

Missoula County Grants & Community Resources

CDBG Pre-Application Information Summer 2025

OVERVIEW

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is awarded to the State of Montana by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis. The Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC) administers and awards these funds to Montana counties, cities and towns that do not receive HUD CDBG entitlement funding (Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls and Missoula are entitlement cities). The current CDBG allocation to the State of Montana is approximately \$6.1 million and it is distributed across the state through five grant opportunities – planning; community and public facilities; economic development; affordable housing development and rehabilitation; and housing stabilization. Counties can only have one active grant per category at a time. Missoula County is eligible to apply for CDBG funding for a Housing Stabilization Program (CDBG HSP) and a Public and Community Facilities (CDBG facilities) project. All CDBG funded programs and projects must benefit at least 51% low- to moderate- income (LMI) persons.

2025 HUD CDBG INCOME LIMITS for Missoula County, Montana

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2025 (effective 06-01- 2025)	1 PERSON	2 PERSON	3 PERSON	4 PERSON	5 PERSON	6 PERSON	7 PERSON	8 PERSON
Extremely Low Income (30%)	\$20,700	\$23,650	\$26,600	\$29,550	\$31,950	\$34,300	\$36,650	\$39,050
Very Low Income (50%)	\$34,500	\$39,400	\$44,300	\$49,250	\$53,200	\$57,150	\$61,100	\$65,000
Low Income (60%)	\$41,400	\$47,280	\$53,160	\$59,100	\$63,840	\$68,580	\$73,320	\$78,000
Moderate Income (80%)	\$55,200	\$63,050	\$70,950	\$78,800	\$85,150	\$91,450	\$97,750	\$104,050

To identify potential community partners and eligible projects Missoula County Grants & Community Resources staff has developed a CDBG Pre-Application process. Applications will be collected, reviewed and scored by Grants & Community Resources staff. One application per funding category will be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The Board of County Commissioners has the authority to make a final decision regardless of the review committee's recommendations. Missoula County is responsible for submitting the application to MDOC and the application will be prepared in coordination with county grant professionals. If the highest-ranking project identified through the pre-application process does not move forward with a CDBG application, the second highest-ranking project will be offered the opportunity. Missoula County reserves the right to suspend the CDBG application without cause. The selected partner is also not obligated to proceed with a CDBG grant application.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE

Pre-application release	June 6, 2025			
Pre-application Workshop	June 17, 2025 at 3 pm			
Pre-Application deadline	5 pm June 27, 2025			
Application Review and Potential Interviews with Applicants	July 7 – 11, 2025			
Recommendation to the commissioners	July 21, 2025			
CDBG Application Drafting (lead Missoula County Staff with assistance from the selected community partner)	August - October			
Submit CDBG grant application	CDBG Facilities – October CDBG HSP – rolling deadline			

The time it takes to prepare a CDBG application, learn of the outcome of the application, enter a contract with the state, and meet all start-up conditions can be more than six months. There is also no guarantee Missoula County will receive an award. In the event Missoula County is successful, there is also no guarantee that the full requested amount will be awarded. If successful in securing CDBG funds from MDOC, Missoula County will then enter a sub-recipient agreement with the entity that carries out the funded project.



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CDBG Housing Stabilization Program Who can apply:

Non-profit organizations with a preference for Certified Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)

Grant Amount:

award may be up to \$500,000 for a 5-year program period, with each individual project budget approved by MDOC during the period of performance

Eligible Programs:

- Rehabilitation of existing substandard housing that is suitable for rehabilitation
- Acquisition of land and structures to complete infill development
- Demolition of substandard housing that is not suitable for rehabilitation, or non-residential structures that are not suitable for rehabilitation that results in new alternative housing being developed
- Conversion of non-housing structures into housing units
- NOTE: CDBG recapture provisions are in effect for a period of affordability and will be secured by a lien or other financial tool.

CDBG Public and Community Facilities

Who can apply:

For-profit, non-profit or quasi-governmental entities

Grant Amount:

Maximum amount \$750,000 25% match required

Eligible Projects:

CDBG Facilities funding can be used to support public infrastructure or community facility projects. The following lists include examples of eligible projects:

Public Infrastructure projects include, but are not limited to:

- Water or wastewater improvements
- Sidewalks, curbs, and gutters
- Flood, drainage, and storm water improvements
- Parks and playgrounds
- Police, fire, library or public-school facilities
- Solid waste
- · Removal of architectural barriers to accessibility

Community facilities projects include, but are not limited to:

- Nursing homes
- Senior centers
- Food banks
- Head start centers or childcare facilities
- Mental health centers
- Transitional housing facilities

Please be advised, local, state and federal regulations and requirements apply to CDBG funding (not an exhaustive list):

- National Environmental Protection Act/Montana Environmental Protection Act (Choice Limiting Actions)
- Uniform Relocation Act, Section 104(d)
- Davis-Bacon and Related Acts
- Build America, Buy America Act (BABA)
- 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (a.k.a. Uniform Guidance)
- Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM) (entities receiving funds must obtain a Unique Entity ID through SAM.gov)
- Procurement standards