

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

# 2021-2022 CDBG APPLICATION GUIDELINES & FORMS for projects within the Bellevue city limits

Applications Deadline: <u>4:30 p.m.</u> at Monday, <u>May 3, 2021</u>



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# 2021-2022 CDBG GRANT SCHEDULE & IMPORTANT DATES

6:00 PM, Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Virtual GoToMeeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Public Hearing
1:00-3:00, Thursday, April 8, 2021	Technical Assistance Workshop/
Virtual GoToMeeting	Application Q & A
Monday, May 3, 2021	Application Deadline
6:00 PM, Thursday, May 20, 2021 TBD	2 <sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing (applicant presentations)
6:00 PM, Tuesday, May 25, 2021 TBD	CDBG Committee meeting to determine funding recommendations
June 16, 2021 (or earlier)	Notice of Availability of 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for review
6:00 PM, Tuesday, July 20, 2021 TBD	CDBG Committee and CDBG staff present funding recommendation to Mayor and City Council and holds during 3 <sup>rd</sup> Public Hearing during Council Meeting City Council will make final decision on 2021 funding allocation and Action Plan.
July 31, 2021	Availability of Final 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan
August 15, 2021	Annual Action Plan Due to HUD

# CDBG PROGRAM GUIDELINES

#### BACKGROUND

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. The CDBG Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to Entitlement Communities as a means to support viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income households.

The City of Bellevue as an entitlement community, annually offers a portion of its CDBG funds through an application process to eligible applicants to carry out eligible activities within the city limits. This funding application is for the fiscal period beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Proposed projects must meet one or more of the CDBG eligible activities and National Objectives as discussed in this packet and must further the City's CDBG priorities and goals as outlined in the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan. A summary of this document is available in Attachment A or a complete copy of the consolidated plan may be obtained from the CDBG Program Administrator, or on the City's website at www.bellevue.net

The CDBG Committee will review all applications and make funding recommendations to the Bellevue City Council. Recommendations for grant awards will be provided to the City Council during the month of July 2021.

#### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants are limited to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, government agencies, school districts, and, under limited circumstances, for-profit businesses (for-profit businesses, please check with the CDBG Program Administrator to determine eligibility).

Non-profits applying for funds must follow "good practice" policies (i.e., board members only serve on a volunteer basis and conflict of interests are avoided— board members do not approve family members receiving financial gain). Non-profits receiving federal funds (CDBG) must adhere to the Open Meetings Act (i.e., post agendas and ensure meetings are open to the public).

If the application will be for a public service activity, the activity must be a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service pursuant to 24 CFR 570.201(e). Furthermore, if the application request funding for building improvements, 24 CFR 570.201(c) requires that any public facility to be improved must be owned by the public or the non-profit organization requesting funding.

#### LMI BENEFIT DETERMINATION

To the extent feasible, activities and programs which benefit low- to moderate- income (LMI) persons are priorities for CDBG funding. To determine whether an individual or household can be considered LMI, the household size needs to be taken into consideration, and the total household income needs to be less

than 80 percent of the local area median income. The current income guidelines as established by HUD are summarized in the following table:

	Omaha-Council Bluffs NE-IA HUD Metro FMR Area								
FY 2020 Income Limit Area	Income Limit Category	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
Omaha- Council	Extremely Low (30%)	\$18,300	\$20,900	\$23,500	\$26,100	\$28,200	\$30,300	\$32,400	\$34,500
Bluffs, NE- IA HUD	Very Low (50%)	\$30,450	\$34,800	\$39,150	\$43,500	\$47,000	\$50,500	\$53,950	\$57,450
Metro FMR Area	Low (80%)	\$48,750	\$55,700	\$62,650	\$69,600	\$75,200	\$80,750	\$86,350	\$91,900

#### **GRANT TERM**

The term of the grant is generally for a 12-month period in order to meet HUD timeliness requirements; this may be extended for up to a one-year term only on a case-by-case basis.

#### APPLICATION FILING PROCEDURES

Applications may be mailed or hand-delivered to the City of Bellevue and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 3, 2021. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. will not be considered for funding. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is delivered or received in the mail on time. There is no penalty for early submission.

A technical assistance workshop will be offered on virtually on April 8, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Attendance is strongly encouraged, and the application form will be reviewed in detail. CDBG staff will be available by appointment to review proposal eligibility and application questions with interested applicants.

# CDBG PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides assistance for housing and community development activities. The goal of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. In order for a project or activity to qualify for CDBG funding, it must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Meet a CDBG national objective
- ✓ Qualify as an eligible activity.
- ✓ Address a Priority/Goal as outlined in Bellevue's 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan.

#### CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVE

All activities proposed for funding must meet one of three national objectives:

- Benefit low and moderate income (LMI) persons or households,
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or
- Meet a community development need having a particular urgency.

Benefit to low- and moderate-income persons can by designated by the following categories (1) area benefit, (2) limited clientele, or (3) employment/job opportunities.

AREA BENEFIT ACTIVITIES – Activities must benefit all residents in a particular service area, where at least 51% of persons in the service area are low- and moderate-income, as determined by HUD and the U.S. Census Bureau. The service area is determined based upon the nature of the activity, location of the activity, accessibility issues, availability of comparable activities, and boundaries for public facilities and public services. Service areas must be determined prior to provision of CDBG assistance. Examples of eligible activities include infrastructure, public facilities, and economic development.

