

CITY OF PETALUMA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKET
FY 2017-2018



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant

Notice is hereby given that the Petaluma City Council will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on May 1, 2017, to allocate the 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant funds. The City, as well as local nonprofit organizations, may apply for funding under this program. Proposed projects should place emphasis on the provision of housing and community development activities which principally benefit low and moderate income households and/or persons with a disability.

A technical assistance workshop will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the City of Petaluma, 27 Howard Street, Petaluma, CA.

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CITY OF PETALUMA
FY 2016-2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
FEBRUARY 16, 2017

City of Petaluma Housing Division
27 Howard Street, Petaluma, CA
10:00 AM

1. INTRODUCTIONS
2. DISCUSSION OF THE CITY OF PETALUMA'S NEEDS FOR 2017-2018
3. AMOUNT AVAILABLE fy 2017-2018
4. ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES
5. APPLICATION/FUNDING TIMELINES
6. APPLICATION FORM

City of Petaluma
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Technical Assistance Packet FY 2017-2018

BACKGROUND

Community Development Block Grant regulations require that the City provide citizens and other interested parties with information concerning the amount of CDBG funds available and the range of activities that can be carried out. The Department of Housing and Urban Development also recommends that potential subrecipients be provided with sufficient information prior to the application process, to assist them with making a proposal that addresses local priorities. The purpose of the technical assistance session is to accomplish these tasks.

FUNDING AMOUNT AND AVAILABILITY

We have not received an estimate from HUD of our 2017-2018 entitlement grant. Our grant for fiscal year 2016-2017 was \$344,211. We are anticipating that the 2017-2018 will be approximately the same unless Congress votes to reduce the CDBG entitlement program. The CDBG funds will be available after July 1, 2017 the start of the CDBG fiscal year. The CDBG regulations impose a 15% cap in CDBG funds which can be used for public services. The City of Petaluma will need to enter into funding agreements with any subrecipient selected for participation. The agreements will specify how the funds will be utilized and the schedule for drawing down funds. In some cases, such as public service activities, the funds can be made available quickly. For other activities, such as acquisition of real property, the funds cannot be drawn down until an environmental review, appraisal and other required steps have been completed.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

A Consolidated Plan, encompassing the years 2015-2020, is a prerequisite for receiving Federal funds including CDBG and Emergency Shelter Grant Program funds. The Consolidated Plan is a funding application and planning document which examines the local housing market, the inventory of existing housing and local demographics. From this information, the housing and service needs of very low, low and moderate income Petaluma households are determined. Finally, the Consolidated Plan includes an Annual Plan for the use of Federal grant and other resources to address housing, shelter, and other community development needs.

Five local priorities for CDBG funding are outlined in the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan. These are:

1. Improve housing opportunities by preserving existing affordable housing
2. Provide housing and services to the low income populations, including but not limited to children, seniors and special needs population (homeless, disabled, etc.)
3. Increase the supply of affordable housing
4. Promote housing opportunities for homeownership
5. Improve accessibility in public facilities and infrastructure

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The regulations allow for a variety of activities to be funded. While there is a wide range of activities, it should be kept in mind that the City has the discretion to fund only those activities addressing the locally established priorities. The following is a brief description of the eligible activities found in 24CFR Part 570.201-206:

Rehabilitation of housing and other buildings

Removal of architectural barriers

Public Services

Special activities by certain eligible subrecipients

Acquisition of real property

Disposition of real property acquired with CDBG funds

CDBG program administration

Public facilities and improvements

Clearance, removal and demolition of buildings and improvements.

Interim Assistance

Relocation Assistance

Homeownership assistance

Special economic development activities

Planning, urban environmental design and related activities

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The following activities are described in 24CFR Part 570.207 and are summarized below:

Government buildings (except for projects which improve accessibility for persons with a disability)

General Government Expenses

Political Activities

Purchase of Equipment

Construction Equipment

Furnishings and Personal Property

Operating and maintenance expenses (public facilities)

New housing construction

CDBG TIMELINE

January 19, 2017	Public Notice announcing (1) deadline for funding applications (2) date of technical assistance workshop (3) date of public hearing to allocate funds
February 16, 2017	Technical Assistance Workshop
February 28, 2017	Deadline for Applications (5:00 P.M.)
March 23, 2017	Notice for Draft Action Plan and Public Hearing
March 23-April 21, 2017	Comment period for Proposed Action Plan
May 1, 2017	Public Hearing to allocate 2017-2018 CDBG funds
April-July, 2017	Carry out environmental reviews of all activities
May 13, 2016	Submit application to HUD (due May 15)
July-August, 2017	Execute grant agreement with HUD
August 2017	City executes agreements with subrecipients

Publication and grant agreement dates are approximate and may vary from the dates noted above.

Attachment: FY 2017-2018 Application

Statement of Need to be addressed by the project and extent, if any, that these needs are being addressed by other organizations: _____

Describe area served or population served and location of project _____

BENEFIT SECTION

Whom does the project benefit? _____

Total number of persons to be served _____

Total number of Petaluma residents to be served _____

How were these numbers determined? _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total budget for the project (**attach copy**) _____

Total Amount Requested from City of Petaluma _____

Total amount of other known funding for the project and from where? _____

What other funding sources have you applied for and when will you know if the funds will be granted?

Please list _____

Signature

Date

Please Note: Non-profit agencies that have applied in the past three years or are currently funded by CDBG funds do not need to submit Articles of Incorporation and tax exemption letters if they are on file in this office and they have not been changed since initially submitted..

ATTACHMENT TO FUNDING APPLICATION

- . Articles of Incorporation
- . Tax Exemption letter
- . A detailed and specific budget for the project and show how funds will be used.
- . An implementation schedule for the project. The funds will not be available until July, 2017.
- . If your funding request involves land acquisition or physical development activities, a supplemental application will be required.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 28, 2017 AT 5:00 PM**

Please submit your application to Sue Castellucci, Housing Administrator, City of Petaluma, P. O. Box 61, Petaluma, CA 94953 or hand-delivered to 27 Howard Street, Petaluma. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.