



Human &
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Community &
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Community Development Block Grant

Lee and Collier
Counties are
entitlement
grantees

What is an entitlement grantee?

The entitlement program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and Urban Counties to develop viable urban communities by providing housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low-and-moderate-income persons.

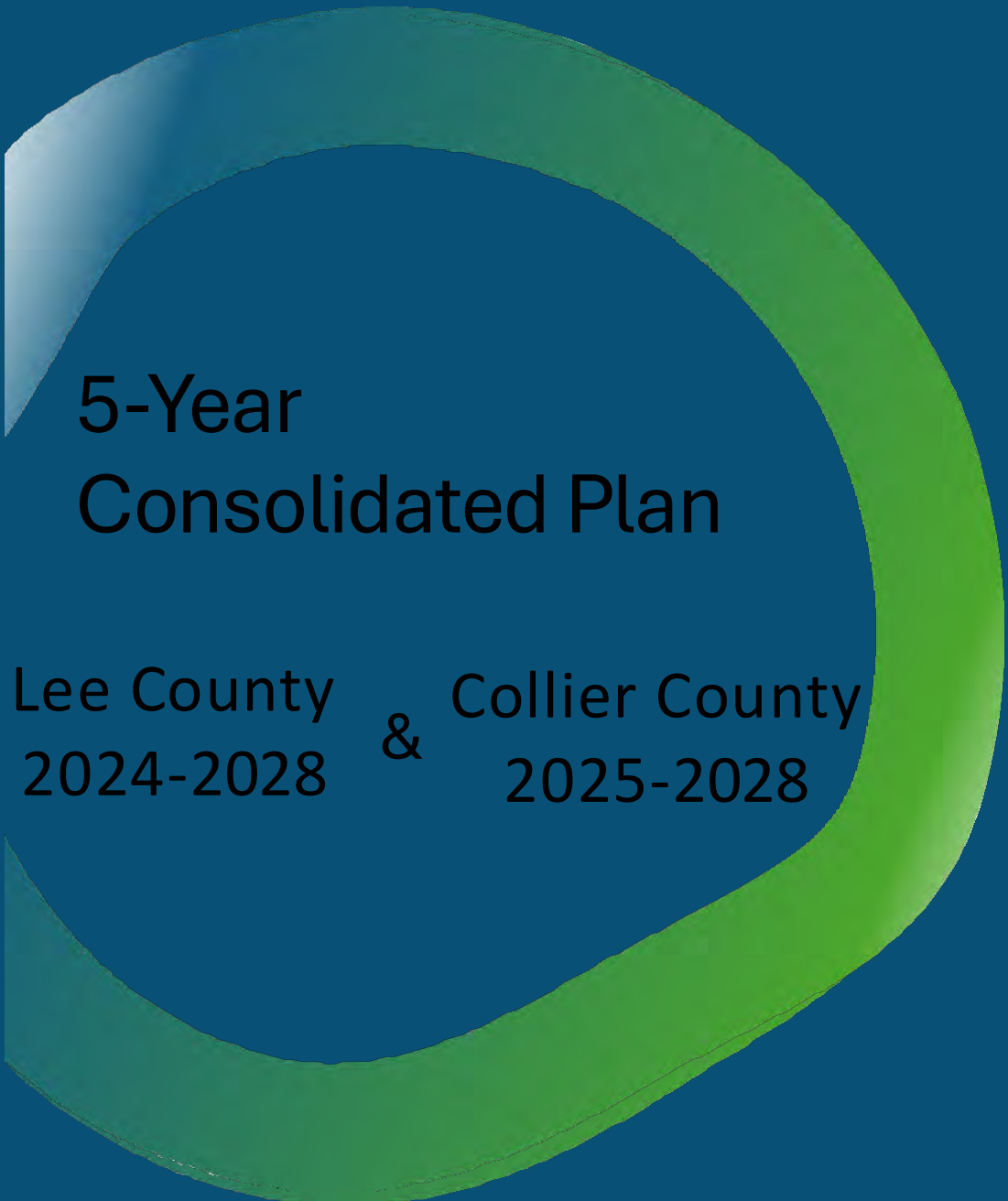
Overview of CDBG Program For Subrecipients

CDBG OVERVIEW

The CDBG Program:

- ✓ Managed by HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)
- ✓ Goals: community development, affordable housing, economic opportunities

Purpose: Assist local governments to address community development needs effectively



5-Year Consolidated Plan

Lee County 2024-2028 & Collier County 2025-2028

HUD requires the County to complete a Five- Year Consolidated Plan that includes a housing assessment, market analysis and assessment of community development needs. The Consolidated Plan is meant to address the needs of low and moderate- income (LMI) persons and families, including homeless individuals. It establishes the County's program priorities, goals and objectives for community development programs and sets the framework for subsequent one year action plans that describe specific activities that will be funded through the County's grant program.