LIMITED CLIENTELE ACTIVITIES – At least 51% of the beneficiaries of the proposed project activity must be low- and moderate-income and must satisfy one of the following criteria: (1) benefit a clientele that is generally presumed to be principally low- and moderate-income including abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons, severely disabled adults, homeless persons, illiterate adults, persons living with AIDS, and migrant farm workers, (2) document household size and income which demonstrates that at least 51% of the clientele are low- and moderate-income, (3) restrict income eligibility for the activity to low- and moderate-income persons, or (4) be of such a nature and in such a location that it can be concluded that clients are primarily low- and moderate-income.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES – Activities must be undertaken with the purpose of creating or retaining permanent jobs, at least 51% of which (computed on a full-time equivalent basis) will be made available to or held by low-and moderate-income persons.

HOUSING ACTIVITIES – Activities undertaken for the purpose of providing or improving permanent residential structures which, upon completion, will be occupied by at least 51% low and moderate-income households.

#### ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES/COSTS

Eligible <u>activities</u> may include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition of real property;
- Demolition;
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures (must own building);
- Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes;
- Public services (must be a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of existing service);
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources; and
- Providing assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities.

Eligible activity <u>costs</u> may include:

- Direct personnel costs necessary to carry out the activity;
- Reasonable administrative costs relating to oversight of the activity (generally 10%);
- Materials and supplies necessary to the activity; and
- Rent, insurance, and utilities associated with the activity location.

#### INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES/COSTS

Generally, the following types of <u>activities</u> are ineligible:

- Those activities not meeting a National Objective;
- Acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government;
- Political activities
- Certain income payments; and
- Construction of new housing.

Generally, the following types of <u>costs</u> are ineligible for funding:

- Any costs not directly related to the implementation of the activity described in the approved application;
- Costs incurred prior to an executed subrecipient agreement or after the expiration of the CDBG subrecipient agreement; and
- Administrative costs that are considered excessive or unreasonable.

#### CONSOLIDATED PLAN PRIORITY & GOALS

The following priorities and goals were identified in the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan to address needs in the community that were discussed in the planning process.

#### Priority #1: Encourage Economic Development through Business Development and Job Creation.

**(HIGH) To** promote business growth and development to increase job opportunities and revenue growth for the community as well as provide assistance for the development and expansion of employment opportunities and job training.

- a. Increase rehabilitation of existing commercial building to encourage growth and redevelopment of current commercial corridors.
  - i. Provide assistance to building owners to address code violations, infrastructure requirements, and façade improvements
- b. Increase employment opportunities for residents through new development and expansion of existing business and assistance with existing job opportunities.
  - i. Provide assistance for the development of new business and the expansion of existing businesses
  - ii. Review available employment opportunities and work with businesses to develop and implement job training to fill existing openings.
- c. Assist with the identifying the need and expanding accessibility and availability of transportation options.
  - i. Continue to work with community partners to identify areas of need for transportation options

**Priority #2: Improve and Expand the Availability and Accessibility to Public Infrastructure and Buildings. (HIGH) To** rehabilitate, expand and improve infrastructure in established business and residential areas within city limits to promote and encourage redevelopment and reuse of available sites.

- a. Improve and expand the availability and sustainability of public facilities and infrastructure in previously developed areas of the community.
  - i. Support revitalization efforts for public facilities to create economic development opportunities
  - ii. Support projects that provide leveraging funds to increase impact of projects
  - iii. Provide assistance to remove barriers to accessibility
  - iv. Address public facilities that are not up to existing standards to create sustainable neighborhoods
- b. AFFH GOAL Identify prospects to address Bellevue's aging infrastructure and necessary updates to ensure all residents have accessibility to services.
  - *i.* Work with the City of Bellevue ADA Committee to review current status of ADA Transition plan and infrastructure needs in the community along with identifying funding sources for assistance.
  - *ii.* Develop programs and assistance to address housing accessibility modification needs.

**Priority #3: Increase Affordable Housing Opportunities. (HIGH)** To maintain the availability and affordability of current housing market stock while researching and developing opportunities to expanding affordable housing opportunities through partnerships.

- a. Sustain the current available housing stock for low- and moderate-income households.
  - i. Provide assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to assist make affordable any necessary repairs that put health and safety at risk.

- b. Increase the development of affordable housing units through ownership and rental opportunities.
  - i. Support efforts to increase affordable housing units through acquisition and rehabilitation.
  - ii. Review options of infill development utilizing vacant lots and reducing vacant building blight.
  - Assist community partners with efforts to address housing needs of elderly, disable, small families, and at-risk low- and moderate-income individuals and families

AFFH Goal: Increase affordable housing opportunities to expand housing choice by increasing quality and quantity of affordable housing units and the number of participating landlords in the jurisdiction.

- *i.* Research partners and funding sources to conduct a housing market study for the community and identify opportunities to use the study to enhance development and developer partnerships
- *ii.* Review possible developer incentives to increase development of affordable housing and meet with necessary partners to develop, prepare and adopt incentives.
- *iii.* Determine prospects to increase the available funding and programs for housing rehabilitations programs in the community.
- *iv.* Work with City officials and departments to review current criteria for determining city project need to include accessibility and housing issues.

AFFH Goal: Identify opportunities to safeguard current and future zoning ordinances to encourage the development of affordable housing stock as well as utilize occupancy requirements that do not hinder fair housing choice.

- *i.* Work with local planning department to review current land zoning and develop proposal to increase multi-family zoning.
- *ii.* Increase infill development opportunities by reviewing regulations and best practices to identify possible changes to the current regulations and develop proposals.
- *iii.* Research opportunities to increase the percentage of newly constructed housing units that are affordable and accessible to people with disabilities.
- c. AFFH Goal: Increase homeownership opportunities through financial literacy and promoting equitable access to credit and home lending.
  - *i.* Identify partners, specifically lending agencies, to assist with reviewing current lending concerns to identify areas of opportunities for education and assistance.
  - *ii.* Enhance educational materials and expand distribution and availability of materials.

