

What is Eligible and Ineligible for CDBG Funding?

The table below is a short list for quick reference. However, many project type specifics will be found at 24 CFR 570. For example, in 24. CFR 570.201(c) Public facilities and improvements, there are many examples of eligible activity types. Likewise, in 24 CFR 570. 201(e) Public services, there are several eligible project types listed. Please review this document in its entirety, or perhaps do a “Search-Find” for a specific word to help you isolate the information needed to find your project idea and determine if the project may be eligible for consideration for CDBG funding, or ineligible. Please note, there are many exceptions that may or may not make a project eligible or ineligible. The CDBG Office will help make all final determinations, but this information will answer most project or activity eligibility questions.

ELIGIBLE: May Use CDBG Funds	INELIGIBLE: MAY NOT Use CDB G Funds
Acquisition	Buildings used for general conduct of govt
Disposition	General government expenses
Public facilities and improvements	Political Activities
	<i>The following activities may not be assisted with CDBG funds unless authorized under provisions of § 570.203 or as otherwise specifically noted herein or when carried out by an entity under the provisions of § 570.204:</i>
Public Services	Purchase of Equipment
Interim Assistance	Construction Equipment
Payment of non-Federal Share	Fire Protection Equipment
Urban Renewal Completion	Furnishings and personal property
Relocation	Operating and maintenance expenses
Loss of Rental Income	New housing construction
Housing Services	Income Payments
Privately Owned Utilities	
Construction of Housing	
Homeownership Assistance	
Technical Assistance	
Assistance to Institutions of Higher Ed	
Various Bldg. & Improvements for Rehab	
Types of Assistance (Rehab)	
Code Enforcement	
Historic Preservation	
Renovation of Closed Buildings	
Lead-based Paint Activities	
Broadband Infrastructure	
Economic Development Activities	
Community-Based Development Orgs.	
Planning, Design, Mgt Capacity Building	

§ 570.201 Basic eligible activities.

CDBG FUNDS MAY BE USED for the following activities:

(a) **Acquisition.** Acquisition in whole or in part by the recipient, or other public or private nonprofit entity, by purchase, long-term lease, donation, or otherwise, of real property (including air rights, water rights, rights-of-way, easements, and other interests therein) for any public purpose, subject to the limitations of [§ 570.207](#).

(b) **Disposition.** Disposition, through sale, lease, donation, or otherwise, of any real property acquired with CDBG funds or its retention for public purposes, including reasonable costs of temporarily managing such property or property acquired under urban renewal, provided that the proceeds from any such disposition shall be program income subject to the requirements set forth in [§ 570.504](#).

(c) **Public facilities and improvements.** Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of public facilities and improvements, except as provided in [§ 570.207\(a\)](#), carried out by the recipient or other public or private nonprofit entities. (However, activities under this paragraph may be directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly or severely disabled persons to public facilities and improvements, including those provided for in [§ 570.207\(a\)\(1\)](#).) In undertaking such activities, design features and improvements which promote energy efficiency may be included. Such activities may also include the execution of architectural design features, and similar treatments intended to enhance the aesthetic quality of facilities and improvements receiving CDBG assistance, such as decorative pavements, railings, sculptures, pools of water and fountains, and other works of art. Facilities designed for use in providing shelter for persons having special needs are considered public facilities and not subject to the prohibition of new housing construction described in [§ 570.207\(b\)\(3\)](#). Such facilities include shelters for the homeless; convalescent homes; hospitals, nursing homes; battered spouse shelters; halfway houses for run-away children, drug offenders or parolees; group homes for mentally retarded persons and temporary housing for disaster victims. In certain cases, nonprofit entities and subrecipients including those specified in [§ 570.204](#) may acquire title to public facilities. When such facilities are owned by nonprofit entities or subrecipients, they shall be operated so as to be open for use by the general public during all normal hours of operation. Public facilities and improvements eligible for assistance under this paragraph are subject to the policies in [§ 570.200\(b\)](#).

(d) **Clearance and remediation activities.** Clearance, demolition, and removal of buildings and improvements, including movement of structures to other sites and remediation of known or suspected environmental contamination. Demolition of HUD-assisted or HUD-owned housing units may be undertaken only with the prior approval of HUD. Remediation may include project-specific environmental assessment costs not otherwise eligible under [§ 570.205](#).

