

CDBG 101

City of Pittsburgh Office of Management and Budget

Program History

1965: HUD

- 7 separate categorical programs
- 7 individual applications
- Competitive against other cities
- Federal government determines which activities get funded

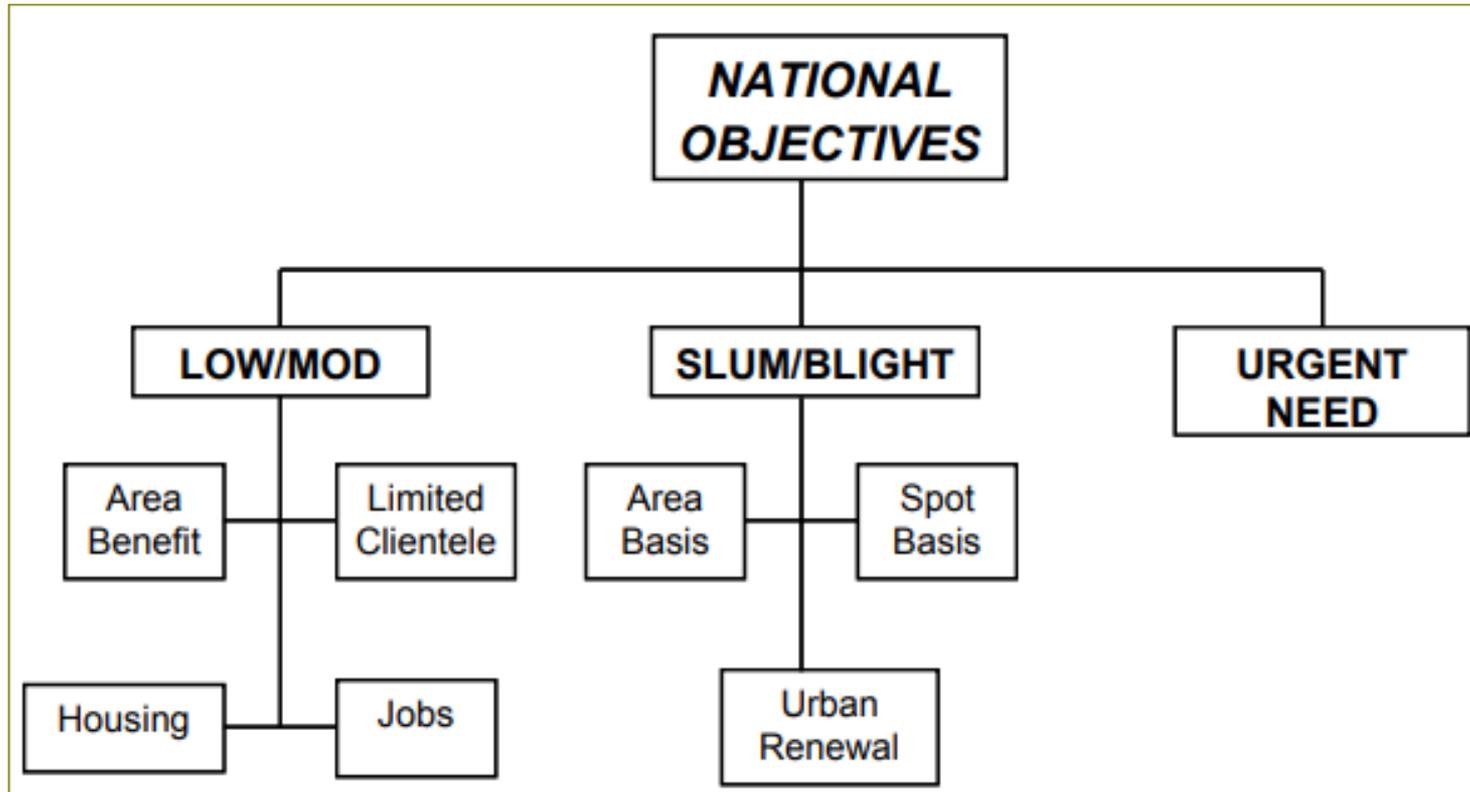
1974: CDBG

- 1 program
- Funds distributed as a block
- Size of grant determined by measures of distress
- Grantees determine activities (eligibility, National Objectives)