**Priority #4: Increase and Expand Public Service Availability. (LOW)** To provide support and assistance for the development and expansion of public service with community partners to address underserved needs in the community.

a. Increase and expand public services that address demonstrated residential needs.
 i. Identify community partners and support efforts to create or expand public

services that support identified needs in the community, including, but not limited to elderly, disabled, mental health, senior, and crime awareness services.

AFFH Goal: Provide opportunities to alter the perceptions of community exclusion and diffuse opposition to affordable housing through knowledge and education.

- *i.* Research proactive marketing strategies to enhance community image and identify community stakeholders to assist with development of community strategies to propel movement forward.
- *ii.* Identify possible funding sources to assist with marketing strategies specific for the community.
- b. AFFH Goal: Increase the overall knowledge and understanding of fair housing with the community's developers, real estate professionals, financial institutions, elected officials and residents.
  - *i.* Identify interested partners to facilitate fair housing workshops for landlords and housing providers
  - *ii.* Share and distribute fair housing information for renters.
  - *iii.* Work with local multi-family housing providers to provide information and education about fair housing to managements officials and tenants.

**Priority #5: Administration of CDBG Program. (HIGH)** To continue to maintain and administer a successful CDBG Program.

a. Successful administration of the CDBG programs.

#### Priority #6: COVID-19 Preparation, Prevention, and Response.

- a. To provide assistance for the prevention of, preparation for, or response to community impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected businesses and residents in the City of Bellevue
  - i. Provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income households facing economic hardships due to COVID-19
  - ii. Research and determine possible opportunities to provide financial assistance to microenterprise business and small business to encourage job growth and retention.

#### PREVIOUS CDBG GRANT AWARDS

To assist with meeting CDBG timeliness requirements, applicants previously awarded a CDBG grant through the City of Bellevue must have expended 50% of any past grant awards prior to being approved for a new recommendation of funding during the 2021-2022 CDBG Action Plan funding cycle. For questions regarding the current grant balances, please contact the CDBG Program Administrator.

#### VERIFICATION

All applicants are <u>strongly</u> encouraged to speak with the CDBG Program Administrator to receive accurate information on the category of eligible activity, and the national objective the activity will meet. Although

much of this information is outlined in this packet, the <u>CDBG program is complex and all details cannot be</u> <u>covered here</u>.

Requests for accommodations will be provided, to the extent feasible, to meet the needs of non-English speaking, deaf and hearing impaired, and visually impaired persons. The City of Bellevue will make arrangements to provide an interpreter, a signer or a reader upon request. Requests must be made by phone call or email at least 72 hours prior to any public hearing or meeting.

# CDBG APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS

#### APPLICATION REVIEW

After the application deadline, CDBG staff will review each submitted 2021-2022 application for completeness and for basic CDBG program eligibility. Those applications determined to be either incomplete or ineligible for funding will not be considered for funding, and applicants will be called and notified as such. After the CDBG staff has completed the initial review, applications will be provided to the CDBG Committee for their review. During the next public hearing, applicants requesting funding will be required to make a presentation (*five (5) minutes or less*) before the CDBG Committee and answer any final questions. This public hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m**.

Following the public hearing with presentations, CDBG Committee members will score and rank each proposal using the scoring on the left-hand column of the application narrative. The CDBG Committee will apply the following criteria in developing a recommendation for CDBG Funding.

- > Is the project clearly defined and realistic in scope, location, need, budget, and goals?
- > Can the project demonstrate benefit to LMI households or residents of LMI census tracts?
- Does the project successfully leverage dollars with local, county, state or other federal programs to maximize the number of people served whenever possible?
- Is the project duplicating existing services? If it is a new activity, does the project effectively address the need and utilize/maximize partnerships with other organizations and agencies?
- Is the project sponsored by organizations or agencies that can demonstrate that they have the staff capability, capacity, and knowledge of federal regulations to successfully implement the proposed project?
- Does the project demonstrate a clear and effectual plan for evaluating the progress of the project towards the identified goals with measurable objectives and results?
- > Does the project demonstrate readiness to be implemented in a timely manner?

The maximum points an application can receive will be 120. The CDBG Committee and CDBG staff will use these scores to create the order in which it considers funding recommendations. However, these scores will be a starting point, and the <u>applicants may not be funded in order of rank</u>.

It is the responsibility of the City of Bellevue to ensure that the CDBG funds received are disbursed wisely and managed efficiently in the delivery of services that are most beneficial to the community and resident of Bellevue. To fulfill this responsibility, the CDBG Committee and CDBG staff will conduct a thorough review of applicants and their applications for funding to evaluate operation, services, and budget.

CDBG staff will notify applicants of the proposed funding recommendation and availability of the draft 2021-2022 Action Plan on June 16, 2021, or earlier.