(e) **Public services.** Provision of public services (including labor, supplies, and materials) including but not limited to those concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, welfare (but

excluding the provision of income payments identified under [§ 570.207\(b\)\(4\)](#)), homebuyer downpayment assistance, or recreational needs. If housing counseling, as defined in [24 CFR 5.100](#), is provided, it must be carried out in accordance with [24 CFR 5.111](#). To be eligible for CDBG assistance, a public service must be either a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service above that which has been provided by or on behalf of the unit of general local government (through funds raised by the unit or received by the unit from the State in which it is located) in the 12 calendar months before the submission of the action plan. (An exception to this requirement may be made if HUD determines that any decrease in the level of a service was the result of events not within the control of the unit of general local government.) The amount of CDBG funds used for public services shall not exceed [paragraphs \(e\) \(1\) or \(2\)](#) of this section, as applicable:

(1) The amount of CDBG funds used for public services shall not exceed 15 percent of each grant, except that for entitlement grants made under [subpart D of this part](#), nonentitlement CDBG grants in Hawaii, and for recipients of insular area funds under section 106 of the Act, the amount shall not exceed 15 percent of the grant plus 15 percent of program income, as defined in [§ 570.500\(a\)](#). For entitlement grants under [subpart D of this part](#), nonentitlement CDBG grants in Hawaii, and for recipients of insular area funds under section 106 of the Act, compliance is based on limiting the amount of CDBG funds obligated for public service activities in each program year to an amount no greater than 15 percent of the entitlement grant made for that program year plus 15 percent of the program income received during the grantee's immediately preceding program year.

(2) A recipient which obligated more CDBG funds for public services than 15 percent of its grant funded from origin year 1982 or 1983 appropriations (excluding program income and any assistance received under Public Law 98-8), may obligate more CDBG funds than allowable under [paragraph \(e\)\(1\)](#) of this section, so long as the total amount obligated in any program year does not exceed:

(i) For an entitlement grantee, 15% of the program income it received during the preceding program year; plus

(ii) A portion of the grant received for the program year which is the highest of the following amounts:

(A) The amount determined by applying the percentage of the grant it obligated for public services in the 1982 program year against the grant for its current program year;

(B) The amount determined by applying the percentage of the grant it obligated for public services in the 1983 program year against the grant for its current program year;

(C) The amount of funds it obligated for public services in the 1982 program year; or,

(D) The amount of funds it obligated for public services in the 1983 program year.

(f) ***Interim assistance.***

(1) The following activities may be undertaken on an interim basis in areas exhibiting objectively determinable signs of physical deterioration where the recipient has determined that immediate action is necessary to arrest the deterioration and that permanent improvements will be carried out as soon as practicable:

(i) The repairing of streets, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, publicly owned utilities, and public buildings; and

(ii) The execution of special garbage, trash, and debris removal, including neighborhood cleanup campaigns, but not the regular curbside collection of garbage or trash in an area.

(2) In order to alleviate emergency conditions threatening the public health and safety in areas where the chief executive officer of the recipient determines that such an emergency condition exists and requires immediate resolution, CDBG funds may be used for:

(i) The activities specified in [paragraph \(f\)\(1\)](#) of this section, except for the repair of parks and playgrounds;

(ii) The clearance of streets, including snow removal and similar activities, and

(iii) The improvement of private properties.

(3) All activities authorized under [paragraph \(f\)\(2\)](#) of this section are limited to the extent necessary to alleviate emergency conditions.

(g) ***Payment of non-Federal share.*** Payment of the non-Federal share required in connection with a Federal grant-in-aid program undertaken as part of CDBG activities, provided, that such payment shall be limited to activities otherwise eligible and in compliance with applicable requirements under this subpart.

(h) ***Urban renewal completion.*** Payment of the cost of completing an urban renewal project funded under title I of the Housing Act of 1949 as amended. Further information regarding the eligibility of such costs is set forth in [§ 570.801](#).

