for FY17 funding

Proposed FY17 CDBG Priority Percentages				
City Council Goal	City Council Desired Outcome	CDBG Activity	CDBG Percentage Allocation	Estimated Budget Amount
Create Current and Future Financial Strength	Balanced budget and long term financial plan	Admin Costs – CDBG Services provided without cost to the General Fund	20%*	\$197,251
Bold moves in Economic Development	Provide workforce housing options	Housing Activities, Including Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, Rental Rehabilitation, Acquisition Rehabilitation	60%	\$591,752
Strategic/ Intentional Community Planning	Wide range of housing options Targeted use of resources to maximize impact and rebuild core of city			
		Public Services Including Neighborhood Services, Youth Services, Elder Services, Homeless Services, Handicap Services, and Other Eligible Expenses	15%*	\$147,938**
		Other Eligible activities as needed by the Community	Up to 5%	\$49,313**

* Allocations in this category limited by federal statute.

** Up to \$50,000 to be set aside for eligible activities to be carried out by CDBG-eligible Certified Neighborhood Associations, to be allocated between Public Services and Other Eligible Activities as determined eligible by staff review.

New applicants are **strongly** encouraged to contact City Staff in advance of application preparation to confirm activity eligibility.