



CDBG BACKGROUND, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

BACKGROUND:

- Established by Congress in 1974.
- This program provides funds to municipalities to develop viable urban communities.
- Local units of government develop their own programs and funding priorities, however all activities must be consistent with one or more of the following HUD national objectives:
 - Principally benefits low/moderate income persons
 - Prevents or eliminates slum or blight
 - Addresses an urgent need or problem in the community (e.g., natural disaster)

As a future entitlement community, Commerce City will receive annual funding allocations from HUD to fund activities to address their objectives. As a recipient of these funds, the City is required to submit to HUD an annual Funding Allocation Plan that describes how the City will utilize these funds to address the national objectives in a manner that will produce the greatest measurable impact on our community. CDBG statutes set forth three basic goals against which the City's program will be evaluated by HUD. The City must state how it will pursue these goals for all community development programs.

GOALS:

HUD statutory program goals are:

1. DECENT HOUSING - which includes:
 - Assisting homeless persons obtain affordable housing;
 - Assisting persons at risk of becoming homeless;
 - Retaining the affordable housing stock;
 - Increasing the availability of affordable permanent housing in standard condition to low-income and moderate-income families, particularly to members of disadvantaged minorities without

discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability;

- Increasing the supply of supportive housing which includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs (including persons with HIV/AIDS) to live in dignity and independence; and
- Providing affordable housing that is accessible to job opportunities.

2. A SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT - which includes:

- Improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods;
- Eliminating blighting influences and the deterioration of property and facilities;
- Increasing access to quality public and private facilities and services;
- Reducing the isolation of income groups within areas through spatial deconcentration of housing opportunities for lower income persons and the revitalization of deteriorating neighborhoods;
- Restoring and preserving properties of special historic, architectural, or aesthetic value; and
- Conserving energy resources and use of renewable energy sources.

3. EXPANDED ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES- which includes:

- Job creation and retention;
- Establishment, stabilization and expansion of small businesses (including micro-businesses);
- The provision of public services concerned with employment;
- The provision of jobs to low-income persons living in areas affected by those programs and activities, or jobs resulting from carrying out activities under programs covered by the plan;
- Availability of mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using non-discriminatory lending practices;
- Access to capital and credit for development activities that promote the long-term economic and social viability of the community; and
- Empowerment and self-sufficiency for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally assisted housing and public housing.

EXAMPLES OF CDBG PROJECTS:

1. HUD Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing
 - Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP)
 - Rental Rehabilitation
 - Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation Loan Program
 - Homebuyer Counseling
 - Code Enforcement Program
 - Housing Accessibility Program
 - Lead Paint/Asbestos/Radon Abatement
 - Fair Housing Enforcement
 - Environmental Planning & Review
2. HUD Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment
 - Community Organizing/Crime Prevention
 - Community Partners
 - Homeless Shelters
 - Graffiti Abatement
 - Landlord/Tenant Compliance Program
 - Youth Services
 - Nuisance Building Demolition
 - Housing and Services for Persons with AIDS
3. HUD Objective: Create Economic Opportunities
 - Employment Services (Job Training & Placement/Job Placement)
 - Assistance for Businesses
 - Summer Youth Internship Program
 - Land Management/Spot Acquisition
 - Vacant Lot Redevelopment
 - Brownfields Redevelopment