(i) ***Relocation.*** Relocation payments and other assistance for permanently and temporarily relocated individuals families, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and farm operations where the assistance is

(1) required under the provisions of [§ 570.606 \(b\)](#) or [\(c\)](#); or

(2) determined by the grantee to be appropriate under the provisions of [§ 570.606\(d\)](#).

(j) **Loss of rental income.** Payments to housing owners for losses of rental income incurred in holding, for temporary periods, housing units to be used for the relocation of individuals and families displaced by program activities assisted under this part.

(k) **Housing services.** Housing services, as provided in section 105(a)(21) of the Act ([42 U.S.C. 5305\(a\)\(21\)](#)). If housing counseling, as defined in [24 CFR 5.100](#), is provided, it must be carried out in accordance with [24 CFR 5.111](#).

(l) **Privately owned utilities.** CDBG funds may be used to acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, or install the distribution lines and facilities of privately owned utilities, including the placing underground of new or existing distribution facilities and lines.

(m) **Construction of housing.** CDBG funds may be used for the construction of housing assisted under section 17 of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

(n) **Homeownership assistance.** CDBG funds may be used to provide direct homeownership assistance to low- or moderate-income households in accordance with section 105(a) of the Act.

(o)

(1) The provision of assistance either through the recipient directly or through public and private organizations, agencies, and other subrecipients (including nonprofit and for-profit subrecipients) to facilitate economic development by:

(i) Providing credit, including, but not limited to, grants, loans, loan guarantees, and other forms of financial support, for the establishment, stabilization, and expansion of microenterprises;

(ii) Providing technical assistance, advice, and business support services to owners of microenterprises and persons developing microenterprises; and

(iii) Providing general support, including, but not limited to, peer support programs, counseling, child care, transportation, and other similar services, to owners of microenterprises and persons developing microenterprises.

(2) Services provided this [paragraph \(o\)](#) shall not be subject to the restrictions on public services contained in [paragraph \(e\)](#) of this section.

(3) For purposes of this [paragraph \(o\)](#), “persons developing microenterprises” means such persons who have expressed interest and who are, or after an initial screening process are expected to be, actively working toward developing businesses, each of which is expected to be a microenterprise at the time it is formed.

(4) Assistance under this [paragraph \(o\)](#) may also include training, technical assistance, or other support services to increase the capacity of the recipient or subrecipient to carry out the activities under this [paragraph \(o\)](#).

(p) **Technical assistance.** Provision of technical assistance to public or nonprofit entities to increase the capacity of such entities to carry out eligible neighborhood revitalization or economic development activities. (The recipient must determine, prior to the provision of the assistance, that the activity for which it is attempting to build capacity would be eligible for assistance under this subpart C, and that the national objective claimed by the grantee for this assistance can reasonably be expected to be met once the entity has received the technical assistance and undertakes the activity.) Capacity building for private or public entities (including grantees) for other purposes may be eligible under [§ 570.205](#).

(q) **Assistance to institutions of higher education.** Provision of assistance by the recipient to institutions of higher education when the grantee determines that such an institution has demonstrated a capacity to carry out eligible activities under this subpart C.

[[53 FR 34439](#), Sept. 6, 1988, as amended at [53 FR 31239](#), Aug. 17, 1988; [55 FR 29308](#), July 18, 1990; [57 FR 27119](#), June 17, 1992; [60 FR 1943](#), Jan. 5, 1995; [60 FR 56911](#), Nov. 9, 1995; [61 FR 18674](#), Apr. 29, 1996; [65 FR 70215](#), Nov. 21, 2000; [67 FR 47213](#), July 17, 2002; [71 FR 30034](#), May 24, 2006; [80 FR 69870](#), Nov. 12, 2015; [81 FR 90659](#), Dec. 14, 2016]

§ 570.202 Eligible rehabilitation and preservation activities.

