

TULSA COUNTY URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

FY2013 METRO CITY APPLICATION GUIDANCE

Due date for this Application is April 18, 2013

The CDBG program is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

The purpose of this Application Guidance is to provide assistance in preparing a Community Development Block Grant- Metro City application for the **FY2013** Tulsa County CDBG Urban County Program.

Eligible Entities

Cities included in the Tulsa County CDBG Urban County Metro City designation, the funding allocation to the city, and the percentage of low and moderate income population for each is listed below:

	Allocation Amount	Percentage Low/Mod Population
Broken Arrow	\$385,562	24.0
Bixby	\$57,178	26.9
Jenks	\$37,637	25.9
Owasso	\$105,358	30.2
Sand Springs	\$63,167	38.4
Sapulpa	\$122,221	49.0

Applications should be submitted to:

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Threshold Requirements for FY2014 Metro City Applications

Due to HUD'S desire for all Entitlements to dramatically increase their expenditure rates, the following new expenditure criteria have been established and will be implemented for the **FY2014** Application cycle. To submit an application for **FY2014**, communities with open Metro City contracts must comply with the following Threshold Requirements:

100% of 2010 grant expended;
100% of 2011 grant expended;
50% of 2012 grant expended.

If the above expenditure requirements have not been met by April 1, 2014, the community will not be allowed to submit an application, and their allocation will be re-allocated to eligible Urban County members.

Section One

National Objective

The primary National Objective of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is the “development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, particularly for persons of low and moderate incomes.” All project proposals submitted for funding through the CDBG Program must document the achievement of at least one of the following National objectives:

- Provide benefit to low and moderate income persons.
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
- Meet other community development needs having particular urgency, posing a serious or immediate threat to the health or welfare of a community.

Most CDBG applicants qualify their project activities under the National Objective of benefit to low and moderate income persons. Applicants are cautioned that qualifying a project under slum or blight or urgent need is a difficult process that has very limited application and can only be used under special conditions and circumstances. Therefore, you are urged to qualify your proposal under benefit to low and moderate income persons. Applicants who qualify a proposal using slum and blight or urgent need must receive guidance and approval from INCOG.

To qualify for CDBG funding under the National Objective of benefit to low and moderate income persons, the proposed project activities must show a positive or general improvement of living condition in a definable geographic target area where at least 51% of the occupied households/homes are of low and moderate income families. Low and moderate income families have an income equal to or less than the current Section 8 low income limits established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Each activity proposed for funding with Community Development Block Grant(CDBG) dollars claiming the National Objective of benefit to low and moderate income persons, must provide data indicating the percentage of low and moderate income beneficiaries.

Application Criteria

1. No matching funds are required.
2. No administration expenses will be funded with CDBG funds.
3. Engineering is a permissible use of CDBG funds.
4. Income surveys of the project target area must be conducted. The use of Census Tract or Block Group data to document the percentage of low and moderate income beneficiaries for any CDBG funded activity should receive prior INCOG review and approval.

5. Applicants must hold an application phase Public Hearing informing citizens of the proposed project and submit documentation of the Public Hearing with this application. Notice must be given at least 7 days prior to the public hearing by publication in jurisdiction newspapers; or by posting at city halls. Acceptable documentation consists of the affidavit of publication or a copy of the newspaper article announcing the public hearing, or copy of certified posted notice. Tulsa County has prepared a Citizen Participation Plan on behalf of the Urban County communities; therefore, the individual community does not need to prepare a full Citizen Participation plan.

6. Specific projects identified in the application must have cost estimates derived from professional sources. Water and wastewater projects that require Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality construction permitting must have certified cost estimates from a professional engineer licensed to work in Oklahoma. For other types of projects, professional cost estimates may be derived from architects, engineers, vendors, construction companies, or appropriate personnel qualified to make such estimates.

Use of Funds

The CDBG Program funds a broad array of projects and activities including but not limited to the following:

- Water and wastewater system improvements
- Solid waste
- Fire protection
- Streets
- Neighborhood Parks
- Housing activities including construction, emergency repair, rehabilitation
- Acquisition of real property for eligible public purposes
- Clearance, demolition and removal of buildings and improvements
- Senior citizen centers
- Gas and electrical system improvements
- Removal of architectural barriers associated with handicapped areas
- Storm water drainage improvements
- Economic Development
- Social services- (City of Broken Arrow only)

Guidance regarding eligibility requirements can be found in 24CFR 570.201 of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Proposal Guidance

Applicants are encouraged to contact the staff persons listed below with questions regarding program requirements, project conceptualization, or any portion of the Application Packet and/or Guidelines.

