

2021

**Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG)
Application Workshop**

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Today's Agenda

- » CDBG Program updates
 - Program changes & timeframes
 - General application requirements/ reminders
 - Upcoming changes
 - New-CDBG application manual
 - CDBG- CV/ CARES Act funding update

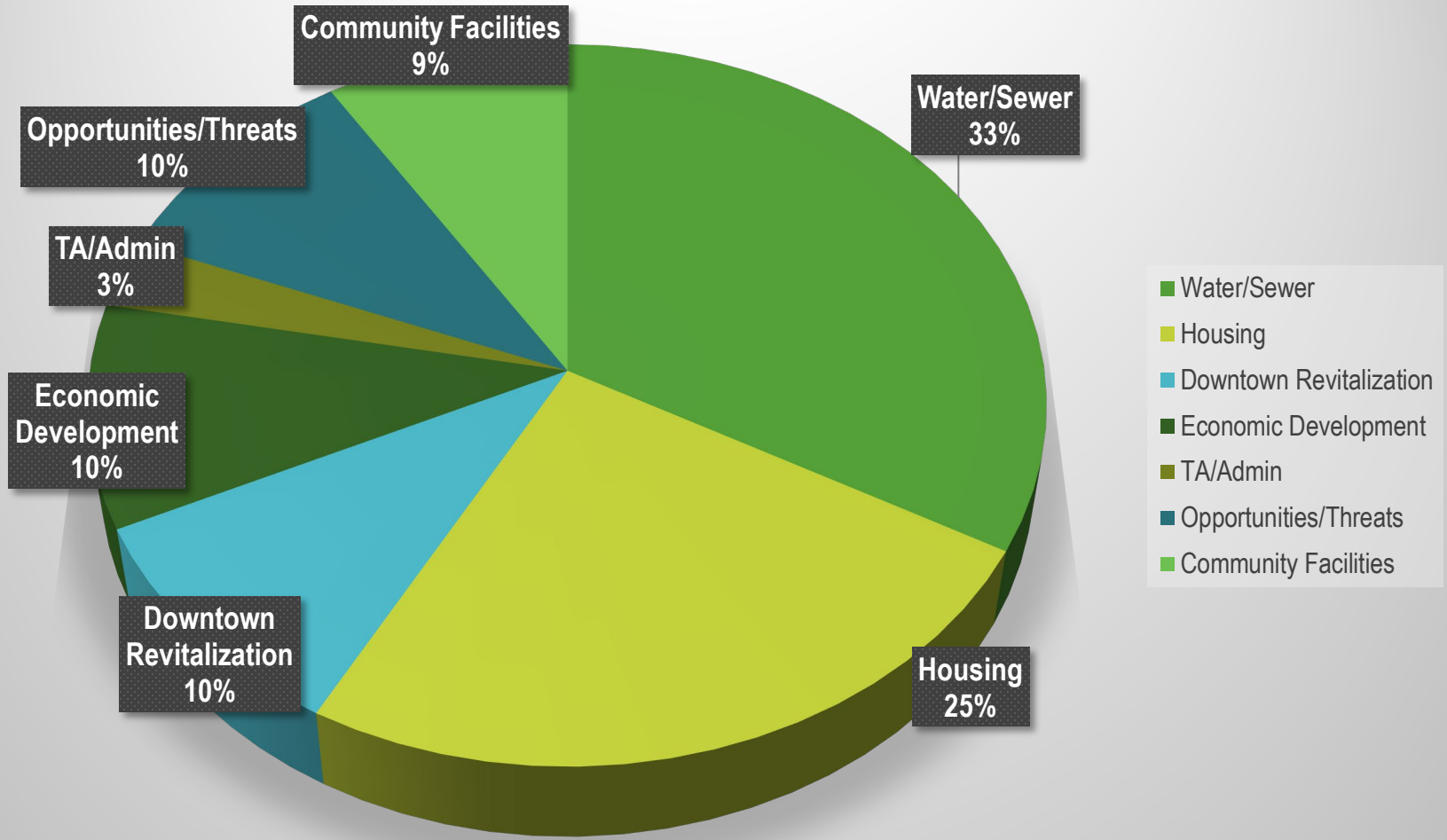
- » Program Breakout Sessions
 - 10:30- 11:30- Housing
 - 1:00- 2:00- Water/Sewer & Community Facilities
 - 2:00- 3:00- Downtown Revitalization

Overview: State of Iowa CDBG Program

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CDBG Method of Distribution

CDBG Funding Allocation



State of Iowa CDBG Program

- » Iowa's 2020 allocation was \$24.8 million
- » Iowa's 2021 allocation will be \$25.3 million
- » IEDA will no longer make conditional awards
- » CDBG awards will be made after we receive our funding agreement from HUD. Unsure as to when this will be- likely early summer.