(a) **Types of buildings and improvements eligible for rehabilitation assistance.** CDBG funds may be used to finance the rehabilitation of:

(1) Privately owned buildings and improvements for residential purposes; improvements to a single-family residential property which is also used as a place of business, which are required in order to operate the business, need not be considered to be rehabilitation of a commercial or industrial building, if the improvements also provide general benefit to the residential occupants of the building;

(2) Low-income public housing and other publicly owned residential buildings and improvements;

(3) Publicly or privately owned commercial or industrial buildings, except that the rehabilitation of such buildings owned by a private for-profit business is limited to improvement to the exterior of the building, abatement of asbestos hazards, lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction, and the correction of code violations;

(4) Nonprofit-owned nonresidential buildings and improvements not eligible under [§ 570.201\(c\)](#); and

(5) Manufactured housing when such housing constitutes part of the community's permanent housing stock.

(b) ***Types of assistance.*** CDBG funds may be used to finance the following types of rehabilitation activities, and related costs, either singly, or in combination, through the use of grants, loans, loan guarantees, interest supplements, or other means for buildings and improvements described in [paragraph \(a\)](#) of this section, except that rehabilitation of commercial or industrial buildings is limited as described in [paragraph \(a\)\(3\)](#) of this section.

(1) Assistance to private individuals and entities, including profit making and nonprofit organizations, to acquire for the purpose of rehabilitation, and to rehabilitate properties, for use or resale for residential purposes;

(2) Labor, materials, and other costs of rehabilitation of properties, including repair directed toward an accumulation of deferred maintenance, replacement of principal fixtures and components of existing structures, installation of security devices, including smoke detectors and dead bolt locks, and renovation through alterations, additions to, or enhancement of existing structures and improvements, abatement of asbestos hazards (and other contaminants) in buildings and improvements that may be undertaken singly, or in combination;

(3) Loans for refinancing existing indebtedness secured by a property being rehabilitated with CDBG funds if such financing is determined by the recipient to be necessary or appropriate to achieve the locality's community development objectives;

(4) Improvements to increase the efficient use of energy in structures through such means as installation of storm windows and doors, siding, wall and attic insulation, and conversion, modification, or replacement of heating and cooling equipment, including the use of solar energy equipment;

(5) Improvements to increase the efficient use of water through such means as water savings faucets and shower heads and repair of water leaks;

(6) Connection of residential structures to water distribution lines or local sewer collection lines;

(7) For rehabilitation carried out with CDBG funds, costs of:

(i) Initial homeowner warranty premiums;

(ii) Hazard insurance premiums, except where assistance is provided in the form of a grant; and

(iii) Flood insurance premiums for properties covered by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, pursuant to [§ 570.605](#).

(8) Costs of acquiring tools to be lent to owners, tenants, and others who will use such tools to carry out rehabilitation;

(9) Rehabilitation services, such as rehabilitation counseling, energy auditing, preparation of work specifications, loan processing, inspections, and other services related to assisting owners, tenants, contractors, and other entities, participating or seeking to participate in rehabilitation activities authorized under this section, under section 312 of the Housing Act of 1964, as amended, under section 810 of the Act, or under section 17 of the United States Housing Act of 1937;

(10) Assistance for the rehabilitation of housing under section 17 of the United States Housing Act of 1937; and

(11) Improvements designed to remove material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly or severely disabled persons to buildings and improvements eligible for assistance under [paragraph \(a\)](#) of this section.

(c) **Code enforcement.** Costs incurred for inspection for code violations and enforcement of codes (e.g., salaries and related expenses of code enforcement inspectors and legal proceedings, but not including the cost of correcting the violations) in deteriorating or deteriorated areas when such enforcement together with public or private improvements, rehabilitation, or services to be provided may be expected to arrest the decline of the area.

(d) **Historic preservation.** CDBG funds may be used for the rehabilitation, preservation or restoration of historic properties, whether publicly or privately owned. Historic properties are those sites or structures that are either listed in or eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, listed in a State or local inventory of historic places, or designated as a State or local landmark or historic district by appropriate law or ordinance. Historic preservation, however, is not authorized for buildings for the general conduct of government.

(e) **Renovation of closed buildings.** CDBG funds may be used to renovate closed buildings, such as closed school buildings, for use as an eligible public facility or to rehabilitate such buildings for housing.

(f) **Lead-based paint activities.** Lead-based paint activities pursuant to [§ 570.608](#).

