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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

for CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Applications

Q What does Homeowner Rehabilitation include?

A Homeowner rehabilitation can include minor rehabilitation, moderate or substantial rehabilitation, historical preservation, lead-based paint abatement, code enforcement and home-based business rehabilitation.

Q What does Rental Rehabilitation include?

A This may include acquiring existing rental housing, historical preservation, and conversion of existing non-housing structures to new housing or mixed-income rental housing.

Q Is Rental Rehabilitation a grant?

A If the landlord is not LMI, they must contribute a minimum of 25 percent of the costs of the rental unit's rehabilitation. If the landlord is LMI, they must contribute a minimum of 15 percent of the rehabilitation cost.

Q Is demolition of housing and permanent relocation activities eligible?

A Yes.

Q What is the national objective?

A The rehabilitation meets a national objective of benefitting low- and moderate-income (LMI) households. The family living in the rehabilitation property must be LMI. If demolition will be included it must meet a national objective of spot slum and blight. If you are submitting an ND application, a target area LMI survey will be required.

Q Who is eligible to submit an application?

A An incorporated city.

Q What is the maximum amount allowed for a CDBG Housing project?

A For a \$300,000 grant the eligible activities include; rehabilitation of single-family/owner-occupied or rental rehabilitation, upper-story housing, renovation of a building to create housing, and/or demolition of housing units and outbuilding on the same property you rehabilitated. A city can include up to 20 percent of the rehabilitation funds for emergencies. Emergency funding is only eligible to owner-occupied households not in the target area and emergencies are defined as water heaters and heating units. A leaky roof is not defined as an emergency.

The maximum neighborhood development (ND) housing grant award is \$400,000 and includes the above activities plus public facilities improvements (street, drainage, curbs, public sidewalks). Plus, a Preliminary Engineer Report (PER) is required for ND applications.

Q What is the best way to begin preparing for a CDBG application?

A The Housing Assessment Tool (HAT) was designed to be completed locally while thinking regionally. Applicants are encouraged to think creatively and involve as many stakeholders as possible to ensure community-wide/region-wide support to the highest degree of accuracy and best analysis of the assessment.

[Housing Assessment Tool \(kansascommerce.gov\)](https://www.kansascommerce.gov/housing-assessment-tool)

Q We have completed the HAT, now what?

A A community can attend a HIAC. The purpose of the Housing Interagency Advisory Committee (HIAC) is to provide guidance and direction to communities seeking funding for housing projects. The HIAC consists of federal and state agency representatives from the Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas Housing Resource Corporation, USDA Rural Development and Federal Home Loan Bank.

Communities can attend an optional virtual HIAC meeting to present their HAT key findings and housing priorities. The goal of a HIAC meeting is for communities to receive HAT feedback and for the state agencies to describe how their programs can address the community's housing needs. Communities can connect with program managers and determine the next steps to address housing goals. There is no requirement for communities to meet with the HIAC for funding.

Contact Liz Heron for questions or scheduling at Elizabeth.Heron@ks.gov

More Questions?

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