NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDS

New York Homes and Community Renewal
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ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS
NON-ENTITLEMENT VILLAGES, TOWNS, CITIES, OR COUNTIES THROUGHOUT NEW YORK STATE, EXCLUDING METROPOLITAN CITIES, URBAN COUNTIES, AND INDIAN TRIBES THAT ARE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 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.

2026 NYS Community Development Block Grant Program

The Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) announces the availability of approximately $20 million of Federal funds. This amount is provided as a guideline for expected awards and 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 eligible communities to enable the development of decent, affordable housing, create suitable living environments, and enhance economic opportunities across the state for low- and moderate-income persons.

The funds available in this NOFA consist of anticipated 2026 CDBG funds and prior fiscal year CDBG funds designated for use by eligible units of local government.

2026 MAXIMUM FUNDING LIMITS – Counties, Cities, Towns, and Villages

Activity	Maximum
Public Facilities	$1,000,000
Stand-Alone Business Assistance	$750,000
Microenterprise	$300,000
Imminent Threat	$1,000,000
Community Planning	$50,000

APPLICATION SELECTION
The application and selection process will be conducted using existing federal and state merit-based statutory and regulatory criteria. Awards will be made in accordance with the New York State 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, the 2026 New York State Action Plan, and the CDBG Request for Applications. Applications will be scored and ranked based on proposal and program design, need and impact, organizational capacity, and financial capacity.

CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Public Facilities

Funding public facility projects includes facilities and improvements that are publicly owned, or that are owned by a nonprofit and open to the public. Eligible activities include the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities. Eligible types of facilities and improvements include, but are not limited to:

- Neighborhood facilities, such as senior service centers, libraries, childcare centers, recreational facilities, parks, and playgrounds.
- Facilities for persons with special needs such as homeless or domestic violence shelters, nursing homes, or group homes for the disabled.
- Emergency facility structures and equipment.
- Accessibility modifications to comply with the Americans with Disability Act (including improvements to buildings used for general conduct of government).

Economic Development

Funding is made available to assist a for-profit business or to establish a microenterprise assistance program to support multiple businesses. All business assistance must result in the creation or retention of permanent jobs principally benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. For microenterprises (business with 5 or fewer employees), an owner that qualifies as a low- and moderate-income person also meets the requirements of the CDBG Program.

Eligible uses of NYS CDBG funds include but are not limited to acquisition of real property; financing of machinery, furniture, fixtures, and equipment; building construction and renovation; working capital; inventory; and employee training expenses. Costs associated with construction, building or other improvements may be subject to federal prevailing wage and are not eligible uses under the Microenterprise activity.

Imminent Threat

Funding is made available to support activities that alleviate existing conditions that have a blighting influence or pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. Applicants will be required to demonstrate a compelling need for the public investment and document that no other funding sources are available.

Funds may be used to cover costs associated with:

- Repairs or improvements to water/sewer systems and storm sewer drainage
- Repairs to flood walls, roads, sidewalks and culverts
- Demolition of damaged structures including related environmental assessments and mitigation, site work, architectural, and engineering fees
- Public services required as a result of disaster

CDBG assistance will generally not be made available to projects with public facility failures resulting from neglected maintenance by a locality.

Community Planning

The NYS CDBG Community Planning program consists of two activities: Community Needs Assessments and Project Readiness Plans. Any planning proposal must address an activity that at application and upon implementation, meets a national objective under the CDBG program. That is, it must be shown that at least 51% of the persons who would benefit from implementation of the plan are low- and moderate- income persons.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

CDBG Activity	Application Format	Application Open Date	Application Deadline	Application Portal
Public Facilities, Economic Development, Imminent Threat, Planning	Open Round	Friday, March 20, 2026	Thursday, December 31, 2026	NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)

Application materials and program guidance for all CDBG activities will be available on the NYS Homes and Community Renewal website, under Funding Opportunities. **Applications are due no later than 4:00 pm** on the Deadline date stated above. However, Open Round applications may be submitted any time after March 20, 2026 and before December 31, 2026, or until funding is committed.

CDBG PROGRAM: FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS AND ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

- HTFC reserves the right to communicate with an applicant for the purpose of addressing clerical and mathematical errors in applications.
- HTFC reserves the right not to issue an award or contract to any applicant if it has been determined that the applicant is not in compliance with existing contracts and has not taken satisfactory steps to remedy such non-compliance. Activities that commence prior to contract execution and environmental review will not be eligible for reimbursement.
- HTFC reserves the right to award all, more than identified, a portion of, or none of the available funds based upon funding availability, feasibility of the applications received, the competitiveness of the applications, an applicant's ability to meet HTFC criteria for funding, the applicant's ability to advance the State's housing goals, and HTFC's assessment of cost reasonableness.
- HTFC reserves the right to award all, a portion of, or none of the application's requested amount, and further reserves the right to review an application requesting funds as an application for funding under other programs for which the proposed activity is eligible, and to change or disallow aspects of the applications received.
- HTFC reserves the right to waive any requirement contained in this RFA or revise the terms as needed.
- Award of funds does not confirm eligibility of all activities included in an application proposal, and HTFC reserves the right to change or disallow aspects of the applications received and may make such changes an expressed condition of its commitment to provide funding for proposed activities.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Applicants may make a request, based on demonstrated need, to submit a paper application in lieu of using the CFA application system. Requests may be emailed to OCRinfo@hcr.ny.gov or mailed to the address listed above.