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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Will County anticipates receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Consortium funds and ESG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the period of October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023 (PY 2022) and is presently accepting proposals.

The 2022 Will County CDBG Public Service Applications, Public Facilities and Improvements and HOME Consortium and ESG applications are available and can be obtained electronically on the Will County Land Use Department website under [Community Development/ Application Cycle](#).

Applications are reviewed and ranked based on the criteria in the applications and the ability to meet the goals identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, which is available on the website at [planning documents](#).

To learn about CDBG, HOME or ESG, please visit:

CDBG: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdba/project-profiles/>
HOME: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home/project-profiles/>
ESG: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/>

AVAILABLE APPLICATIONS:

1. CDBG Public Service Funds:

CDBG Public Service project applications can be for programs including senior services, homeless prevention services, youth services, employment training, health services, homebuyer counseling, food banks, etc. Any public service project that includes facility improvements must describe the activity(ies) administered at the location, clients served, and an estimate from a certified contractor for building repair/improvement. CDBG Public Services are limited and projects will be ranked and awarded based upon a competitive application process.

2. CDBG Public Facilities and Improvement Funds:

Public facilities and public improvements are interpreted to include all facilities and improvements that are publicly owned, or that are owned by a nonprofit and open to the general public. Eligible activities are the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation



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of public facilities and improvements can be carried out by a grantee, sub-recipient or nonprofit. Public Facilities may be owned by any of these types of entities. Eligible types of facilities and improvements include: Infrastructure improvements (construction and installation) including, but not limited to streets, curbs, and water and sewer lines; neighborhood facilities including, but not limited to public schools, libraries, recreational facilities, parks, playgrounds; and Facilities for persons with special needs such as facilities for the homeless or domestic violence shelters. Townships and municipalities wishing to apply must obtain Board approval in the method outlined in the application. All CDBG activities must meet National Objective (s) set forth by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and each application will be evaluated by which National Objective (s) the project will meet, and resulting positive impact on the low to moderate income community benefiting from the project. Applications for all such projects will be ranked and awarded based upon a competitive application process.

3. HOME Consortium Development Funds (Homebuyer & Rental Development):

The HOME Consortium with the City of Joliet and the Village of Bolingbrook was formed in 2016. Applications for projects located in the City of Joliet will reviewed by the Consortium and should be submitted using the HOME Consortium application. The Village of Bolingbrook does not have an allocation, but by joining the Consortium, HOME eligible projects within the Village limits are now eligible for funding. HOME projects are developed to assist the Federal Government's commitment to providing decent, safe, and affordable housing for all Americans and to alleviating the problems of excessive rent burdens, homelessness, and deteriorating housing stock nationwide. HOME funds can be used for acquisition, rehab and construction of affordable housing. HOME projects require a 25% match. Applications for all such projects will be ranked and awarded based upon a competitive application process.

4. Emergency Solutions Grant

Emergency Solutions Grant can be used to address homeless and at risk homeless for activities including street outreach, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention and emergency shelter. Grants require a 100% match and must be consistent with the Continuum of Care objectives and needs. Applications for all such projects will be ranked and awarded based upon a competitive application process.

5. Other.

For projects that are not a CDBG public service, CDBG public facility and improvements, or HOME homebuyer and/or rental development, applicants may submit a letter of interest



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including project need, beneficiaries, scope, and budget. This includes projects such as CDBG owner occupied rehab, CDBG rental rehab, HOME tenant based rental assistance.

CHDO Certification:

There is a special provision of the HOME Program Rule that requires the Will County HOME Consortium to set aside a portion of its HOME funds for organizations that are designated as Community Housing Development Organizations, CHDOs. A CHDO can receive funding for affordable housing activities such as operating costs, rental housing production or development of homebuyer projects. Certified CHDOs are eligible to apply under this program for projects that provide affordable housing to low-to-moderate income people. Existing CHDOs must recertify annually to be eligible for HOME CHDO funds and recertification's are due June 1.

Organizations interested in becoming a CHDO must meet certain requirements pertaining to its legal status, organizational structure, and capacity and experience in order to be certified as a CHDO and should attend the application session prior to submitting an application for HOME/CHDO funds. Organizations that do not meet the CHDO qualifications may apply for regular HOME funds.

Applications are due by 4:30 on Monday, April 18, 2022 and must be submitted electronically to lugrants@willcountylanduse.com. Hard copies with original signatures will be required for submittal at a later time only for projects/proposals approved for funding.

A virtual workshop will be offered early April. Details and registration links will be on the application page of the website.

Details about the meeting with the CDBG/HOME Advisory Board and the public hearing date and time will be announced at a later time.