(g) **Broadband infrastructure.** Any substantial rehabilitation, as substantial rehabilitation is defined by [24 CFR 5.100](#), of a building with more than 4 rental units, for which CDBG funds are first obligated by the recipient on or after April 19, 2017, must include installation of broadband infrastructure, as this term is also defined in [24 CFR 5.100](#), except where the recipient determines and, in accordance with [§ 570.506](#), documents the determination that:

(1) The location of the substantial rehabilitation makes installation of broadband infrastructure infeasible;

(2) The cost of installing broadband infrastructure would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of its program or activity or in an undue financial burden; or

(3) The structure of the housing to be substantially rehabilitated makes installation of broadband infrastructure infeasible.

[[53 FR 34439](#), Sept. 6, 1988; [53 FR 41330](#), Oct. 21, 1988, as amended at [60 FR 1944](#), Jan. 5, 1995; [60 FR 56911](#), Nov. 9, 1995; [64 FR 50225](#), Sept. 15, 1999; [71 FR 30035](#), May 24, 2006; [82 FR 92636](#), Dec. 20, 2016]

§ 570.203 Special economic development activities.

A recipient may use CDBG funds for special economic development activities in addition to other activities authorized in this subpart that may be carried out as part of an economic development project. Guidelines for selecting activities to assist under this paragraph are provided at [§ 570.209](#). The recipient must ensure that the appropriate level of public benefit will be derived pursuant to those guidelines before obligating funds under this authority. Special activities authorized under this section do not include assistance for the construction of new housing. Activities eligible under this section may include costs associated with project-specific assessment or remediation of known or suspected environmental contamination. Special economic development activities include:

- (a) The acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of commercial or industrial buildings, structures, and other real property equipment and improvements, including railroad spurs or similar extensions. Such activities may be carried out by the recipient or public or private nonprofit subrecipients.
- (b) The provision of assistance to a private for-profit business, including, but not limited to, grants, loans, loan guarantees, interest supplements, technical assistance, and other forms of support, for any activity where the assistance is appropriate to carry out an economic development project, excluding those described as ineligible in [§ 570.207\(a\)](#). In selecting businesses to assist under this authority, the recipient shall minimize, to the extent practicable, displacement of existing businesses and jobs in neighborhoods.
- (c) Economic development services in connection with activities eligible under this section, including, but not limited to, outreach efforts to market available forms of assistance; screening of applicants; reviewing and underwriting applications for assistance; preparation of all necessary agreements; management of assisted activities; and the screening, referral, and placement of applicants for employment opportunities generated by CDBG-eligible economic development activities, including the costs of providing necessary training for persons filling those positions.

[[53 FR 34439](#), Sept. 6, 1988, as amended at [60 FR 1944](#), Jan. 5, 1995; [71 FR 30035](#), May 24, 2006]

§ 570.204 Special activities by Community-Based Development Organizations (CBDOs).

(a) *Eligible activities.* The recipient may provide CDBG funds as grants or loans to any CBDO qualified under this section to carry out a neighborhood revitalization, community economic development, or energy conservation project. The funded project activities may include those listed as eligible under this subpart, and, except as described in [paragraph \(b\)](#) of this section, activities not otherwise listed as eligible under this subpart. For purposes of qualifying as a project under [paragraphs \(a\)\(1\), \(a\)\(2\), and \(a\)\(3\)](#) of this section, the funded activity or activities may be considered either alone or in concert with other project activities either being carried out or for which funding has been committed. For purposes of this section:

(1) Neighborhood revitalization project includes activities of sufficient size and scope to have an impact on the decline of a geographic location within the jurisdiction of a unit of general local government (but not the entire jurisdiction) designated in comprehensive plans, ordinances, or other local documents as a neighborhood, village, or similar geographical designation; or the entire jurisdiction of a unit of general local government which is under 25,000 population;

(2) Community economic development project includes activities that increase economic opportunity, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income, or that stimulate or retain businesses or permanent jobs, including projects that include one or more such activities that are clearly needed to address a lack of affordable housing accessible to existing or planned jobs and those activities specified at [24 CFR 91.1\(a\)\(1\)\(iii\)](#); activities under this paragraph may include costs associated with project-specific assessment or remediation of known or suspected environmental contamination;

(3) Energy conservation project includes activities that address energy conservation, principally for the benefit of the residents of the recipient's jurisdiction; and

(4) To carry out a project means that the CBDO undertakes the funded activities directly or through contract with an entity other than the grantee, or through the provision of financial assistance for activities in which it retains a direct and controlling involvement and responsibilities.

