

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY  
STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS  
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**NEW YORK STATE HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL  
HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION  
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL  
2020 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)**

The Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) announces the availability of approximately \$20 million Federal funds for the following programs:

- **\$20** million - NYS Community Development Block Grant funding for Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities and Community Planning

**NYS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

***PROGRAM DESCRIPTION***

The New York State Community Development Block Grant Program (NYS 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.

***CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES***

**Public Infrastructure**

The NYS CDBG Public Infrastructure program consists of two funding activities: drinking water/ clean water/stormwater and public works. 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 are in compliance with 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 commonly 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; child care 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 commonly 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 which, if implemented, 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.

### **2020 MAXIMUM FUNDING LIMITS**

<b><u>Public Infrastructure</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum</u></b>
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
<b><u>Public Facilities</u></b>	
Counties, Towns, Cities or Villages	\$300,000
<b><u>Planning</u></b>	
Counties, Towns, Cities or Villages	\$50,000

### **APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

The 2020 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 Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Applications are due no later than 4:00 pm Friday, March 5, 2021.** Applications must be submitted using the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).

The above-stated application deadline is 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 applications to avoid risk of ineligibility resulting from unanticipated delays or problems.

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, Deputy Commissioner, NYS Homes and Community Renewal, Office of Community Renewal, Hampton Plaza, 38-40 State Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor South, Albany, NY 12207.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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