Claudia Brierre	579-9431
Barbara Albritton	579-9420
Steve Boettcher	579-9453

Section Two

Required Application Documents

1. Application Summary

This form contains information about the specific project and includes a certification from the local government attesting to the accuracy and completeness of the application. The certification form must be completed and signed by the chief elected official of the local government.

2. Line Item Budget (Application Form Attachment A)

The description of project activities along with a budget (form provided as Attachment A) should be as specific as possible as they will form the basis of your contract. This Budget should match Professional Cost Estimates submitted with the application.

3. Direct Project Beneficiary Income Survey (Survey Summary Form Attachment B)

Income surveys for each proposed CDBG funded activity are a requirement unless using census tract or block group data.

Determination of project beneficiaries:

City-wide- An activity which will serve the entire city (such as wastewater treatment), provided that the city has a low and moderate income percentage at or above 51%. If the LMI percentage is below 51%, an income survey with a 75% response rate must be provided.

Area benefit- An activity which benefits all the residents in a particular area where at least 51 percent of the residents are low and moderate income persons. Examples would include resurfacing of a collector street or construction of a fire department substation.

Direct benefit- An activity which requires information on household size and income so that it is evident that at least 51 percent of the clientele are persons whose household income does not exceed the low and moderate income limit; or an activity which has income eligibility requirements which limit the activity exclusively to low and moderate income persons.

Presumed benefit- Benefit a clientele that is generally presumed to be principally low and moderate income persons. Activities that exclusively serve a group of persons in any one or a combination of the following categories may be presumed to benefit 51 percent low- and moderate-income persons: abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons, adults meeting the Bureau of the Census' Current Population Reports definition of "severely disabled," homeless persons, illiterate adults, persons living with AIDS, and migrant farm workers.

Guidelines to identify specific beneficiaries for various activities:

- **Water or Wastewater Line Replacement or Rehabilitation.** Those households directly tapped to or receiving improved service from the lines. Generally, beneficiaries are considered those persons residing in houses who receive their water through new, replaced or upgraded lines, or houses that discharge sewage into or through an improved collection line or main en route to the treatment plant.
- **New Wastewater or Water Extensions to Previously Un-served Areas.** The households/homes that will actually be connected to the wastewater or water line extensions. Service to newly-constructed subdivisions will not be funded due to environmental review requirements.
- **Flood and Drainage Improvements.** Households/homes within the recognized drainage basin.
- **Fire Protection.** Households/homes (buildings, vehicles and equipment) residing within the response area of the fire station; or using actual residential calls made by a fire station over the prior 12 month period, conduct a survey of those residences obtaining no less than 75% response rate.
- **Senior Citizen Centers and Community Centers.** Households/homes within the designated service area of the proposed center. If there is only one center in the community, the service area can be considered to be the entire community. If there is more than one center, then the Applicant must delineate the service area of each center. Senior Citizen Centers are presumed to benefit low and moderate income persons.
- **Demolition/Clearance/Removal of Junk and Debris and/or Abandoned Inoperative Vehicles.** Households/homes within the geographic area designated to receive the focus of the demolition, clearance and/or removal activities. Typically, the properties located within the geographic area designated to receive the demolition/removal activities are considered to be beneficiaries.
- **Provision of Accessibility for the Handicapped to Public Buildings.** The households/homes within the geographic area that receive services from the assisted public building(s). Providing handicapped access to a city hall would provide benefit to the households/homes in the entire city. Proposed handicapped access activities in connection with limited clientele facilities are presumed to benefit low and moderate income persons.
- **Street Improvements/Sidewalk Improvements.** The households/homes that have at least one property line abutting the improvement.

4. Identification of Other Project Funding Sources (Application Form Attachment C)

Match and leverage are not required for the grant, but should be identified if applicable to the project.

