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QUALITY OF LIFE PROGRAM
and
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT

2022 Program Year Virtual Workshop
Tuesday, October 12th, 2021
Today’s Agenda

• Introductions
• 2021/2022 Aurora funding availability
• 2022 Quality of Life Program overview
• 2022 Community Development Block Program overview
• Program administration requirements and application tips for both the QOL and CDBG applications
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Tara Neff, Management Assistant

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John Russell, Grant Writer, will be retiring in November 2021
2022 Estimated Funding Available

- **Quality of Life - $875,000** – Used for a variety of activities, primarily for public service, to support programs that focus on child care, youth, education, job training, homelessness, elderly/disabled, and downtown improvement. Other activities considered on a case by case basis.

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) $1,600,000** - Used for housing (except new construction), public facilities, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, public services, and planning.

- **Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus - $250,000** Similar to CDBG Program, but must be used to prevent, prepare, and respond to the corona virus.

*All funding amounts are approximations*
The QOL Application Process
The QOL Application Process

Eligible Applicants

- 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in good standing
- Must serve Aurora residents
- Demonstrated impact
- Experience including the length of time in operation and undertaking projects of a similar complexity
- Organizational resources available and ready to manage and sustain the proposed project
- Leveraged resources - resources needed to implement the proposed project are available and ready
- Project readiness and past performance
QOL Eligibility - Activities

Eligible Activities

• Child Care / Youth
• Education (both youth and adult programs)
• Job Training
• Homelessness Assistance
• Elderly / Disabled
• Downtown Improvement
• Museums
• Other
## FY 2021 QOL Snapshot

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**2021 City of Aurora Quality of Life Application**

Open: Oct 13 2020 - Nov 30 2020

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<th>Applications (Application Stage)</th>
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Application progress (last 30 days)
QOL is a good fit for your agency IF

• Your agency is a non-profit that serves residents who live within the City limits of Aurora.

• Your agency is able to document, report, and maintain files related to the project accordingly.

• Your agency administers a program related to one of the following: Child Care/Youth; Education; Job Training; Homelessness; Elderly/Disabled; Veterans; Downtown Improvement; Museums; Others

• QOL proposals will generally be awarded to agencies which benefit low to moderate-income residents.
**QOL Estimated Timeline**

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**Funding Availability**

**February 2022** - 2022 Quality of Life

**12/31/2022** - Project Completion (all funds drawn)
Questions

If you have project-specific or programmatic questions after this meeting, send all inquiries through email to:

Chris Ragona - RagonaC@aurora.il.us
Application, Guidelines, and Slides can be found: www.aurora-il.org/1175/Neighborhood-Redevelopment

Application Deadline is 11/15/2021 at 11:59:59 p.m.
No Exceptions!
The CDBG Application Process
The Residents We Serve

• City of Aurora residents, households, and local neighborhoods that qualify as low-moderate income (4 person household with income below $74,550 qualifies as low-income for CDBG)

• Neighborhood projects must serve a low-moderate income population percentage of at least 51%
  https://hud.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ffd0597e8af24f88b501b7e7f326bedd

• HUD-defined Presumed Benefit groups
  ▪ Abused children
  ▪ Elderly persons (62 years old)
  ▪ Battered spouses
  ▪ Homeless persons
  ▪ Severely disabled adults
  ▪ Illiterate adults
  ▪ Persons living with AIDS
City-appointed to review plans and projects and make recommendations to City Council.

- At Large: Chairman Gerald Lubshina
- At Large: Veva Walton
- At Large: Terrie Simmons
- Ward 1: Eric Rodriguez
- Ward 2: Blanca Rodriguez
- Ward 3: Vacant
- Ward 4: Linda Cole
- Ward 5: Dan Hoffman
- Ward 6: Warren Barton
- Ward 7: Vacant
- Ward 8: Ken Gaul
- Ward 9: Vacant
- Ward 10: Minal Shah
Public Service
• Essential services
• Child care; education services; life skills training; health, mental health, legal services; and others
• Salaries and benefits (Direct Service to Clients)
• Indirect costs and pro rata shares are NOT eligible

Accessibility Improvements
• Activities that remove architectural barriers and are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
• Activities such as: ADA bathroom improvements, ADA ramp installation, elevators and lifts, and automatic wider entrance doors
CDBG Eligible Activities

New Construction & Rehabilitation
- New (non-housing) construction or building additions to expand client services
- Rehabilitation of existing homes and public facilities (excluding maintenance activities)

