City of Little Rock
Department of Housing & Neighborhood Programs
Community Development Division

Project Application Instructions
Public Services (only)
2027 Program Year

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 24 CFR PART 570

SUMMARY
The City of Little Rock Department of Housing & Neighborhood Programs, Community Development Division is now accepting **only** CDBG Public Service Applications for the 2027 funding cycle.

OBJECTIVES
Funding projects and services that benefit low to moderate income people that are consistent with the Five-Year Consolidated Plan which identifies public service needs.

PLEASE NOTE
Only organizations with 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and a minimum of three (3) years' experience, and physically located in Pulaski County or local staff at the time of application for providing a CDBG eligible activity are qualified to apply.

If you are a startup organization or program, the City is unable to fund an activity until it shows viability and capacity. Activity should not be dependent solely on CDBG funding. Must have other funding sources and be financially stable without CDBG funding. Funds will be paid on a reimbursement basis upon submitting documentation of expenses eligibility.

Available funding for all nonprofit applications combined was roughly $285,000 for program year 2026.

DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS THAT ARE OVER THE FUNDING AMOUNT. THE CITY WILL NOT FUND ANY MORE THAN IS AVAILABLE UNDER THE 2027 FUNDING CYCLE.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT PROJECTS SELECTED WILL BE SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILIABILITY.

You may access this NOFA (CDBG Project Application FY 2027) by visiting our website at https://littlerock.gov/government/city-departments/housing-and-neighborhood. Then click on "Recent Link". You may also call our office at 501-371-6825 to request an application or email Beverly Arbor at barbor@littlerock.gov. Also if you need additional information about Community Development Block Grant you can review the Code of Federal Regulations 24 CFR Part 570.

DATES

Project Application Form will be available on **November 16, 2026**. It must be received by **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 15, 2026** via email (barbor@littlerock.gov) or mailed to the attention of Beverly Arbor, Community Development Planner, Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs, 500 West Markham, Suite 120W, Little Rock, AR 72201. If applications are mailed, the application must be received in the Community Development Division office by the time and date above. **There will be absolutely no exceptions**.

DISCLAIMER

All proposals submitted become the property of the City of Little Rock. Submission of a proposal does not commit the City of Little Rock to award a contract or to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal. The City reserves the right to request additional information pursuant to this application. The City has the right to extend the submission deadline should such extension be in the interest of the City. Applicants have the right to revise their proposals in the event the deadline is extended. The City of Little Rock reserves the right to reject any proposal.

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ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The **CDBG** regulations allow the use of grant funds for a wide range of **public service activities** (24 CFR 570.201e), including, but not limited to: Employment services (e.g., job training); Crime prevention and public safety; Childcare; Youth services, Health services; Substance abuse services (e.g., counseling and treatment); Fair housing counseling; Education programs; Energy conservation; Services for senior citizens; Services for homeless persons.

HUD NATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

All activities funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) must demonstrate that the activity meets at least one of the following HUD CDBG national objectives (24 CFR 570.208):

- Activities benefiting low- and moderate-income persons;*
- Activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and
- Activities designed to meet community development needs having a particular urgency (referred to as urgent need).

*PLEASE NOTE: For the purpose of this NOFA, the only applicable national objective is an activity **benefitting low- and moderate-income persons**.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT:

HUD has implemented a mandated system of reporting performance measurements in a precise and timely manner. All the activities funded must identify one of the three performance measurements primary objectives and outcomes. Directly below are the primary objectives:

- Creating suitable living environment (in general, this objective relates to activities that are designed to benefit communities, families, or individuals by addressing issues in their living environment)
- Creating decent housing (this objective covers the wide range of housing activities that are generally undertaken with CDBG, HOME, or HOPWA funds)
- Creating economic opportunities (this objective applies to the types of activities related to economics

There are three outcomes under each objective. They are:

- Availability/Accessibility applies to activities that make services, infrastructure, housing, or shelter available or accessible to low- and moderate-income people, including persons with disabilities. Accessibility does not refer only to physical barriers, but also to making the affordable basics of daily living available and accessible to low- and moderate-income people.
- Affordability applies to activities that provide affordability in a variety of ways in the lives of low- and moderate-income people. It can include the creation or maintenance of affordable housing, basic infrastructure hook-up, or services such as transportation or daycare.
- Sustainability applies to projects where the activity or activities are aimed at improving communities or neighborhoods, helping to make them livable or viable by providing benefits to persons or low- and moderate-income people or by removing or eliminating slums or blighted areas, through multiple activities or services that sustain communities or neighborhoods.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Funded activities must benefit persons whose annual income does not exceed 80 percent of the median income for the area, as determined by HUD. The current income limits are listed below, but limits are updated annually.

2026 HUD Income Limits

(Effective Date: June 1, 2026)

Household Size	50% Very Low	80% Low
1	$ 32,800.00	$ 52,500.00
2	$ 37,500.00	$ 60,000.00
3	$ 42,200.00	$ 67,500.00
4	$ 46,850.00	$ 74,950.00
5	$ 50,600.00	$ 80,950.00
6	$ 54,350.00	$ 86,950.00
7	$ 58,100.00	$ 92,950.00
8	$ 61,850.00	$ 98,950.00

NOTES

- Please make sure the application is completed, signed, and dated.
- Applicant's current IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt determination letter is attached.
- Applicant's most recent financial statement or audit is attached.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Notice is hereby given that the City of Little Rock anticipates applying for three categories of funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2027: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The City will prepare a Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Action Plan.

In accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan, the City will conduct three community-wide public meetings to address housing and community development needs for the 2027 Annual Action Plan. These meetings provide an opportunity for individuals and organizations to offer input regarding needs that may be addressed through CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA funds. With the announcement of Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for CDBG, the meetings also offer citizens the opportunity to provide suggestions for proposed projects that may be eligible for funding under 2027 CDBG Program.

Non-profit organization planning to submit a project request must complete an application form with all required information. The Project Application Form will be available November 16 through December 15, at the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs, 500 West Markham, Suite 120W, Little Rock, AR 72201 or on the City's website at https://littlerock.gov/government/city-departments/housing-and-neighborhood . Applications may also be requested by phone at 501-371-6825 or emailing Beverly Arbor at barbor@littlerock.gov. If you have questions or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact Beverly Arbor.

Completed Project Application Forms must be received at the above address no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2026

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public meetings. The schedule for the public meetings is as follows:

Thursday, November 12, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
West Central Community Center, 8616 Colonel Glenn Road, Little Rock

Monday, November 16, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center, 3805 West 12th Street, Little Rock

Monday, November 23, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Southwest Community Center, 6401 Baseline Road, Little Rock

For special accommodations for non-English speaking or disabled residents for the public meeting, contact Beverly Arbor at 501-371-6825 or barbor@littlerock.gov at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend and participate.

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