5. Certified Engineering Reports and Professional Cost Estimates (Application Form Attachment D)

Water and wastewater projects that require Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality construction permitting must have certified cost estimates from a professional engineer licensed to work in Oklahoma. For projects not requiring DEQ permits, professional cost estimates must be derived from architects, engineers, vendors, construction companies, or appropriate personnel to make such estimates, and submitted with the application.

6. Applicant Resolution (Application Form Attachment E)

Applications must include a Resolution passed by the governing body requesting CDBG assistance from the Tulsa County Urban County program. A sample Resolution is provided as Attachment E of the application.

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APPLICATION FOR FY2013 FUNDS

1. Name of Unit of Local Government _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

_____ Zip Code +4 _____

Phone Number _____ Fax # _____

FEI# _____

DUNS _____

Chief Elected Official _____

Clerk _____

2. Name of Staff Contact _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

3. Project Title, **Detailed** Description of Project
(Attach additional detail as needed. Provide Map)

4. Number of population served: _____

Census Tract/Block Group # _____

Household Income Survey _____

5 Project Budget Summary:

CDBG Funds \$ _____

Other Sources _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

The Applicant hereby certifies that all of the information contained in this application for community development assistance through the Tulsa County CDBG Urban County Program is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that all documentation supporting the information in this application is on file in the official offices of this unit of local government, available for review by Tulsa County/HUD during normal business hours. The Applicant also affirms that none of the activities set forth in this application have been initiated, nor shall they be initiated unless a grant has been awarded, a contract fully executed, and notice has been issued by Tulsa County that release of funds requirements have been met.

(Type) Name and Title of Chief Elected Official

Date

X

Signature of Chief Elected Official

[S E A L]

State of Oklahoma
County of _____

Attest:

Subscribed and sworn to before me _____, 20____.

Clerk

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
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BUDGET**

Name of Applicant: _____

Itemized Description of Construction Activity	Funding Source CDBG Grant	Funding Source City	Funding Source Other	Total Project Expenditures
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Construction Activity	_____	_____	\$ -	_____
Professional & Non Construction				
Engineering/Architect Funds	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
Inspection Funds	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other: Survey	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other: Publishing	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Professional & Non Const.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Administrative Costs				
Public Administrative Funds	\$ -----	_____	\$ _____	_____
Direct Administrative Funds	\$ -----	_____	_____	_____
Total Administrative Costs	\$ -	_____	\$ -	\$ -
Total Project Costs	#VALUE!	_____	_____	_____

Clerk/Notary Signature

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IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

Federal/State participation, if any (loans, grants, etc.) provide commitment letters.

Agency	Purpose	Amount	Present Status Comment

Other sources and amount of project financing including applicant's local contribution, if any.

Agency	Purpose	Amount	Present Status Comment
		\$	

X

Chief Elected Signature

Date

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Attach Certified Professional Cost Estimates/Engineering Report (where applicable)

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (24 U.S.C. 93-383 et seq.), (the "Act"), provides that Community Development Block Grant, ("CDBG"), funds may be used for the support of activities that provide decent housing and suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities principally for persons of low- and moderate-income; and,

WHEREAS, CDBG Regulations 24 CFR 570.307(a) allow counties having a total combined population of 200,000 or more from the unincorporated areas and participating incorporated areas to qualify as an urban county; and,

WHEREAS, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended, authorized the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, as a representative of the United States of America, to grant to Tulsa County funds and administrative responsibility for the Tulsa County CDBG Urban County program; and

WHEREAS, a Cooperation Agreement between Tulsa County and the City has been executed for the purpose of participation in the Tulsa County Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2011-2013; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the _____ that the City of _____ desires to obtain assistance in addressing community development needs and hereby requests the Tulsa County CDBG Urban County program to provide assistance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the _____ City Commission that the City of _____ affirms its commitment to take all action within its power to facilitate the receipt of the assistance of community development funds, and upon receipt to administer said grant by the rules and regulations established by the United States of America, the State of Oklahoma, Tulsa County and all empowered agencies thereof.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2013, at a (regularly or specially) scheduled meeting of the governing body, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. §§ 301-314 (2001).

(Type) Name and Title of Chief Elected Official

Signature of Chief Elected Official

(S E A L)

Attest:

Subscribed and sworn to before me _____, 20____

Clerk Signature