

CDBG Neighborhood Frequently Asked Questions:

The following list of frequently asked questions is intended to provide Neighborhood Councils with a resource to answer some of the most frequently asked questions of staff. Please review the list below to see if your question may already be answered. CHHS staff will occasionally update the list of frequently asked questions to reflect this year's CDBG applications.

Does my Neighborhood Council need to Submit a CDBG Application?

Yes, Neighborhood Councils will not receive their CDBG allocation without a submitting project proposal(s). In some instances, Neighborhood Councils may elect to submit three separate applications. One to support a project identified on the menu, another application for a partnership and another application for sidewalks. Neighborhood Councils who fail to submit a completed project application by the identified due date will forfeit their right to those funds.

How can Neighborhoods Invest their CDBG Allocation?

Neighborhood Councils are encouraged to partner with local non-profit agencies to see how they can support local programs benefiting low and moderate income individuals. Moreover, Neighborhood Councils should consider supporting pre-screened projects provided on the CDBG Neighborhood Menu.

Do I have to invest in sidewalks?

No, unfortunately the Neighborhood CDBG program has morphed into a sidewalk replacement program over the years. Neighborhood Councils are encouraged to invest in projects/programs that provide a benefit to low and moderate income persons. Neighborhood Councils wishing to replace sidewalks will be limited to replacing only sidewalks that impose a significant threat to public safety.

How does my Neighborhood Council Apply to Receive CDBG Funding?

Neighborhood Councils do not apply to receive CDBG funding. The Community Assembly's Community Development Committee has already voted and approved allocations to neighborhoods with the greatest concentration of low and moderate income persons.

Does Submitting an Application Guarantee Project Funding?

No, only projects meeting the eligibility requirements set by HUD will be funded. Additionally, City staff is required to conduct a risk assessment on all agencies receiving federal funds. The City of Spokane reserves the right to reject any application that fails to meet eligibility requirements or lacks the administrative capacity to administer federal/public funds. Please consult with George Dahl (gdahl@spokanecity.org or 625-6036) in the Community, Housing and Human Services Department prior to submitting a complete application.