

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
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**NEW YORK STATE HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL
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2022 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) FEDERAL FUNDS**

The Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) announces the availability of approximately \$40 million of Federal funds for the following programs:

- \$20 million - NYS Community Development Block Grant funding for Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities and Community Planning
- \$10 million - NYS Community Development Block Grant funding for Housing Activities
- \$10 million - NYS HOME Program

These amounts are provided as guidelines for expected awards and the HTFC reserves the right to award additional funds, a portion of, or none of the funds based on funding availability.

NYS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The New York State Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is a federally funded program administered by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's (HTFC) Office of Community Renewal (OCR). The program provides resources to non-entitlement communities to enable the development of decent, affordable housing, create suitable living environments, and enhance economic opportunities across the state.

CDBG ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants include non-entitlement villages, towns, cities, or counties throughout New York State, excluding metropolitan cities, urban counties, and Indian Tribes that are HUD designated Entitlement communities. Non-entitlement areas are generally defined as cities, towns, and villages with populations of less than 50,000 except those designated principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, and counties with populations of less than 200,000.

\$20 million in NYS Community Development Block Grant funding is available for public infrastructure, public facilities, and community planning.

Public Infrastructure

The NYS CDBG Public Infrastructure program consists of two funding activities: drinking water, and clean water/stormwater management. Eligible projects for NYS CDBG Public Infrastructure may include the repair or replacement of existing systems, construction of new systems, or expansion of existing systems into areas previously unserved that follow the NYS Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Act (Chapter 433 of the Laws of 2010) and principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Under the Public Infrastructure category, the benefit to low- and moderate-income persons is most achieved through an area benefit.

Public Facilities

The NYS CDBG Public Facility program activities include, but are not limited to, structures to house or serve special-needs populations; senior services; childcare centers; removal of architectural barriers for the disabled (installing lifts, automatic doors, ramps, etc.); sidewalks; and multi-purpose buildings housing several qualifying activities where benefits are provided

principally to low-and moderate-income persons. Removal of architectural barriers is not eligible in new construction. Under the Public Facilities category, the benefit to low- and moderate-income persons is achieved most through a presumed benefit, which is applicable for seniors, the severely disabled, or abused children. National Objective compliance for public facilities can also be met through the Low/Mod Area (LMA) benefit.

Community Planning

The NYS CDBG Planning program consists of two activities: Community Needs Assessments and Preliminary Engineering Reports. Any planning proposal must address an activity that at application and upon implementation, meets at least one of two national objectives under the CDBG program. That is, it must be shown that either 1) at least 51% of the persons who would benefit from implementation of the plan are low- and moderate- income persons, or 2) the plan addresses a slum or blighted area in the community.

2022 MAXIMUM FUNDING LIMITS

CDBG Infrastructure, Facilities, and Planning Activities

<u>Public Infrastructure</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Counties, Towns, Cities or Villages	\$1,000,000
*With NYS Co-Funding Initiative	\$1,250,000
Joint Applicants	\$1,500,000
*Joint w/Co-Funding Initiative	\$1,750,000

<u>Public Facilities</u>	
Counties, Towns, Cities or Villages	\$ 300,000

<u>Planning</u>	
Counties, Towns, Cities or Villages	\$ 50,000

Preference may be given to applicants pursuing multiple sources of funds to cover increased project costs and ensure a greater number of program participants. Other funding sources to be leveraged must be relevant to the proposed application and their proposed use documented, along with proof that funds are available and committed at the time of application. Documentation of a pending application to another HCR program is also acceptable.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

The 2022 Application for CDBG Infrastructure, Facilities and Planning Activities will be available on the [NYS Consolidated Planning Application](#) (CFA). All application forms and program guidance will be available on the [NYS Homes and Community Renewal website](#), under Funding Opportunities on **Monday, May 2, 2022. Applications are due no later than 4:00 pm Friday, July 29, 2022.** Applications must be submitted using the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).