Program Overview

- Congressional Allocation
- Primary Objective: Develop Viable Communities
 - Housing
 - Economic Development
 - **Suitable Living Environment**

Intended Use of Funds



Project Eligibility

1. Is it on the eligible list?
2. Is it on the ineligible list?
3. Does it meet one of the national objectives?
4. Does at least 70% of the program benefit to low/mod income persons?
5. **Are costs necessary and reasonable?**
6. **Is the environmental review completed?**

B: Environmental Review

Every HUD dollar must go through some level of Environmental Review

Ensures projects won't impact natural environment and environment will not impact users

B: Environmental Review

Level of Review and estimated timeframe

- Exempt
(usually 1 week)
- Categorically Excluded not Subject to 58.5
(usually 1 week)
- Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5
(minimum 45 days)
- Environmental Assessment
(3-4 Months)
- Environmental Impact Statement
(2 years or more, use other funds)

B: Environmental Review

Items Needed to Start Environmental Review:

1. [Project checklist](#) (provided to each department)
2. Pictures of existing conditions
3. Drawings
4. Detailed scope of work

Most projects will be within 45 day time frame

B: Environmental Review

Exempt/CENST to 58.5 Projects

- Using HUD funds for Environmental or other studies
- Development of plans and strategies
- Public Service activities, i.e. employment programs, food banks, child care
- Engineering or Design Costs

B: Environmental Review

CEST 58.5

- Most DPW/DOMI projects fall into this level of review
- Re-paving of streets
- Minor park improvements
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Sidewalk ramp replacement
- Single family housing rehab
- Multi family housing rehab

Allow for longer than 45 days when sending large quantities

B: Environmental Review

Environmental Assessment

- Mostly new major housing development
- Some park construction if no park existed or major addition to existing park
- Subject to full NEPA assessment
- Usually involves Phase I ESA
- Must issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (notice in the newspaper)
- Must obtain Mayor's signature
- Submission to HUD for approval before funds can be used

B: Environmental Review

Exempt	Categorically Excluded, Not Subject to 58.5	Categorically Excluded, Subject to 58.5	Environmental Assessment	Environmental Impact Statement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Studies - Plans - Engineering - Design - Inspections - Job Programs - Food Banks - Child Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tenant-based Rental Assistance - Economic Development Activities not Related to Construction - Financial Assistance for Homeownership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-paving streets - Small Park Improvements - Small Facility Upgrades - Traffic Signal Upgrades - Sidewalk Ramp Replacement - Housing < 5 units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Construction - Major Renovation - Land Use Change - Housing ≥ 5 units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finding of Significant Impacts - Projects impacting 2,500+ units

B: Environmental Review

58.5 Addresses the impact on the following

- Airport Hazards
- Flood Zones
- Air Quality
- Toxic Substances
- Endangered Species
- Explosive and Flammable Hazards
- Historic Preservation – SHPO Approval
- Noise
- Environmental Justice

B: Environmental Review

OMB Part 58 Timeline

1. Submission Received from DPW/DOMI/PLI
1-2 days for initial OMB review
2. SHPO submission created
1-2 days for creation of packet
3. SHPO waiting period
30+ days for SHPO Review
4. OMB Part 58 Review
2 weeks depending on OMB staff workload

B: Environmental Review

State Historic Preservation Office

- For DOMI/DPW/PLI OMB prepares packet
- Must be mailed to Harrisburg
- Cover Letter
- HRSF
- Project Form
- USGS 7.5 Map
- Pictures, Scope, Drawings
- 30 Day minimum – Can be longer

CDBG Resources

Project Eligibility:	jerry.cafardi@pittsburghpa.gov	412.255.2162
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