Community Development Block Grant Program

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, one of the longest-running programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

CDBG Entitlement Program

The CDBG Entitlement Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties. In Oregon, 10 cities (Albany, Ashland, Beaverton, Bend, Corvallis, Eugene, Grants Pass, Gresham, Hillsboro, Medford, Portland, Redmond, Salem, and Springfield), and 3 counties (Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington) receive funds directly from HUD.

CDBG State Program

Non-entitlement areas include those units of general local government which do not receive CDBG funds directly from HUD. Non-entitlement areas are cities with populations of less than 50,000 (except cities that are designated principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas), and counties with populations of less than 200,000.

In Oregon, the CDBG state program is administered by <u>Business Oregon</u>, which offers competitive grants twice per year for the following uses:

- **Public Works Infrastructure** including water and wastewater treatment plants, public water and sewer pipe, and water reservoirs.
- Community Facilities including Libraries, Head Start Centers, Emergency/Homeless Shelters, Transitional Housing, Shelters/ Workshops for People with Disabilities, Non-profit Health Clinics, Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centers, and Senior Centers.
- Regional Housing Rehabilitation Programs for single-family housing occupied by low- and moderate-income persons.
- Microenterprise training to microenterprise owners and persons developing microenterprises.

CARES Act CDBG (CDBG-CV)

The CARES Act provided an additional \$5 billion to the CDBG program to cities and states, as well as increased flexibilities for use of funds, most notably a suspension of the 15% Cap on Use of CDBG for Public Services. Eligible uses of funds for housing include rent assistance, legal support, and acquisition of hotels/motels or properties for shelter and permanent affordable housing. Oregon received the following CDBG-CV allocations:

- CDBG-CV Entitlement: \$13,149,558
 - Received, awaiting further HUD guidance
- CDBG-CV State: \$8,004,314
 - o Not received, awaiting further HUD guidance
- CDBG-CV2: \$10,749,023
 - Not received, awaiting further HUD guidance
- CDBG-CV3: \$TBD
 - \$1.990 billion available for allocation on a rolling basis based on criteria to be determined by HUD, prioritizing risk of transmission, coronavirus cases compared to the national average, and economic and housing market disruptions.