(5) Any new construction or substantial rehabilitation, as substantial rehabilitation is defined by [24 CFR 5.100](#), of a building with more than 4 rental units, for which CDBG funds are first obligated by the recipient on or after April 19, 2017, must include installation of broadband infrastructure, as this term is also defined in [24 CFR 5.100](#), except where the recipient determines and, in accordance with [§ 570.506](#), documents the determination that:

(i) The location of the new construction or substantial rehabilitation makes installation of broadband infrastructure infeasible;

(ii) The cost of installing broadband infrastructure would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of its program or activity or in an undue financial burden; or

(iii) The structure of the housing to be substantially rehabilitated makes installation of broadband infrastructure infeasible.

(b) ***Ineligible activities.*** Notwithstanding that CBDOs may carry out activities that are not otherwise eligible under this subpart, this section does not authorize:

(1) Carrying out an activity described as ineligible in [§ 570.207\(a\)](#);

(2) Carrying out public services that do not meet the requirements of [§ 570.201\(e\)](#), except that:

(i) Services carried out under this section that are specifically designed to increase economic opportunities through job training and placement and other employment support services, including, but not limited to, peer support programs, counseling, child care, transportation, and other similar services; and

(ii) Services of any type carried out under this section pursuant to a strategy approved by HUD under the provisions of [24 CFR 91.215\(e\)](#) shall not be subject to the limitations in [§ 570.201\(e\)\(1\)](#) or [\(2\)](#), as applicable;

(3) Providing assistance to activities that would otherwise be eligible under [§ 570.203](#) that do not meet the requirements of [§ 570.209](#); or

(4) Carrying out an activity that would otherwise be eligible under [§ 570.205](#) or [§ 570.206](#), but that would result in the recipient's exceeding the spending limitation in [§ 570.200\(g\)](#).

(c) ***Eligible CBDOs.***

(1) A CBDO qualifying under this section is an organization which has the following characteristics:

(i) Is an association or corporation organized under State or local law to engage in community development activities (which may include housing and economic development activities) primarily within an identified geographic area of operation within the jurisdiction of the recipient, or in the case of an urban county, the jurisdiction of the county; and

(ii) Has as its primary purpose the improvement of the physical, economic or social environment of its geographic area of operation by addressing one or more critical problems of the area, with particular attention to the needs of persons of low and moderate income; and

(iii) May be either non-profit or for-profit, provided any monetary profits to its shareholders or members must be only incidental to its operations; and

(iv) Maintains at least 51 percent of its governing body's membership for low- and moderate-income residents of its geographic area of operation, owners or senior officers of private establishments and other institutions located in and serving its geographic area of operation, or representatives of low- and moderate-income neighborhood organizations located in its geographic area of operation; and

(v) Is not an agency or instrumentality of the recipient and does not permit more than one-third of the membership of its governing body to be appointed by, or to consist of, elected or other public officials or employees or officials of an ineligible entity (even though such persons may be otherwise qualified under [paragraph \(c\)\(1\)\(iv\)](#) of this section); and

(vi) Except as otherwise authorized in [paragraph \(c\)\(1\)\(v\)](#) of this section, requires the members of its governing body to be nominated and approved by the general membership of the organization, or by its permanent governing body; and

(vii) Is not subject to requirements under which its assets revert to the recipient upon dissolution; and

(viii) Is free to contract for goods and services from vendors of its own choosing.

(2) A CBDO that does not meet the criteria in [paragraph \(c\)\(1\)](#) of this section may also qualify as an eligible entity under this section if it meets one of the following requirements:

(i) Is an entity organized pursuant to section 301(d) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 ([15 U.S.C. 681\(d\)](#)), including those which are profit making; or

(ii) Is an SBA approved Section 501 State Development Company or Section 502 Local Development Company, or an SBA Certified Section 503 Company under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended; or

(iii) Is a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) under [24 CFR 92.2](#), designated as a CHDO by the HOME Investment Partnerships program participating jurisdiction, with a geographic area of operation of no more than one neighborhood, and has received HOME funds under [24 CFR 92.300](#) or is expected to receive HOME funds as described in and documented in accordance with [24 CFR 92.300\(e\)](#).