#### CITY COUNCIL AWARD OF FUNDING

The Bellevue City Council will consider the CDBG Committee's recommendations regarding funding allocations for the 2021-2022 Action Plan at its meeting on July 20, 2021. In addition, a public hearing will be conducted at the same time to allow resident comment and input on the proposed activities. Following the public hearing, the City Council will make its final decision regarding funding recommendation and approval of the 2021-2022 Action Plan

Those activities approved for funding by the City Council will be included in the City's final 2021-2022 Action Plan and submitted to HUD for its review no later than August 15, 2021. Funding will not be released to activities until HUD has approved the Action Plan and grant funds have been released to the City for expenditure. This may not occur until December 2021 or January 2022.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

Following approval by Bellevue City Council, the City of Bellevue will begin the environmental review of each project. As part of CDBG requirements prior to the Release of Funds, an Environmental Review Record must be completed. Most of activities have been classified by their nature as either Categorically Excluded or Exempt. With these activities, the City is not required to complete an environmental assessment. If the project does require an environmental information about the project and any information in connection with the conduct and preparation of environmental review. The applicants will be responsible to provide any investigations or studies needed to fulfill its obligation under HUD environmental review requirements and to cover any cost incurred to complete the appropriate reports or studies. The Environmental Review Record and Release of Funds must be complete prior to the expenditure or commitment of CDBG program funds to any projects.

#### CDBG SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT

Following the City Council's approval of the 2021-2022 Action Plan and activities and the completion of the HUD review and approval, staff will prepare CDBG subrecipient agreements for all approved activities. Each agreement will contain the terms and conditions of the CDBG funding, a description of the approved activity and costs, and will specify applicable City insurance requirements including comprehensive general liability, workers' compensation, and vehicle coverage. Agreements will also include the measurable objectives and accomplishment data that must be reported. The person designated by resolution will be required to sign the CDBG agreement and return it to the City of Bellevue. All agreements will then be approved by the City Council. Prior to agreements being executed, all subrecipients are highly encouraged to thoroughly review the agreement and accomplishment reporting forms and will be required to schedule a meeting with the CDBG Program Administrator to review all requirements.

#### PAYMENT OF CDBG FUNDS

CDBG funds are paid for actual costs directly related to the implementation of the project as approved. *No costs incurred before an agreement is executed will be eligible for reimbursement*.

To ensure all cost of the project are eligible for reimbursement, applicants should not incur any costs, perform any work, purchase any goods or services nor make any commitments or sign any contracts with any person, organization or company related to the project for which CDBG funds are being requested until the City Council has approved the Action Plan activities, the Action Plan has been approved by HUD, environmental review record has been complete, and a subrecipient agreement has been executed with the City of Bellevue.

Payment will be made only for costs described in the applicant's agreement upon submittal of payment request and all required documentation (i.e. receipts, invoices, accomplishment reports, etc.). CDBG typically operates on a reimbursement basis, in which, subrecipients document the eligible expenditures and are then reimbursed for the costs. While every effort is made to ensure timely reimbursements, this procedure may take two to four weeks from time of reimbursement request to the issuance of reimbursement.

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND MONITORING

Note that it is City of Bellevue's responsibility to ensure all entities receiving CDBG funds are in compliance with HUD regulations. Recipients must provide all information requested to assist with documentation in a timely manner.

CDBG subrecipients shall be required to submit a monthly or quarterly progress report regarding the funded activity. The format of these reports will be described in the CDBG subrecipient agreement. The City of Bellevue may request additional reporting from a subrecipient. Noncompliance could result in

suspension or termination of the agreement and reallocation of the CDBG funds. Noncompliance will also be considered when applicants request future funding.

In addition, CDBG program staff will schedule a semi-annual on-site monitoring visit of all funded activities as well as periodic on-site monitoring as needed. Each CDBG subrecipient is required to allow CDBG staff to have access to all required documentation when conducting on-site monitoring and is responsible for maintaining written records required by the CDBG subrecipient agreement.

# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application must be typed single sided on 8 ½" x 11" paper. (You may do this by downloading the form from the City's website: <u>www.bellevue.net</u> or by requesting the document be emailed to you). <u>One</u> (1) original application narrative with one (1) set of attachments and seven (7) copies of the application <u>narrative</u> must be submitted. Staple applications in the upper left-hand corner. Please do not use covers, binders, or folders. All application materials will become the property of the City of Bellevue. Strict adherence to these guidelines is required. It is the applications will not be considered for funding.

A separate application should be submitted for each project or activity. If one organization is submitting more than one project/activity, a separate application must be submitted for each project. If more than one project/service is being requested from the same organization, a priority rating must be assigned to each project request – i.e. Priority #1, Priority #2, etc. The CDBG application must contain the following information in the order prescribed:

- 1) Application Narrative (1 original & 7 copies):
  - Cover Sheet
  - Resolution
  - Proposal Narrative
  - o Introduction
  - o Need
  - Project Effectiveness Including Performance Outcome Measurement Spreadsheet and Project Timeline
  - Cost Effectiveness Including Budget Itemization Sheet
- 2) Required Attachments (1 original):
  - List of Board of Directors
  - Organizational Chart
  - Resume of program administrator
  - Resume of fiscal officer
  - Tax Exemption Determination Letter
  - Articles of Incorporation
  - o By-Laws
  - Equal Opportunity Employment statement & Grievance Procedure
  - Financial statement and/or most recent audit
  - Audit Requirements (if applicable)
  - Statement of Insurance
  - Business Plan (if applicable)
- 3) Additional Information (if any, attach to Application Narrative)
  - The following is a detailed description of each requirement listed above. Please note the scoring criteria as you complete the application. All information is required even if no points are specifically assigned. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.* 
    - a. **Cover Sheet -** The required Application Cover Sheet may be completed by filling in the form on the city's website (<u>www.bellevue.net</u>). If your organization is

submitting applications for more than one activity, please submit a separate application for each activity (However, each organization only needs to provide one set of required attachments).