\$10 million in NYS Community Development Block Grant funding is available for housing activities.

CDBG Housing Activities

CDBG funds are available for housing activities including housing rehabilitation, manufactured housing replacement, homebuyer down payment assistance, well and septic replacement, and lateral connection assistance that primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

2022 MAXIMUM FUNDING LIMITS

CDBG Housing Activities

Housing Rehabilitation, Homebuyer Down Payment, Wells-Septic and Laterals

<i>Towns, Cities and Villages:</i>	<i>\$ 500,000</i>
<i>Counties:</i>	<i>\$1,000,000</i>

Manufactured Housing Replacement

Towns, Cities and Villages:

\$ 750,000

Counties:

\$1,500,000

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APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Application materials for the 2022 CDBG Housing Activities will be available on the NYS Homes and Community Renewal website, <https://hcr.ny.gov/>, by **Wednesday, May 11, 2022**. Applications for CDBG Housing Activities will be accepted until **4:00 pm Friday, August 26, 2022**. Applications must be submitted using the Community Development Online Application System (CDOL).

\$10 million in NYS HOME Program funding is available for housing activities.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The NYS HOME Program is a federally funded program administered by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's (HTFC) Office of Community Renewal (OCR). The program is designed to fund residential housing activities to expand the supply of decent, safe, and affordable housing throughout the State of New York. The funds made available in this NOFA represent 2022 and prior fiscal year HOME funds designated for use by Local Program Administrators (LPAs).

HOME ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are defined as:

- 1) Units of local government, to include Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages
- 2) Non-profit corporations incorporated under State Non-Profit Corporation Law
- 3) Public Housing Authorities

While all areas of New York State are eligible, programs located within another HOME Participating Jurisdiction, should provide evidence of funding commitments from the alternative local HOME PJ leveraging additional funds for the program and reducing funds needed from the NYS HOME Program.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must have been in existence for at least one year prior to application and providing recent and relevant residential housing services to the community.

Applicants must demonstrate a local market need for the proposed activity in the service area, capacity to administer and complete the program in the contract term, and knowledge of HOME program regulations.

HOME ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

HOME funds are available for housing activities including housing rehabilitation, manufactured housing replacement, homebuyer down payment assistance and tenant based rental assistance (TBRA).

HOME MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNTS, MAXIMUM PER UNIT AMOUNTS

1. Housing Rehabilitation
Maximum Award up to \$600,000 – Maximum Per-unit up to \$65,000
2. Manufactured Housing Replacement
Maximum Award up to \$1,400,000 – Maximum Per-unit up to \$140,000

3. Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance
Without Rehabilitation- Maximum Award up to \$800,000 – Maximum Per-unit up to \$80,000
With Rehabilitation- Maximum Award up to \$800,000 – Maximum Per-unit up to \$100,000
4. Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
Maximum Award up to \$600,000 – Maximum Per-unit up to \$50,000

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APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Application materials for the 2022 NYS HOME Local Program will be available on the NYS Homes & Community Renewal website, <https://hcr.ny.gov/nys-home-program> by **Wednesday, August 3, 2022**. Applications for 2022 NYS HOME funding round will be accepted until **4:00 pm Friday, September 23, 2022**. Applications must be submitted using the Community Development Online Application System (CDOL).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicants may make a request, based on demonstrated need, to submit a paper application in lieu of using the CDOL application system. Requests for approval to submit a paper application must be sent to: Crystal Loffler, President, Office of Community Renewal, NYS Homes and Community Renewal, Hampton Plaza, 38-40 State Street, 4th Floor South, Albany, NY 12207.

The above-stated application deadlines are firm as to date and hour. In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, applications received after the specified date and time will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered for funding. Applicants should make early submission of the applications to avoid risks of ineligibility resulting from unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

For inquiries or technical assistance regarding the NYS CDBG or NYS HOME programs, please contact:

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