

CDBG National Objectives

Benefit to low and moderate-income residents

A low and moderate (L/M) income person is defined as a member of a family having an income equal to or less than the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program lower income limit established by HUD.

Criteria

Activities considered benefiting low and moderate (L/M) income persons are divided into four categories:

1. Area benefit activities
2. Limited clientele activities
3. Housing activities; and
4. Job creation or retention activities

Elimination of slum or blight

The area must be designated by the grantee and must meet a definition of a slum, blighted, deteriorated or deteriorating area under State or local law. The activity must address one or more of the conditions, which contributed to the deterioration of the area.

Urgent Needs

To comply with the national objective of meeting community development needs having a particular urgency; an activity must be designed to alleviate existing conditions, which the grantee certifies:

1. Pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community
2. Are of recent origin or recently became urgent;
3. The grantee is unable to finance on its own; and
4. Other resources of funds are not available.

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Public Services**

| Objective | Qualifies If | Example |
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| L/M Area Benefit | The public service is available to all the residents in a particular area, and at least 51% of those residents are L/M income persons. | Increased police and fire protection services |
| L/M Limited Clientele | The public service is limited to a specific group of people, (i.e., senior citizens or the homeless) at least 51% of who are L/M income persons. Services qualifying under this category serve a specific clientele, rather than providing service to all the persons in a geographic area. | Most public services qualify under this category. Public services include, but not limited to - job training, childcare, drug abuse counseling, health care, and recreation programs. |
| L/ M Housing | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| L/M Jobs | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Slum or Blighted Area | The public service is provided within a designated slum or blighted area, and is designed to address one or more conditions which contributed to the deterioration of the area. | Few public services qualify under this category because the conditions which typically contribute to the deterioration of an area are physical conditions. |
| Spot Blight | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Urban Renewal Completion | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Urgent Needs | Designed to alleviate existing conditions that are serious threat to the health or welfare of the community. | Public services are provided to deal with major catastrophes or emergencies such as floods or earthquake. |