(3) A CBDO that does not qualify under [paragraph \(c\)\(1\)](#) or [\(2\)](#) of this section may also be determined to qualify as an eligible entity under this section if the recipient demonstrates to the satisfaction of HUD, through the provision of information regarding the organization's charter and by-laws, that the organization is sufficiently similar in purpose, function, and scope to those entities qualifying under [paragraph \(c\)\(1\)](#) or [\(2\)](#) of this section. [[60 FR 1944](#), Jan. 5, 1995, as amended at [71 FR 30035](#), May 24, 2006; [81 FR 92636](#), Dec. 20, 2016]

§ 570.205 Eligible planning, urban environmental design and policy-planning-management-capacity building activities.

(a) Planning activities which consist of all costs of data gathering, studies, analysis, and preparation of plans and the identification of actions that will implement such plans, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Comprehensive plans;
- (2) Community development plans;
- (3) Functional plans, in areas such as:
 - (i) Housing, including the development of a consolidated plan;
 - (ii) Land use and urban environmental design;
 - (iii) Economic development;
 - (iv) Open space and recreation;
 - (v) Energy use and conservation;
 - (vi) Floodplain and wetlands management in accordance with the requirements of Executive Orders 11988 and 11990;
 - (vii) Transportation;
 - (viii) Utilities; and
 - (ix) Historic preservation.
- (4) Other plans and studies such as:
 - (i) Small area and neighborhood plans;
 - (ii) Capital improvements programs;
 - (iii) Individual project plans (but excluding engineering and design costs related to a specific activity which are eligible as part of the cost of such activity under [§§ 570.201-570.204](#));
 - (iv) The reasonable costs of general environmental, urban environmental design and historic preservation studies; and general environmental assessment- and remediation-oriented planning related to properties with known or suspected environmental

contamination. However, costs necessary to comply with [24 CFR part 58](#), including project specific environmental assessments and clearances for activities eligible for assistance under this part, are eligible as part of the cost of such activities under [§§ 570.201-570.204](#). Costs for such specific assessments and clearances may also be incurred under this paragraph but would then be considered planning costs for the purposes of [§ 570.200\(g\)](#);

(v) Strategies and action programs to implement plans, including the development of codes, ordinances and regulations;

(vi) Support of clearinghouse functions, such as those specified in Executive Order 12372; and

(vii) Developing an inventory of properties with known or suspected environmental contamination.

(5) [Reserved]

(6) Policy - planning - management - capacity building activities which will enable the recipient to:

(1) Determine its needs;

(2) Set long-term goals and short-term objectives, including those related to urban environmental design;

(3) Devise programs and activities to meet these goals and objectives;

(4) Evaluate the progress of such programs and activities in accomplishing these goals and objectives; and

(5) Carry out management, coordination and monitoring of activities necessary for effective planning implementation, but excluding the costs necessary to implement such plans.

[[53 FR 34439](#), Sept. 6, 1988, as amended at [56 FR 56127](#), Oct. 31, 1991; [60 FR 1915](#), Jan. 5, 1995; [71 FR 30035](#), May 24, 2006; [80 FR 42366](#), July 16, 2015; [85 FR 47910](#), Aug. 7, 2020]

[§ 570.207 Ineligible activities.](#)

The general rule is that any activity that is not authorized under the provisions of [§§ 570.201-570.206](#) is ineligible to be assisted with CDBG funds. This section identifies specific activities that are ineligible and provides guidance in determining the eligibility of other activities frequently associated with housing and community development.

(a) The following activities MAY NOT BE ASSISTED WITH CDBG FUNDS:

(1) ***Buildings or portions thereof, used for the general conduct of government*** as defined at [§ 570.3\(d\)](#) cannot be assisted with CDBG funds. This does not include, however, the removal of architectural barriers under [§ 570.201\(c\)](#) involving any such building. Also, where acquisition of real property includes an existing improvement which is to be used in the provision of a building for the general conduct of government, the portion of the acquisition cost attributable to the land is eligible, provided such acquisition meets a national objective described in [§ 570.208](#).