Goals (CDBG)



Affordable Housing Construction,
Rehabilitation & Assistance

Public Services and
Homeless/Special Needs Services

Shelter, Public facility and
Infrastructure Improvements

Emergency/Urgent Needs and
Disaster Recovery

Urban County Needs (Sanibel,
Bonita Springs, Fort Myers Beach,
Estero)



Housing
Affordability, Rehabilitation

Homelessness &
Homelessness Prevention

Public Facilities

Public Infrastructure
Improvements

Public Services

Urban County Needs (Marco
Island, City of Naples)

Overview of Funding

Lee and Collier Counties receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Lee County \$3,149,229

Collier County \$2,616,281

Collier County

Other Federal Programs For Subrecipients

HOME Program Highlights (\$746,209)

The primary objective of the HOME Program is to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for low-income and very low-income households. Examples of eligible activities include; Housing development, rehabilitation, acquisition and preservation as well as Tenant Based Rental Assistance and Homebuyer Assistance.

There is a 25% match requirement from nonfederal sources.

ESG Program Highlights (\$230,489)

The primary objective of the ESG Program is to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness by providing funding to support emergency shelter, street outreach, homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing and related supportive services.

There is a one-to-one, dollar for dollar match requirement for ESG funds.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

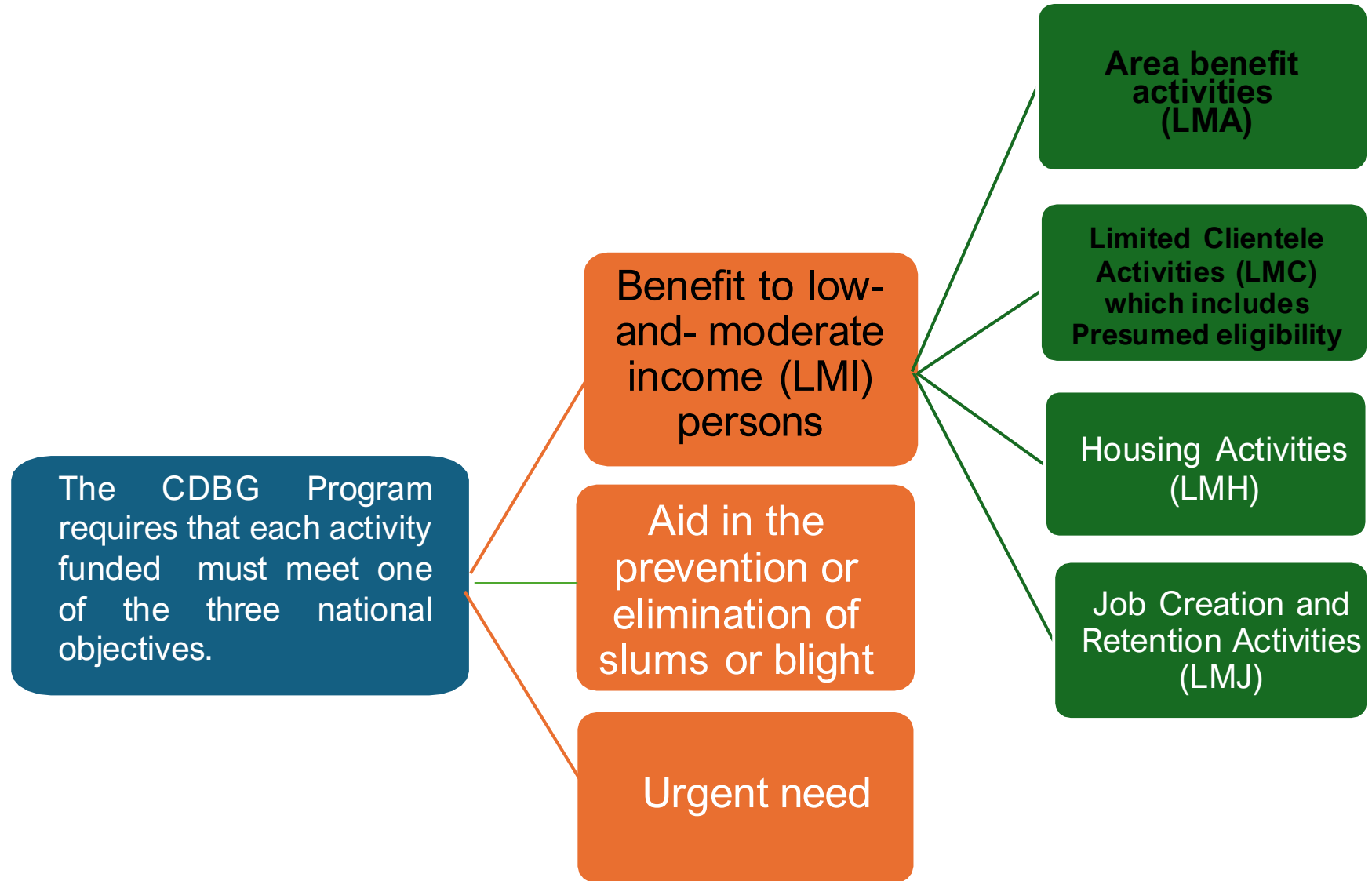
Primary objective of CDBG is the development of viable communities by providing projects that principally support low-and-moderate-income persons. Eligible activities examples; acquisition of real property, public facilities and improvements, public services (15% cap). Reference 24 CFR 570.201.