Infrastructure
- Construction, reconstruction, or installation
- Examples include parking lots, drainage facilities, exterior lighting, emergency generators that are permanently fixed

Acquisition
- For activities that principally benefit low-moderate income persons or a presumed benefit group
## FY 2021 CDBG/CDBG-CV Snapshot

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<td>Neighborhood Revitalization</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,501,647</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,521,056</strong></td>
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CDBG - over $58 Million (since 1974)  HOME - over $6.7 Million (since 2010)
The CDBG Application Process

Eligible Applicants

- 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in good standing
- Government agencies (under limited circumstances only)
- For-profit businesses, *under limited circumstances only*
- Provides direct benefit to City of Aurora LMI residents

CDBG Funding Limits Per Activity/Project

- Requests $10,000 (minimum) - $50,000 (maximum) for public service. Capital improvements and economic development projects do not have a maximum limit but generally do not exceed $500,000.

*Activities must primarily serve at least 51% low-moderate income Aurora residents*
Eligible Projects

- National Objective

- HUD’s eligible activity criteria

- City of Aurora Consolidated Plan goal / objective

- Provides direct benefit to City of Aurora LMI residents
Meeting Required

A pre-application meeting is required for new applicants and capital and economic development project applicants

- Schedule a meeting with Amy Munro, Redevelopment Coordinator, at (630) 256-3323 or munroa@aurora.il.us

- **Include a cost estimate:** Applications must contain estimates from qualified contractors or architects. Make sure to factor in prevailing wage

- **Complete a program audit:** City of Aurora may complete a brief audit to assess agency capacity and eligibility
Demonstrate Agency Capacity

Applicants must demonstrate their agency’s capacity to administer federal funds including, but not limited to:

• Past performance managing grant funds
• Length of time in operation
• Experience undertaking projects of similar complexity
• Demonstrated effort to reduce duplication of services
• Organizational resources to manage project
• Operational resources to sustain project
• Conformance with Cost Principles 2 CFR Part 200
National Objectives

1. Benefit to Low-Moderate Income persons (≥ 51%)
   • Limited Clientele
     ✓ Presumed to be principally LMI: elderly persons, severely disabled adults, homeless persons, illiterate adults, migrant farm workers, abused children, persons living with AIDS and battered spouses.
   • Area Benefit
     ✓ Food pantries that typically collect household income data may need to consider “Area Benefit” during pandemic if their intake has been disrupted. Local parks, community centers, streets, and sewers may also qualify for area benefit
   • Housing
   • Job Creation and Retention

2. Aid in Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight

3. Meet a need having particular urgency
Low-Moderate Income (LMI)

- LMI - income at or below 80% Median Family Income (family of 4)

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<td>Income Limit</td>
<td>$52,200</td>
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- Neighborhood projects must have at least 51% LMI population

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Annual Action Plan Goals & Objectives

**Affordable Housing**
- Strengthen Homeownership Among Low and Moderate Income Households
- Housing Rehabilitation: Ensure the Housing Stock is Safe, Healthy, and Accessible for all Residents

**Public Service Assistance Including the Prevention and Reduction of Homelessness**
- Increase youth services
- Provide supportive services for elderly (62 years and older)
- Supportive services for disabled persons meeting Bureau of Census’ definition of severely disabled persons
- Mitigate or prevent homelessness
- Provide employment training to unemployed persons

**Foster Small and Local Business Development**
- Small business job creation/retention (6 – 500 employees)
- Improve rate of micro-enterprise business survival (5 or less employees, including business owner[s])

**Address Blighted Property Issues**
- Housing Code Enforcement
- Foreclosures/Abandoned, Vacant Housing

**Enhance and Improve Access to the Number of Community Amenities in Low and Moderate Income Areas**
- Public Facility Improvement (rehabilitation, demolition, new construction, acquisition)
- Public Infrastructure (street resurfacing, sewers, community lighting, etc.)
- Neighborhood Amenities (e.g. community gardens, playgrounds, or parks)

**Promote Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Investment in Low and Moderate Income Areas**
- Single-Family Households
- Multi-Family Households
CDBG is a good fit for your agency IF

- Your agency serves a majority of clients that live in the City limits
- CDBG proposals will generally meet the low to moderate income client benefit
- Your agency administers a program that meets one of the Consolidated Plan’s goals and objectives.
- Your agency meets all of the requirements of the application for the use of federal funds
- Your agency has the capacity to complete the CDBG requirements for contracting, reporting, and auditing.
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