(2) ***General government expenses***. Except as otherwise specifically authorized in this subpart or under [2 CFR part 200, subpart E](#), expenses required to carry out the regular responsibilities of the unit of general local government are not eligible for assistance under this part.

(3) ***Political activities***. CDBG funds shall not be used to finance the use of facilities or equipment for political purposes or to engage in other partisan political activities, such as candidate forums, voter transportation, or voter registration. However, a facility originally assisted with CDBG funds may be used on an incidental basis to hold political meetings, candidate forums, or voter registration campaigns, provided that all parties and organizations have access to the facility on an equal basis, and are assessed equal rent or use charges, if any.

(b) The following activities may not be assisted with CDBG funds unless authorized under provisions of [§ 570.203](#) or as otherwise specifically noted herein or when carried out by an entity under the provisions of [§ 570.204](#).

(1) ***Purchase of equipment***. The purchase of equipment with CDBG funds is generally ineligible.

(i) ***Construction equipment***. The purchase of construction equipment is ineligible, but compensation for the use of such equipment through leasing or depreciation pursuant to [2 CFR part 200, subpart E](#), as applicable for an otherwise eligible activity is an eligible use of CDBG funds. However, the purchase of construction equipment for use as part of a solid waste disposal facility is eligible under [§ 570.201\(c\)](#).

(ii) **Fire protection equipment.** Fire protection equipment is considered for this purpose to be an integral part of a public facility and thus, purchase of such equipment would be eligible under [§ 570.201\(c\)](#).

(iii) **Furnishings and personal property.** The purchase of equipment, fixtures, motor vehicles, furnishings, or other personal property not an integral structural fixture is generally ineligible. CDBG funds may be used, however, to purchase or to pay depreciation in accordance with [2 CFR part 200, subpart E](#), for such items when necessary for use by a recipient or its subrecipients in the administration of activities assisted with CDBG funds, or when eligible as fire fighting equipment, or when such items constitute all or part of a public service pursuant to [§ 570.201\(e\)](#).

(2) **Operating and maintenance expenses.** The general rule is that any expense associated with repairing, operating or maintaining public facilities, improvements and services is ineligible. Specific exceptions to this general rule are operating and maintenance expenses associated with public service activities, interim assistance, and office space for program staff employed in carrying out the CDBG program. For example, the use of CDBG funds to pay the allocable costs of operating and maintaining a facility used in providing a public service would be eligible under [§ 570.201\(e\)](#), even if no other costs of providing such a service are assisted with such funds. Examples of ineligible operating and maintenance expenses are:

(i) Maintenance and repair of publicly owned streets, parks, playgrounds, water and sewer facilities, neighborhood facilities, senior centers, centers for persons with a disabilities, parking and other public facilities and improvements. Examples of maintenance and repair activities for which CDBG funds may not be used include the filling of pot holes in streets, repairing of cracks in sidewalks, the mowing of recreational areas, and the replacement of expended street light bulbs; and

(ii) Payment of salaries for staff, utility costs and similar expenses necessary for the operation of public works and facilities.

(3) **New housing construction.** For the purpose of this paragraph, activities in support of the development of low or moderate income housing including clearance, site assemblage, provision of site improvements and provision of public improvements and certain housing pre-construction costs set forth in [§ 570.206\(g\)](#), are not considered as activities to subsidize or assist new residential construction. CDBG funds may not be used for the construction of new permanent residential structures or for any program to subsidize or assist such new construction, except:

(i) As provided under the last resort housing provisions set forth in [24 CFR part 42](#);

(ii) As authorized under [§ 570.201\(m\)](#) or [\(n\)](#);

(iii) When carried out by an entity pursuant to [§ 570.204\(a\)](#);

(4) ***Income payments.*** The general rule is that CDBG funds may not be used for income payments. For purposes of the CDBG program, “income payments” means a series of subsistence-type grant payments made to an individual or family for items such as food, clothing, housing (rent or mortgage), or utilities, but excludes emergency grant payments made over a period of up to three consecutive months to the provider of such items or services on behalf of an individual or family.

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