

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

CDBG & HOME PROJECTS

HUD regulations control the use of both CDBG and HOME funds. There is a two-tier test to determine project eligibility:

1. NATIONAL OBJECTIVES TEST

All projects must either eliminate slum/blight conditions or principally benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons in one of the following ways:

A. DIRECT BENEFIT — at least 51% of the households benefiting from the project are LMI. For housing projects, 100% of assisted households must be LMI.

B. AREA BENEFIT — project benefits all residents of a particular neighborhood where 51% or more of the residents are LMI persons.

Low/Mod households are defined as follows:

Household Size	Maximum Income 80% of Area Median Income (AMI)
1	\$42,350
2	\$48,400
3	\$54,450
4	\$60,500
5	\$65,350
6	\$70,200

NOTE: THESE LIMITS ARE EXPECTED TO BE UPDATED BY HUD IN FEBRUARY 2018.

2. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY TEST

Eligible projects include:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING, including:

- Rehabilitation of housing
- Construction of new housing
- Homeownership assistance
- Facilities for persons with special needs (e.g. homeless shelters, group homes)

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, including:

- Job creation and/or retention resulting from:
 - Loans to businesses
 - Micro-enterprise programs
 - Technical assistance to businesses
- Brownfield remediation or blight removal

PUBLIC SERVICES, including:

- Services for LMI persons, such as:
 - Food, clothing, healthcare
 - Job training & job placement
 - Youth programs

Note: Public Services funding will be limited to approximately \$90,000 (15% of the CDBG entitlement grant), for all projects.

PUBLIC FACILITIES, including:

- Streets; parks & playgrounds; sewer, water & drainage systems; pedestrian safety improvements; and community centers
- Childcare centers
- Removal of architectural barriers to facilities for elderly and disabled persons

SELECTION CRITERIA

To be considered for funding, each proposal must satisfy following two threshold criteria:

- **ELIGIBILITY**
All projects must meet the HUD threshold requirements.
- **CONSISTENCY with CONSOLIDATED PLAN**
All projects must address a priority need identified in the 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan, available at www.lthacaURA.org.

Proposals that satisfy these threshold criteria will be prioritized for funding based on an evaluation of:

- **NEED** — Documented extent and severity of the need the project will address.
- **IMPACT** — Results that will be achieved to address the identified need, including number of persons who will benefit from the project (both low- and moderate-income and total number) or impact of the project on neighborhood stability.
- **FEASIBILITY** — Reasonableness of the proposed budget and timeline, and extent to which applicant has anticipated and proposed to manage potential obstacles to completion.
- **CAPACITY** — Evidence the applicant possesses sufficient resources to successfully implement the project.
- **LEVERAGE** — Percentage of CDBG/HOME funds used in comparison to funding from other sources.
- **COORDINATION** — Extent to which the project implements or coordinates with other initiatives, plans, or proposed projects.

How Do I Apply?

Submission requirements are described in the application forms and accompanying instructions. Application materials may be obtained as follows:

- **Online:** www.lthacaURA.org, or
- **Pick-Up:** IURA, City Hall, 108 E. Green St., 3rd Floor, Ithaca, NY 14850, or
- **Call to Request:** (607) 274-6565

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
NOON — February 28, 2018

For MORE INFORMATION, please contact:

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Closed on January 15, 2018 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Free TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE is available to anyone preparing an application. Please contact Anisa Mendizabal, (607) 274-6553, amendizabal@cityofithaca.org, to schedule an appointment.

COMMUNITY INPUT MEETINGS:

More information will be provided on the application process for interested individuals and organizations at the following two meetings. Both meeting locations are fully accessible — persons needing special accommodation to participate should contact the IURA at 274-6553, at least 72 hrs. prior to the meeting.

Community Input Meeting #1
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
12:00-1:00 PM
BorgWarner Community Room
Tompkins County Public Library
109 E. Green St., Ithaca, NY 14850

Community Input Meeting #2
Thursday, January 18, 2018
5:00-6:00 PM
Common Council Chambers (Third Floor)
108 E. Green St. (City Hall), Ithaca, NY 14850

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



**2018 CALL FOR
PROPOSALS**

**Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG)
Home Investment Partnership
Program (HOME)**

On behalf of the City of Ithaca, the Ithaca Urban Renewal Agency (IURA) seeks proposals for projects to be included in the City's draft 2018 Annual Action Plan. Approximately \$850,000 in combined CDBG and HOME funding is expected to be available.

Community groups, businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals are invited to submit proposals for projects to be funded through these programs.

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