State of Iowa CDBG Program

Reminders:

- » Every CDBG project must meet a national objective:
 - Benefit to low- and moderate-income persons (70% of allocation or greater)
 - Slum & blight elimination
 - Urgent need

- » Eligible Applicants
 - All cities under 50,000 population (including Cedar Falls)
 - All counties
 - City or county on behalf of non-profit entity

2021 Application windows

- » Most CDBG programs now have an open application window.
 - Exceptions are Downtown Revitalization and Upper Story Housing
- » Applications will be accepted and reviewed as funds are available.
- » We anticipate review times will take 30-45 days for complete applications. This may change depending on demand/number of applications.
- » Applications must be complete and thorough to be reviewed.

2021 Application windows

CDBG Water & Sewer applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed quarterly.

Water & Sewer application deadlines:

July 1, 2021

October 1, 2021

January 1, 2022

April 1, 2022

Water & Sewer Award Announcements:

**Mid-month in March, June,
September and December**

2021 Application windows

CDBG Community Facilities applications will be accepted & reviewed on an on-going basis as funds are available.

- » For 2021, we will review applications in the order in which they are received.
- » IEDA will continue to accept applications & make awards as funds are available. However, 2021 awards cannot be made until we have an agreement from HUD!
- » IEDA will provide a monthly report showing available CDBG funds on the website.

2021 Application windows

Most CDBG Housing applications will be accepted & reviewed on an on-going basis as funds are available.

- » All CDBG housing rehabilitation programs will have an open application window.
- » CDBG Homebuyer assistance program will have an open application window
- » For 2021, we will review applications in the order in which they are received.
- » IEDA will continue to accept applications & make awards as funds are available. However, 2021 awards cannot be made until we have an agreement from HUD.
- » IEDA will provide a monthly report showing available CDBG funds on the website.

2021 Application windows

CDBG Upper Story Housing program will have an annual, competitive application round.

- » **CDBG Upper Story Housing applications will be due on August 31, 2021.**
- » However, 2021 awards cannot be made until we have an agreement from HUD.

2021 Application windows

CDBG Downtown Revitalization applications will have an annual, competitive application round.

- » **CDBG Downtown Revitalization applications will be due on August 16, 2021.**
- » However, 2021 awards cannot be made until we have an agreement from HUD.

2021 Application windows

Other CDBG programs with an open application window will continue as such.

» Includes the following programs:

- Economic Development Set Aside (EDSA)
- Career Link
- Career Link Employment Transportation
- Opportunities & Threats (*Check with IEDA before submittal*)
- Sustainable Communities

» IEDA will continue to accept applications & make awards as funds are available.

» Check with IEDA on funding availability for these programs.

CDBG Program Requirements

All CDBG applications must include:

- » Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment
(revised in 2020- refer to guidance on website)
- » Minority Impact Statement
- » Federal Assurance Signature Page
- » Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Form
- » Public Hearing Documentation
 - Notice, Signed Minutes and Proof of Publication or Affidavit of Posting

CDBG Program Requirements

All CDBG applications will need to include:

- » Resolution committing matching funds, if applicable
- » Documentation of other funding sources
- » Target Area Map, if applicable
- » Any program specific items- Administration plans, Green Streets information, etc.

CDBG Program Requirements

- » Applications are available now at www.iowagrants.gov
- » Applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM on application due date. The system will not accept applications after this date/time.
- » **If an application is incomplete it will NOT be reviewed.** Complete means all required information is provide in the application AND all required attachments are uploaded with the application.

CDBG Program Requirements

- » Few changes to the applications from the 2020 application round
- » Please contact IEDA with any questions on required attachments, documentation, etc. before you submit an application.
- » Program specific application information will be covered in breakout sessions today.

Procurement reminders

- » Applications must meet State of Iowa procurement standards/ requirements. Please refer to Procurement Policy included in the 2020 CDBG Management Guide.
- » Consultants/ COGs may not be involved with procurement of services if they plan to bid on those services. (applicable to all service providers)
- » Sample RFP templates & publication documents are available on the IEDA website
- » Please refer to FAQ on procurement requirements and contact IEDA with specific questions

Procurement reminders

» For 2021 CDBG applications:

- Procure for ALL administration following requirements prior to application
- Procure for ALL technical services (housing) following requirements prior to application
- *Water & Sewer applications*- Procure for ALL services prior to an application including preliminary design, final design, and construction management services.
 - If you have only procured for design work, you must re-procure for remaining services following CDBG procurement requirements

Section 3 updates

- » Section 3 is HUD's legislative directive for providing preference to public housing residents and low-income residents of the local community and the businesses that substantially employ these persons, for new employment, training and contracting opportunities resulting from HUD-funded projects.
- » Section 3 applies to projects/activities involving housing (construction, demolition, rehabilitation) or other public construction—i.e. roads, sewers, community centers, etc.