- b. **Proposal Narrative** The proposal narrative has specific questions that must be answered regarding your project. Each question is assigned points in the left-hand column that will be used in the review of the applications by the CDBG Committee and City staff.
- c. **Performance Outcome Measurements** This form is based on the Federal Register Notice of June 2005 (V. 70, No.111). Please follow the directions for each section. On a quarterly/semi-annual basis, your agency should be prepared to provide an accomplishment report on the status of your project with supporting data. Please use care in selecting the outcome statements as you will be required to report on all indicators as described.
- d. **Project Timeline** HUD requirements include timely expenditure of funding. The City of Bellevue allows one year for expenditure of grant funding from the date of subrecipient agreement execution. The timeline should demonstrate how the project will meet this requirement including important milestones with descriptions.
- e. **Itemized Budget -** Please fill this in by typing the appropriate information. The form provided can be completed by filling in each of the following sections:
  - Budget Categories List the categories of all expected expenses
  - Budget Narrative- Include detailed information
  - Total Project Cost List the total project cost for each budget category.
  - Proposed City of Bellevue CDBG Funding For each category, list only the amount currently being requested from the CDBG program.
  - Other sources –List any additional funding utilized for each budget category, i.e. funds from other grants or donations. Specify *where* the additional funding is coming from and *what amount* will be used for each category. Also specify whether or not the funds have been *committed* (i.e. Yes: the funding has been awarded or No: the funding has not been awarded yet). Please include any In-Kind funds or volunteer hours.
  - Total Costs Total each of the columns and list the totals as appropriate.

Additional lines can be added as needed to include all cost associated with the project.

- f. **Conflict of Interest -** The applicant must verify that a conflict of interest does not exist within the agency and proposed activity. The form included must be signed and returned with the application.
- g. **Resolution -** The CDBG application package must include an approved resolution from the applicant's governing body which authorizes submittal of an application for City of Bellevue CDBG funding and identifies the title of the individual authorized to execute any agreements, contracts, and requests for payment. A suggested format is provided.

CDBG APPLICATION CHECKLIST		
All requests for funding <u>must include</u> the following documents to be considered for funding. Please note the scoring criteria as you complete the application. All information is required even if no points are specifically assigned. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Check next to each form that is included in this application:		
<ul> <li>Application Narrative (1 original &amp; 7 copies):         <ul> <li>Cover Sheet</li> <li>Resolution</li> <li>Proposal Narrative</li> <li>Introduction</li> <li>Need</li> <li>Project Effectiveness – Including Performance Outcome Measurement Spreadsheet and Project Timeline</li> <li>Cost Effectiveness – Including Budget Itemization Sheet</li> <li>Conflict of Interest Statement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Required Attachments (1 original):         <ul> <li>List of Board of Directors</li> <li>Organizational Chart</li> <li>Resume of program administrator</li> <li>Resume of fiscal officer</li> <li>Tax Exemption Determination Letter</li> <li>Articles of Incorporation</li> <li>By-Laws</li> <li>Equal Opportunity Employment statement &amp; Grievance Procedure</li> <li>Financial statement and/or most recent audit</li> <li>Audit Requirements (if applicable)</li> <li>Statement of Insurance</li> <li>Business Plan (if applicable)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Application must be typed no smaller than 10-point type, single sided on 8 ½" x 11" paper.</li> <li>Provide an <u>original and seven (7) copies of the application narrative</u> and <u>one (1) set of required attachments</u></li> <li>Staple applications in the upper left-hand corner.</li> </ul> All application materials will become the property of the City of Bellevue. Strict adherence to these guidelines is required. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the applications are complete and correct. Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be considered for funding.		

CITY OF BELLEVUE CDBG PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE					
Must submit one (1) original and sev	Must submit one (1) original and seven (7) copies <u>Due: May 3, 2021, at 4:30 P.M.</u>				
No	late or incomplet	e applications	will be accept	ed	
Application	Cover Sheet –	- 2021-202	2 Proposal	for Fu	nding
	For C	Office Use Only	1		
Date Received:	Amount Reque	sted: \$	Am	nount Rec	commended: \$
AGENCY NAME & MAILING ADDRESS	CONTACT INFO	RMATION: NA	ME, TITLE, EM	AIL, & PH	IONE #
TYPE OF APPLICATION:	lew Project	Continuatio	on of Existing		Expansion of Existing
PROJECT TITLE:					
PROJECT LOCATION BOUNDARIES:					
PROJECT PRIORITY: <i>If your agency</i> This project is	submits more than ranked				
PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTED IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS			TIFICATION NUMBERS		
CDBG FUNDS REQUESTED: \$					
APPLICANT FUNDS: \$			D	UNS #:	
OTHER FUNDS (Specify):					
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TOTAL PROJECT COST: PERCENTAGE OF CDBG INVESTMENT (CDBG Amount Requested/Total Pro					
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I certify that the applicant agency meet proposed services in concert with all fede governmental agency. I agree to adhere Housing & Urban Development. All boa CDBG Program regulations at this time o rating form and deem them to be accura	eral requirements. I a to the above provis rd and staff member r at a later date. I fur	llso certify that t sions for all pro rs have disclose	the organization grams receiving d any potential	is a certif assistanc conflicts	ied IRS 501(c) (3) non-profit or e from the US Department of of interests that could violate

ACKNOWLEDGED RESPONSBILITY TO ABIDE BY ALL HUD AND CITY OF BELLEVUE REQUIREMENTS		
The applicant agrees to abide by all policies, regulations, ordinances, or statutes as required by HUD and City of Bellevue. Please select the following link to comprehensively review the CDBG regulations: 24 CFR 570.		
Yes No		
Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative:		
Telephone Number:		
Signature of Authorized Representative:		
Date Signed:		

### PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

\*\*Please leave Score Column blank\*\* \*\*Fully answer each question to earn maximum possible points\*\*

SCORE	INTRODUCTION: ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION
	Please provide the Background & Experience of the Organization: Including a brief history of the organization, the organization's mission statement, the length of time the organization has been providing services, and the type of legal structure (i.e. 501(c)(3) nonprofit, partnership, etc.).
	Has the applicant carried out services/programs/projects similar in nature to the proposed service/program/project?
	This project is eligible under which HUD Eligible Activity listed below:
	Public Facility and Improvements  Public Service
	Economic Development Housing
	Other
	This project meets which of the HUD National Objectives listed below:
	Benefits low/moderate income individuals, area, or households.
	Addresses the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
	Meets a particularly urgent community development need.
	Describe your project and its proposed location, including the <i>exact</i> use for the requested CDBG funds.

(35Points)	<b>Section 1: Project Need and Justification</b> This section includes a narrative explaining need, target areas, and population served.
(15pts)	What need in the community is there for the project? Provide a concise summary of the need for the project and why this project is a priority, i.e. how the activity will address the need; whether the activity is new/ongoing/expanded; both the immediate and long-term impact on the individual/community; and the gap in current services that creates the need. Utilize community statistics, demographics or other factual information to demonstrate the unmet need.
(6pts)	Does the project address Consolidated Plan priorities? Identify the priority and explain specifically how the project will meet the priority. (See Attachment A)
(6pts)	Indicate the location (target service delivery area) in which the program/activity will be completed or carried out. Indicated if the activity specifically serves a Low/Mod Census Tract. A map may be included to demonstrate project area. (See Attachment C)
(8pts)	Briefly describe the target population/category of persons to be served in the City of Bellevue. Provide the anticipated <i>unduplicated</i> number of households/persons to be assisted and how you determined this estimate. Persons to be assisted should be described in terms of age, race, gender, ethnicity, special needs, and income level. Use the Annual Income Limit Table to assist with identifying the number for each income level of the proposed audience: very low –income, low-income, and moderate-income. (See Attachment B)

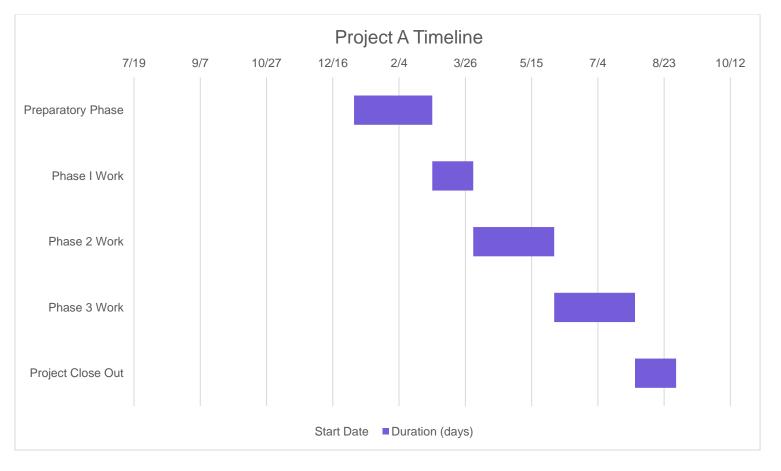
(40Points)	<b>Section 2. Project Effectiveness</b> This section should include the narrative, the performance outcome measurement spreadsheet and a project timeline.
(16pts)	Using the performance outcome measurement spreadsheet, describe the activity's proposed accomplishment. Items to consider: what methods will be used to evaluate the success of the project and whether outcomes were accomplished? This should include <u>specific</u> and <u>measurable</u> outcomes of the project and be identified on the provided spreadsheet.
(7pts)	Can the project be completed in a year? If not, describe length of time necessary. Please attach a project timeline, i.e. Gantt chart, to the application outlining a specific timeline for the project and provide any necessary explanation of the timeline below.
(7pts)	Describe the organization's staff positions and qualifications as it relates to the project including how many program staff persons are dedicated to this project, if new staff will be added, does the organization have administrative staff that will dedicate time to this project, has the organization secured funding for staff needed for this project.
(5pts)	Describe how the planning and operation of this project has been coordinated with other public agencies and the community to avoid duplication of service. Describe any community outreach and/or collaborations and attach supporting documentation, i.e. letters of support, collaboration.
(5pts)	CDBG requires organizations to submit reports pertaining to expenditure of CDBG funds and accomplishment reports. Explain the organization's capacity to complete the proposed project while meeting and adherence to HUD requirements and regulations. If the organization staff does not have prior experience, please indicate experience and successes in carrying out similar programs.

Performance Outcome Measurement Spreadsheet					
I. Objective: Select the goal which the program/project will meet.					
Create a Sustainable Living Environment	Provide Decent Housing	Create Economic Opportunity			
Designed to benefit communities, families, or individuals by addressing issues in their living environment, i.e. poor infrastructure, social issues such as crime prevention, fair housing, youth or elderly services.		Objective applies to the types of activities related to economic development, commercial revitalization, or job creation.			
GOALS – Briefly describe future expec	ted outcome of the activity.				
work accomplished. Examples would	of an organization's activities. They are include the number of low- and moder ct each output with the activity listed al	ate-income persons served, the			
	ppropriate outcome for the program/g their involvement in an activity.	project activity. Outcomes are			
Improve Availability/ Accessibility	Improve Affordability	Improve Sustainability			
Activities that make services, infrastructure, public facilities, housing, or shelters available or accessible to low- and moderate- income people, including persons with disabilities.	Activities that provide affordability in a variety of ways in the lives of low- and moderate-income people, i.e. creation or maintenance of affordable housing, basic infrastructure hookups, or services such as transportation.	Activities where the aim is to improve neighborhoods, helping to make them livable or viable by providing benefit to persons of low and moderate income or by removing or eliminating slums or blighted areas.			
OUTCOME MEASUREMENT – Describ outcome. (i.e. client surveys, statistica	e evaluation tools methods and benchn I data from verifiable source).	Inarks to measure achievements of the			

