

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

CDBG eligible activities can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations: Title 24-Housing and Urban Development, Chapter V, Part 570, C, Section 570.201 on page 40 of this guide. Further definitions of CDBG eligible public services and specific guidance on housing-related services are also in this guide.

To be CDBG eligible, the service must meet the following five criteria:

1. Be on HUD's list of public services, or be a substantially similar service and not on the list of ineligible public services.
2. Be identified as a new service or an increased/improved level of service. See instructions to this application's Project Description and LMI Benefit Table for definitions.
3. Be directly linked to delivery of a specific service to a client.
4. Principally benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. See instructions to this application's Project Description and LMI Benefit Table for more information. The current Income Limits chart is on the CDBG website under Guidance Materials and LMI is up to 80% of median household income by family size.
5. Target residents of CDBG non-entitlement areas (outside of CDBG entitlement cities). The state CDBG program cannot fund activities that benefit residents in CDBG entitlement cities, since these cities receive CDBG funds directly from HUD. The ineligible CDBG entitlement cities, located in eligible state CDBG counties are:

Anacortes
Bellingham
East Wenatchee
Kennewick

Longview
Mount Vernon
Pasco
Richland

Walla Walla
Wenatchee
Yakima

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In general, any activity not described above is not eligible. Specifically, Public Services Grants cannot fund:

1. Activities and administrative costs eligible under another CDBG fund, such as:
 - Planning and community organization activities, not directly linked to the delivery of an eligible public service to a client. Unlike CSBG, CDBG cannot fund general outreach activities or partnership building activities, unless you can count and report on the clients receiving a direct service from those activities.
 - Housing rehabilitation, including weatherization
 - Facility acquisition, construction or renovation
2. Administrative costs for the general management of the organization
3. Lobbying and political activities
4. Direct payments to individuals for their food, clothing, utilities or other income payments. (Income payments or emergency vouchers paid to a third party for no more than three consecutive months may be eligible.)
5. New housing construction costs, including administration of new housing development programs

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