



**ALAMEDA COUNTY
Housing and Community Development Department**

**Notice of Funding Available
FY2021 Community Development Block Grant**

The Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) expects to award up to \$450,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for public improvement projects located in and/or serving residents of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, Hillcrest Knolls, San Lorenzo, and other unincorporated areas of Alameda County. Funding award recommendations will be announced in March 2021, with the funds being available July 1, 2021 upon Board of Supervisors approval of contracts.

CDBG-funded projects must benefit residents of at least one of the above areas and either be in a low- to moderate-income area (LMA) or serve an identifiable low- to moderate- income population. To qualify as an LMA, the area must be in a census tract or neighborhood designated as low-to moderate-income in the 2010 U.S. Census. Projects serving low- to moderate-income populations, but not located in LMA’s, must document the incomes of the persons benefiting from the project to ensure income eligibility. Annual monitoring for continued eligibility may be required. Qualifying income level maximum amounts may change annually. The current income guidelines are below:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual Maximum Low Income</u>
1	\$73,100
2	\$83,550
3	\$94,000
4	\$104,400

In 2016 Alameda County embarked on an initiative to set a course for the next decade that anticipated community challenges and maximized the ability to meet residents’ needs in a rapidly changing world. This vision of the future, the goals and guiding principles grew from extensive collaboration involving Alameda County leaders and other local officials who were working to promote communities that are vibrant, prosperous, safe, healthy and inclusive. This effort created the County’s Vision 2026.

Vision 2026 anticipates emerging challenges – and dramatic technological and demographic shifts – so that local government can lead the way in maintaining and enhancing the high quality of life in our communities. It led to revising the County’s mission, vision, and values that guide County programs and initiatives. The vision for 2026 will be realized when the 10X goals are met. There are many Vision 2026 10X goals and objectives that are pertinent to Unincorporated County CDBG funding.

Alameda County Unincorporated County CDBG funds will be focused on the following 10X Goals during the 2020-2024 Plan period:

- Eliminating Homelessness
- Employment for All
- Eliminate Poverty and Hunger
- Accessible Infrastructure

The County will seek applications which prioritize funding in these areas, however, if there are other emerging or emergency needs under other 10X Goals, those applications will also be considered.

The priority for these funds is capital public improvement projects. Please note that HCD typically does not fund services. Economic development-related activities, however, may be funded. HCD also reserves the right to redirect these funds towards COVID-19 relief projects should the need to do so continue into FY21.

In addition, priorities for these funds do not include the purchase, rental or rehabilitation of housing as those activities are funded under other components of the County's CDBG program under a separate RFP process. Requests for funds without site control of the property will not be considered. HCD reserves the right not to fund new projects, if current projects require the funds.

While HCD makes every reasonable effort to inform the community of this RFP, the County assumes no responsibility for failure to inform all interested parties of its availability. Alameda County reserves the right to reject incomplete and unresponsive proposals or deny future funding to applicants that have been unresponsive in carrying out the grant requirements as stated by Alameda County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This RFP is a solicitation of proposals only; no offer of contract or funding is implied. Costs incurred by the respondent in preparation and completion of this RFP are not HCD's obligation and may not be reimbursed through grant funds. There will be a mandatory meeting on January 7, 2021 at 1:30 pm for all applicants to discuss RFP priorities and potential applicant preliminary proposals to discuss eligibility.

The link for the mandatory meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81496039509?pwd=emRMQTg1ZjFJS3AzWHJIZnAxak14QT09>

Meeting ID: 814 9603 9509

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