

261—23.2(15) Definitions. When used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“*Activity*” means one or more specific activities, projects or programs assisted with CDBG funds.

“*Average county wage*” means the average the department calculates annually using the most current four quarters of wage and employment information as provided in the Quarterly Covered Wage and Employment Data report as provided by the Iowa workforce development department, audit and analysis section. Agricultural/mining and governmental employment categories are deleted in compiling the wage information.

“*Average regional wage*” means the wage calculated annually by the department using a methodology in which each particular county is considered to be a geographic center of a larger economic region. The wage threshold for the central county is calculated using the average wage of that county, plus each adjoining county, so that the resulting figure reflects a regional average that is representative of the true labor market area. In performing the calculation, the greatest importance is given to the central county by weighting it by a factor of four, compared to weighting of one for each of the other adjoining counties. The central county is given the greatest importance in the calculation because most of the employees in that central county will come from that same county, as compared to commuters from other adjoining counties.

“*Career link*” means a program providing training and enhanced employment opportunities to the working poor and underemployed Iowans.

“*CDBG*” means community development block grant.

“*EDSA*” means economic development set-aside.

“*HUD*” means the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“*IDED*” means the Iowa department of economic development.

“*LMI*” means low and moderate income. Households earning 80 percent or less of the area median income are LMI households.

“*PFSA*” means public facilities set-aside.

“*Program income*” means gross income a recipient receives that is directly generated by the use of CDBG funds, including funds generated by the use of program income.

“*Program year*” means the annual period beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

“*Quality jobs program*” means a job training program formerly funded with CDBG funds that is no longer operational.

“*Recipient*” means a local government entity awarded CDBG funds under any CDBG program.

“*Sustainable community activities*” means activities to develop viable communities while preserving precious environment and resources.

“*Working poor*” means an employed person with an annual household income between 25 and 50 percent of the area median family income.