#### PROJECT TIMELINE EXAMPLE

CDBG regulations require timely expenditure of funds for all project. To assist in the review of your project for funding, a project timeline is required. For projects that are awarded and approved for CDBG funding, subrecipient agreements are typically executed upon release of funds from HUD in December or January. Please provide a project timeline demonstrating the timetable for project milestones and a description of each milestones.

Below is an *example* utilizing a Gantt chart to demonstrate the presentation of a timeline for project completion. Please use a timeline that appropriately represents your project, description of action, and any narrative necessary.



(45Points)	<b>Section 3. Cost Effectiveness/Budget</b> This section should include <u>both</u> a narrative and a completed budget itemization sheet.
(18pts)	Using the itemized budget sheet provide below, complete a budget that is sufficiently detailed to determine that proposed expenditures are reasonable. Points to keep in mind: items for miscellaneous or administrative costs should be clearly described and kept to a minimum (please reference the ineligible and eligible cost sections of this packet to determine eligible costs). More detailed budgets may be attached.
(5pts)	Provide details for equipment, services, and supplies requested (i.e., rental of Xerox machine, computer paper). There should be little to none non-specific costs, such as overhead and miscellaneous (i.e., rent, insurance). If you have included any, provide a compelling narrative justification for costs.
(5pts)	Provide an administrative cost ratio (administrative costs ÷ total project costs). Please explain any extenuating circumstances that affect these estimates, such as specialized equipment, intensity of counseling required, etc.
(7pts)	The City encourages CDBG funds be used as gap funding and leveraging. Identify sources of leveraged funding for this activity. Include the status of these funds (i.e. cash on hand, grants receive, planned fundraising). Attach any supporting documentation.
(5pts)	Describe any cost saving measures incorporated into the project (i.e. use of volunteer labor, donations, in-kind contributions, etc.).

(5pts)	If requesting funds for public services, address plans to ensure the program becomes self-sufficient, or methods of ensuring other funding sources when CDBG funds expire (public services are eligible for funding for one year if it is 1) a new service or 2) a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service).
	If requesting funds for an activity other than a public service, if only partially funded (portion of the requested amount), will you be able to proceed with the project? Please highlight how that would affect the project scope.

# BUDGET ITEMIZATION SPREADSHEET

BUDGET CATEGORIES		Total Project Cost	Proposed City of Bellevue CDBG Funding	Other Sources (Specify-List)					
				Funds Committed:	Funds Committed:	Funds Committed:	Funds Committed:		
				Yes  No	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Yes 🗌 No 🗌		
PROGRAM CO	DSTS	-	-						
PERSONNEL	COSTS								
	TOTAL COSTS	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Federal Law (24 CFR 570.611) prohibits persons who exercise or who have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to the Community Development Block Grant...or who are in the position to participate in a decision-making process or to gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from an assisted activity...either for themselves or those whom they have family or business ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter.

I further attest that no staff member, member of the Board of Director's, nor officer of the applicant agency, is a business partner or immediate family of a City employee, a member of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee, or a member of the Bellevue City Council.

Funds requested will not be used to pay the salaries of any of the applicant agency's staff who is or has been within one year of the date of this application a City employee, a member of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee, nor a member of the Bellevue City Council. Nor will the applicant agency award a subcontract to any such individual.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

#### BOARD RESOLUTION

(This is an <u>example</u> of a resolution authorizing an application for CDBG funding)

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellevue (City) has issued a notice of funding availability for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS (*Title of Governing Body of Applicant*) wishes to apply for and receive an allocation of CDBG funds from the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the <u>(Title of Governing Body of Applicant)</u> authorizes the submittal of an application to the City to be considered to receive an allocation of funds through the CDBG Program. The <u>(Title of Organization Official, i.e., Director)</u>, or appointed designee is hereby authorized to execute in the name of the <u>(Name of Organization)</u> all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, agreements, and amendments hereto for the purposes of securing CDBG funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the CDBG application.

The foregoing resolution was passed by the <u>(*Title of Governing Body of Applicant*)</u> this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

ATTEST:

Signature & Title of Governing Body Official

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature & Title of Appointed Official

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# ATTACHMENT A: 2019-2023 CONSOLIDATED PLAN PRIORITIES & GOALS

#### Priority #1: Encourage Economic Development through Business Development and Job Creation.

**(HIGH) To** promote business growth and development to increase job opportunities and revenue growth for the community as well as provide assistance for the development and expansion of employment opportunities and job training.

- a. Increase rehabilitation of existing commercial building to encourage growth and redevelopment of current commercial corridors.
  - i. Provide assistance to building owners to address code violations, infrastructure requirements, and façade improvements
- b. Increase employment opportunities for residents through new development and expansion of existing business and assistance with existing job opportunities.
  - i. Provide assistance for the development of new business and the expansion of existing businesses
  - ii. Review available employment opportunities and work with businesses to develop and implement job training to fill existing openings.
- c. Assist with the identifying the need and expanding accessibility and availability of transportation options.
  - i. Continue to work with community partners to identify areas of need for transportation options

**Priority #2: Improve and Expand the Availability and Accessibility to Public Infrastructure and Buildings. (HIGH)** To rehabilitate, expand and improve infrastructure in established business and residential areas within city limits to promote and encourage redevelopment and reuse of available sites.

