



**ALAMEDA COUNTY
Housing and Community Development Department**

**Notice of Funding Available
FY2024 Community Development Block Grant**

The Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) expects to award up to \$569,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for public improvement projects located in and/or serving residents of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Hillcrest Knolls, Mt. Eden, San Lorenzo, and other unincorporated areas of Alameda County. Funding awards will be announced in March 2024 with the funds being available July 1, 2024.

CDBG-funded projects must benefit residents of the above areas, 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 to be low-to moderate-income in the 2020 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 levels may change annually. The current income guidelines are below:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual Maximum Low Income</u>
1	\$74,200
2	\$84,800
3	\$95,400
4	\$106,000

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.

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.

There will be a **mandatory** Bidder's Conference on **December 8, 2023 at 9:30 am** – at 224 W. Winton Avenue, Public Hearing Room 160. **If you do not attend the Bidder's Conference, an application will not be accepted.** The link to the application for funding will be made available at the mandatory meeting, only to those organizations that attend. **Complete applications must be received by HCD by 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 19, 2024 via the application portal on City Data Services. HCD will not accept faxed or emailed applications. Applications received after this date and time may not be considered for funding.**

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