Section 3 updates

- » HUD has revised the Section 3 rule. This will impact
 - Contract language
 - How employees are counted (hours worked vs. new hires)
 - What contractors/ recipients must report to IEDA

- » IEDA is working with our consultant and is in the process of updating all Section 3 guidance and forms, in light of the new rule.

- » Once finalized, IEDA will share new guidance/ instructions and will schedule a virtual training to discuss. Will take place in June.

Iowa Green Streets Criteria

- » IEDA has made changes to Iowa Green Street Criteria starting in 2021
- » Green Streets is no longer mandatory for regular CDBG programs
 - Was previously required for Community Facilities, Upper Story and DTR projects



Iowa Green Streets Criteria

- » However, IEDA encourages all projects to consider and incorporate Iowa Green Streets practices.
- » For the Upper Story Housing program, additional points will be provided to those projects that incorporate this criteria into their project.
- » For Upper Story and Community Facilities programs, additional funding will be available to projects that decide to incorporate certain green building practices/ activities. More info at program break out sessions on how this will work.
- » Green Streets will no longer apply to the DTR program.

Iowa Green Streets Criteria

» Resources

- Drawings
- Integrated design tools
- Improved green plan and checklist
- Sample specifications
- Charrette Toolkit
- Operations & Maintenance Toolkit
- Research & Reports
- Public Engagement
- Technical Assistance Database
- Tools for Resilience



Iowa Green Streets Criteria

» Design Consultations

- Free, 2-2.5 hrs, delivered regionally
- Site, architectural, mechanical, high performance construction, materials, energy

» Think Bold

- Zero net carbon
 - Architecture 2030
 - Architects, Interior designers
 - Conference of Mayors, ASHRAE
- Think regenerative

» Hire Experienced Team

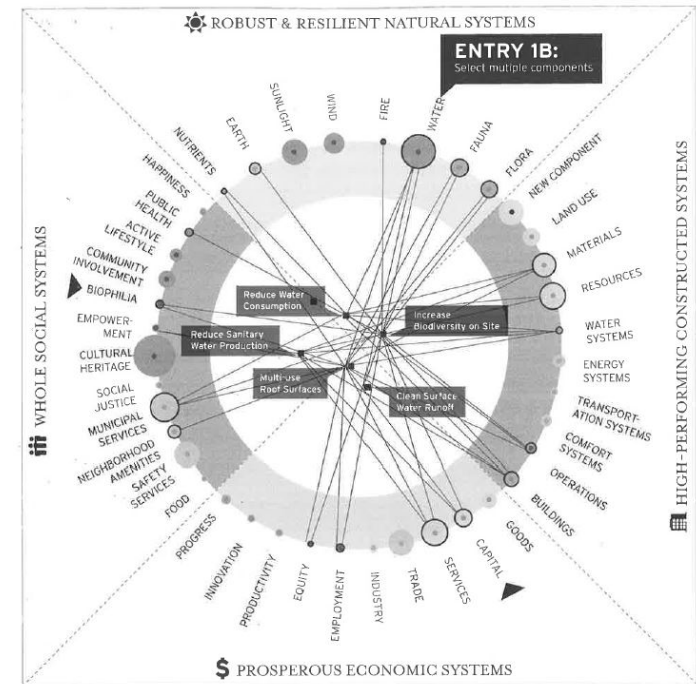


Figure 4 REGEN concept showing multiple component entry points and connections to multi-benefit strategies



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CDBG Application manual- NEW

- » IEDA has created a new application manual. Includes application deadlines, instructions for applying, scoring criteria and specific program requirements.
- » Wanted to provide a resource for applicants that included program policies, resources and instructions.
- » CDBG Application Manual will be available on the IEDA website:
<https://www.iowaeda.com/cdbg/management-guide/>

CDBG-CV Funding update

- » Iowa received approximately \$31 million in CDBG-CV funding as part of the federal CARES Act.
- » States must use these funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19
- » A portion of these funds may be used in entitlement communities; IEDA has contracted with most entitlements for a portion of these funds.
- » Approximately \$21 million will be available to non-entitlements for COVID related activities/ projects

CDBG-CV Funding update

- » Sarah Plowman just joined the IEDA Community Investments Team as our CDBG-CV project manager
- » Over the next weeks/ months, we will be finalizing program guidance, application materials, and related documents necessary to roll out the CDBG-CV program. Should be summer 2021.
- » More to come on this program.....

Questions?

Thank You!

We look forward to great
applications...

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