

City of Gary, Indiana
Notice of Funding Opportunity/Application Availability
CDBG, ESG, and HOME Federal Entitlement Grants
2023 Program Year Funding

Please be advised that the City of Gary's Department of Community Development is accepting applications for federal dollars in anticipation of awards for 3 entitlement grant programs for Program Year 2023. The City expects to submit a 2023 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (CFDA #14.218), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program (CFDA #14.231), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (CFDA #14.239). The City is anticipating on receiving an estimated \$3,000,000 in CDBG funds, \$250,000 in ESG funds, and \$500,000 in HOME funds for use effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Please be advised that the City of Gary, Department of Community Development, has entered into an Inter-Local Agreement with the Gary Housing Authority in support of the development of housing for low to moderate income persons. In connection with this venture, applications may be solicited and received by both the City of Gary's Department of Community Development and the Gary Housing Authority, which may utilize HOME and/or CDBG dollars in addition to Project Based Vouchers (PBVs), Replacement Housing Factor Funds (RHF), Demolition/Disposition and Transitional Funding (DDTF), Annual Contribution Contracts (ACCs) units or any eligible and available funding for projects within the GHA's Real Estate Development Portfolio and/or available properties within the City of Gary.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 570 and <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitlement/>, 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. The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Grant (ESG), under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 576 and <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/>, assists people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. The HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant, under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 92 and <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home/>, provides formula grants to states and localities that communities use, often in partnership with for-profit developers, non-profit developers, non-profit organizations designated as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people.

For CDBG program funding, the City of Gary will only be accepting applications from non-profit organizations for Public Services, Demolition, and Code Enforcement programs. Funding for Public Services funding has a cap of 15% of the total entitlement which is estimated to be about \$450,000. For ESG program funding, the City of Gary will be accepting applications from non-profit organizations that would like to provide homeless services assistance under the components of Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, and Rapid Re-housing. For HOME funding, the City of Gary will be accepting applications for the development or rehabilitation of affordable housing for low-income households.

- Each applicant, applying for CDBG and ESG funds, must be a public or private non-profit agency, authority or organization with a 501(c)(3) status and be able to provide documentation verifying such.
- Each applicant must provide services in the City of Gary's Corporate Boundaries and programs must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents. A detailed description of the boundaries can be requested.
- Each applicant must be registered in the System Award Management (SAM) at <https://sam.gov/content/home> prior to submitting an application and maintain an active registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application under consideration by the City of Gary.

- Each applicant must provide its Unique Entity ID number in each application submitted to the City of Gary. The Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov. The DUNS Number has been removed from SAM.gov. Entity registration, searching, and data entry in SAM.gov now require use of the new Unique Entity ID.
- Each applicant must provide proof of registration with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services E-Verify Program as defined in IC 22-5-1.7-3 and verify the work eligibility status of all his/her/its newly hired employees through the E-Verify Program. Entities are not required to participate if self-employed and do not employ any employees.

Applications will only be provided electronically and must be submitted electronically.

Applications will be available for 30 days. Potential applicants must submit a request for an application for the grant(s) that they are applying for to Ms. Felicia Jones at fjones@gary.gov or Ms. Kimberley McClam at kmccclam@gary.gov (or by telephone at (219-881-5075) from October 17, 2022 to November 16, 2022 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Applicants must email a completed and signed electronic copy, along with all supporting documentation, to either of the email addresses listed above. It is strongly recommended that applications are submitted in .pdf format including all Sections and Attachments. Completed applications will not be accepted if handwritten or by fax. **The deadline for submitting completed applications electronically is November 17, 2022 by 4:00 p.m. There will be no exceptions.**

The City of Gary has established a procedure whereby each application is reviewed by City staff, review by the Mayor, a 30-day public comment period for citizen input, City Council review and approval, and HUD review and approval.

1. The applications are reviewed by the Compliance Division Staff of the Department of Community Development and are reviewed for content, as soon as possible, in the order that they are received. Once the Compliance Division has completed reviewing the applications, they are then evaluated by the Department of Community Development's Review Committee for eligibility as determined by HUD guidelines. The Review Committee also involves one homeless or formerly homeless person in this process.
2. If an application is determined to be ineligible, the applicant is informed and the application is withdrawn from consideration. In some cases, where there is uncertainty as to the application's eligibility, the City's HUD representative will be consulted for decision.
3. The Review Committee's evaluation will be based on the following criteria:
 - Need for the service identified in the City's 2021-2025 Five-Year Consolidated Plan
 - Does it meet a National Objective
 - Measurable benefit to the City and citizens of Gary, IN
 - Consistency with neighborhood improvement targeting initiatives, as defined by the Mayor and Council
 - Feasibility of the program or project
 - Reasonableness of proposed costs and extent of non-City funding brought to bear
 - Capacity and expertise of the applicant
 - Past performance of the applicant under CDBG, HOME, or ESG funding agreements
 - Addressing emergency health and safety concerns

Please be aware that if you are selected to receive any funding, you will not be receiving the funds at the beginning of the 2023 Program Year. The City of Gary must wait until the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announces the FY2023 appropriation from Congress to submit its 2023 Annual Action Plan (application for funding). HUD cannot predict when its FY 2023 appropriations bill will be enacted or when it will be able to announce the FY 2023 allocation amounts.

1. The City of Gary Department of Community Development's Review Committee provides a mechanism by which community needs may be recognized, prioritized, and recommended to the Mayor for funding. The Mayor will consider the Review Committee's recommendations in making the final determination as to which agencies/projects to fund and incorporate into the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan for citizen input.
2. Citizen input is obtained through the public hearing process. Notices are published in local newspapers two weeks in advance of all hearings, specifying date, time, and proposed activities. A 30-day comment period begins the day after the public hearing is held. The City Council approves the Annual Action Plan by resolution following the citizen comment period. Each applicant will be notified in writing regarding their grant application. Final approval of the Action Plan is completed by HUD.

Your cooperation in providing the requested documentation and adhering to the date of the deadline is critical for funding consideration. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered. Should you have any questions regarding the applications, please contact Ms. Felicia Jones or Ms. Kimberley McClam at (219)881-5075.