

261—23.5(15) Common requirements for funding. Applications for funds under any of the CDBG programs shall meet the following minimum criteria:

23.5(1) Proposed activities shall be eligible, as authorized by Title I, Section 105 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and as further defined in 24 CFR 570, as revised April 1, 1997.

23.5(2) Proposed activities shall address at least one of the following three objectives:

1. Primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons. To address this objective, 51 percent or more persons benefiting from a proposed activity must have incomes at or below 80 percent of the area median income.

2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight. To address this objective, the application must document the extent or seriousness of deterioration in the area to be assisted, showing a clear adverse effect on the well-being of the area or community and illustrating that the proposed activity will alleviate or eliminate the conditions causing the deterioration.

3. Meet an urgent community development need. To address this objective, the applicant must certify that the proposed activity is designed to alleviate existing conditions that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and that are recent in origin or that recently became urgent; that the applicant is unable to finance the activity without CDBG assistance and that other sources of funding are not available. A condition shall be considered recent if it developed or became urgent within 18 months prior to submission of the application for CDBG funds.

23.5(3) Applicants shall demonstrate capacity for grant administration. Administrative capacity shall be evidenced by previous satisfactory grant administration, availability of qualified personnel or plans to contract for administrative services. Funds used for administration shall not exceed 10 percent of the CDBG award amount or 10 percent of the total contract amount, except for awards made under the career link program, for which funds used for administration shall not exceed 5 percent of the CDBG award amount.

23.5(4) Applicants who have received previous CDBG awards shall have demonstrated acceptable past performance, including the timely expenditure of funds.

23.5(5) Applications shall demonstrate the feasibility of completing the proposed activities with the funds requested.

23.5(6) To the greatest extent feasible, applications shall propose the use of CDBG funds as gap financing. Applications shall identify and describe any other sources of funding for proposed activities.

23.5(7) Applications shall include a community development and housing needs assessment. In evaluating applications, IDEED shall give supplementary credit to applicants that have developed comprehensive community and economic development plans.

23.5(8) Negotiation of awards. IDEED reserves the right to negotiate award amounts, terms and conditions prior to making any award under any program.

23.5(9) Applicants shall certify their compliance with the following:

1. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 (PL 88-352) and Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (PL 90-284) and related civil rights, fair housing and equal opportunity statutes and orders;

2. Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;

3. Age Discrimination Act of 1975;

4. Section 504 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1973;

5. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968;

6. Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a-5) where applicable under Section 100 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974;

7. Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act;

8. 24 CFR Part 58 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969;

9. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1979, Titles II and III;

10. Americans with Disabilities Act;

11. Section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989;

12. Contract Work Hours and Safety Act;

13. Copeland Anti-Kickback Act;

14. Fair Labor Standards Act;

15. Hatch Act;
16. Prohibition on the Use of Excessive Force and Barring Entrance;
17. Drug-Free Workplace Act;
18. Governmentwide Restriction on Lobbying;
19. Single Audit Act;
20. State of Iowa Citizen Participation Plan; and
21. Other relevant regulations as noted in the CDBG management guide.