Must meet a national objective and one of Lee and Collier Counties priorities.

No match requirement.

CDBG funds are to be used to provide a new service and enhance or expand a program. Funds can not be used to supplant what you have already in place.

CDBG – National Objectives



Examples of Eligible Activities

- ✓ Developing or improving parks, playgrounds, recreational facilities
- ✓ Renovating or constructing public facilities (e.g., community centers, homeless shelters)
- ✓ Infrastructure improvements (streets, sidewalks, water systems, stormwater drainage)
- ✓ Affordable housing projects (home rehabilitation, new housing construction max 20% of allocation)
- ✓ Infrastructure improvements for non-profit agencies that provide direct services to LMI individuals (food banks, substance abuse services)

Eligible CDBG Activities

- ✓ Public Facilities and Improvements (community centers, water and sewer systems)
- ✓ Acquisition of Real Property (land/buildings)
- ✓ Clearance and Demolition (unsafe buildings, blighted areas)
- ✓ Public Services (limited to 15% of grant amount - child care, employment training, services for seniors)
- ✓ Rehabilitation and Preservation (residential/commercial buildings, historic sites)



Income Qualifications

Income qualification with supporting documentation is required for all CDBG National Objectives; LMA, LMC, LMH and LMJ. Therefore, subrecipients will be required to describe, in detail, how your organization will verify income eligibility for ALL recipients of services.

Income Qualifications

How do they qualify?

LMA – Boundaries of the service area and income characteristics of that area are requested. An area benefit activity benefits all residents in a particular area, where at least 51% of the residents are low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons.

LMC – Activities in this category provide benefits to a specific group of persons rather than everyone in an area. 51% of the beneficiaries have to be low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons and can not exceed the low-to-moderate income limit. Income documentation referencing family size and income is required to meet income eligibility requirements.

LMC (Presumed benefit) - Another way to qualify as LMC, the activity must exclusively benefit a clientele who is presumed by HUD to be principally LMI persons. This currently includes abused children, seniors, people who are homeless, battered spouses, homeless persons, disabled persons, illiterate adults, person living with AIDS.

Income Qualifications (continued)



The RFA Process



Depending on funding availability, Lee County's Request for Applications can occur throughout the year- moving towards beginning of the calendar year. RFAs do not include all entitlement funds (i.e. HOME, ESG).



Collier County opens the grant cycle every January. A pre application is due by the end of January and 1-1 mandatory technical assistance occurs throughout February. Those applicants approved to apply submit applications in March and conditional awards made in April. RFAs does include all entitlement funds (i.e. HOME, ESG), SHIP and Local Housing Trust Fund(when available).

Subrecipient Responsibilities

- Compliance with CDBG regulations, HUD guidelines, and national objectives
- Maintaining accurate and detailed records/documentation
- Timely reporting of progress and financial expenditures quarterly
- Ensuring funded activities specifically serve eligible beneficiaries
- Participation in mandatory technical assistance/training sessions provided by the County

Examples of Projects



- Boys and Girls Club - Lee County: facility expansion \$875,000
- Blessings in a Backpack- Lee County: meals- \$170,240
- Centerstone- Lee County: HOT team \$310,000
- Baker Senior Center- Collier: Geriatric Case Management \$140,000
- Avow Hospice – Collier: Parking/ADA Improvements \$400,000
- Collier Health - Collier: Interior Rehab/Expansion - \$600,000

Questions?

Lee County:

Visit the HVS website at:

<https://www.leegov.com/dhs>

Questions- contact Don Luciano, Operations Manager,
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Collier County:

Visit the CHS website at:

<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/government/public-services/divisions/community-and-human-services-division>

Visit CHS Housing website at:

<https://www.colliercountyhousing.com>

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