




MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Government Officials and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Valerie D. Moore Fegans, Director 
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

DATE: August 21, 2023

SUBJECT: 2023 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) Program
Notice of Funding Availability

Administering Agency: Rural Economic Development Division (REDD), N.C.
Department of Commerce, 301 North Wilmington Street, 4346
Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-4346.

Program Description: The CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) category is designed to provide grants to local unit of governments for housing, housing- related activities, and public facilities. Awards are made on a competitive basis based on the number of applications received compared to funding availability.

Eligibility Guidelines: All municipalities in North Carolina are eligible to receive Small Cities CDBG funds except for the 24 entitlement cities in the state that receive funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The North Carolina entitlement cities are listed as follows: **Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Concord, Durham, Fayetteville, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Jacksonville, Kannapolis, Lenoir, Morganton, New Bern, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem.**

All counties, except for the four HUD-designated urban counties of **Wake, Cumberland, Mecklenburg, and Union** are eligible to apply for Small Cities CDBG funds. All municipalities in the two counties are ineligible to apply for Small Cities CDBG funds except the **Town of Holly Springs** in Wake County and the **Town of Linden** in Cumberland County.

Source of Funds: Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Assistance Listing Number 14.228)

Funding Level: Award Ceiling (Maximum) \$950,000 per project

Total Funding Available: Approximately **\$12,484,783**
Of this amount, approximately, \$4.8 million is set aside for the Rural Community Development Fund for Tier 1 counties.

2023 Updates

The changes for the **FY2023** program:

- is funded with the FY2022 HUD CDBG allocation;
- continues to require all DUNS numbers to be replaced with the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI);
- continues to waive requirement that applicants must not have an open CDBG-NR grant;
- continues to allow transitional housing and emergency shelters to be submitted as a stand-alone project;
- requires that Housing Selection Committee requirements for private housing rehabilitation activity must be met to be considered for funding;
- requires that Housing Selection Committee Bylaws be adopted, signed, and dated;
- shares new **Build America, Buy America (BABA)** requirements;
- notes program guideline changes in **red**; and
- continues to require that all applications be submitted by US Postal Service or an overnight delivery service. Applications cannot not be hand-delivered to NC Commerce.

Funding Cycle: Applications are due by **4:00 PM on November 15, 2023**. To acquire an application, see www.commerce.nc.gov or contact **Angela Williams** at awilliams@commerce.nc.gov or **John F. Brooks**, CDBG Section Chief, at john.brooks@commerce.nc.gov

For Additional Information: Contact **Angela Williams** at (919) 814-4679 (office), (TDD 1-800-735-2962), or awilliams@commerce.nc.gov or **John F. Brooks**, CDBG Section Chief, at (919) 814-4663.