- a. Improve and expand the availability and sustainability of public facilities and infrastructure in previously developed areas of the community.
  - i. Support revitalization efforts for public facilities to create economic development opportunities
  - ii. Support projects that provide leveraging funds to increase impact of projects
  - iii. Provide assistance to remove barriers to accessibility
  - iv. Address public facilities that are not up to existing standards to create sustainable neighborhoods
- b. AFFH GOAL Identify prospects to address Bellevue's aging infrastructure and necessary updates to ensure all residents have accessibility to services.
  - *i.* Work with the City of Bellevue ADA Committee to review current status of ADA Transition plan and infrastructure needs in the community along with identifying funding sources for assistance.
  - *ii.* Develop programs and assistance to address housing accessibility modification needs.

**Priority #3: Increase Affordable Housing Opportunities. (HIGH)** To maintain the availability and affordability of current housing market stock while researching and developing opportunities to expanding affordable housing opportunities through partnerships.

- a. Sustain the current available housing stock for low- and moderate-income households.
  - i. Provide assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to assist make affordable any necessary repairs that put health and safety at risk.
- b. Increase the development of affordable housing units through ownership and rental opportunities.
  - i. Support efforts to increase affordable housing units through acquisition and rehabilitation.
  - ii. Review options of infill development utilizing vacant lots and reducing vacant building blight.
  - Assist community partners with efforts to address housing needs of elderly, disable, small families, and at-risk low- and moderate-income individuals and families

AFFH Goal: Increase affordable housing opportunities to expand housing choice by increasing quality and quantity of affordable housing units and the number of participating landlords in the jurisdiction.

- *iv.* Research partners and funding sources to conduct a housing market study for the community and identify opportunities to use the study to enhance development and developer partnerships
- v. Review possible developer incentives to increase development of affordable housing and meet with necessary partners to develop, prepare and adopt incentives.
- vi. Determine prospects to increase the available funding and programs for housing rehabilitations programs in the community.
- Work with City officials and departments to review current criteria for determining city project need to include accessibility and housing issues.
   AFFH Goal: Identify opportunities to safeguard current and future zoning ordinances to encourage the development of affordable housing stock as well as utilize occupancy requirements that do not hinder fair housing choice.
- viii. Work with local planning department to review current land zoning and develop proposal to increase multi-family zoning.
- *ix.* Increase infill development opportunities by reviewing regulations and best practices to identify possible changes to the current regulations and develop proposals.
- x. Research opportunities to increase the percentage of newly constructed housing units that are affordable and accessible to people with disabilities.
- *c.* AFFH Goal: Increase homeownership opportunities through financial literacy and promoting equitable access to credit and home lending.
  - *i.* Identify partners, specifically lending agencies, to assist with reviewing current lending concerns to identify areas of opportunities for education and assistance.

*ii.* Enhance educational materials and expand distribution and availability of materials.

**Priority #4: Increase and Expand Public Service Availability. (LOW)** To provide support and assistance for the development and expansion of public service with community partners to address underserved needs in the community.

- a. Increase and expand public services that address demonstrated residential needs.
  - i. Identify community partners and support efforts to create or expand public services that support identified needs in the community, including, but not limited to elderly, disabled, mental health, senior, and crime awareness services.

AFFH Goal: Provide opportunities to alter the perceptions of community exclusion and diffuse opposition to affordable housing through knowledge and education.

- *ii.* Research proactive marketing strategies to enhance community image and identify community stakeholders to assist with development of community strategies to propel movement forward.
- *iii.* Identify possible funding sources to assist with marketing strategies specific for the community.
- b. AFFH Goal: Increase the overall knowledge and understanding of fair housing with the community's developers, real estate professionals, financial institutions, elected officials and residents.
  - *i.* Identify interested partners to facilitate fair housing workshops for landlords and housing providers
  - *ii.* Share and distribute fair housing information for renters.
  - *iii.* Work with local multi-family housing providers to provide information and education about fair housing to managements officials and tenants.

**Priority #5: Administration of CDBG Program. (HIGH)** To continue to maintain and administer a successful CDBG Program.

a. Successful administration of the CDBG programs.

#### Priority #6: COVID-19 Preparation, Prevention, and Response.

- b. To provide assistance for the prevention of, preparation for, or response to community impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected businesses and residents in the City of Bellevue
  - iii. Provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income households facing economic hardships due to COVID-19
  - iv. Research and determine possible opportunities to provide financial assistance to microenterprise business and small business to encourage job growth and retention.

## ATTACHMENT B: HUD INCOME LIMITS

Omaha-Council Bluffs NE-IA HUD Metro FMR Area													
FY 2020 Income	Income Limit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
Limit Area	Category	Person											
	Extremely Low (30%)	\$18,300	\$20,900	\$23,500	\$26,100	\$28,200	\$30,300	\$32,400	\$34,500				
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA HUD	Very Low (50%)	\$30,450	\$34,800	\$39,150	\$43,500	\$47,000	\$50,500	\$53,950	\$57,450				
Metro FMR Area	Low (80%)	\$48,750	\$55,700	\$62,650	\$69,600	\$75,200	\$80,750	\$86,350	\$91,900				

\* Income limits will be updated when 2021 data is released from HUD

# ATTACHMENT C: TARGET AREA MAP

