

Oregon Housing and Community Services Department

Community Development Block Grant

Funding from ARRA

For More Information

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Program Overview

The ARRA Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is not an Oregon Housing and Community Services program. ARRA CDBG funds will be administered through the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD) and designated entitlement government entities.

The ARRA CDBG program enables local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income. Under the Recovery Act, recipients shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days of the grant agreement.

Process for Making Awards

Grantees will prepare an action plan amendment. HUD will process the plans in an expedited manner, execute grant agreements, and make the funds available in each grantee's line of credit.

Eligible applicants include States, units of general local government that received CDBG Entitlement funding in FY 2008, non-entitlement jurisdictions in Hawaii, and Insular Areas.

ARRA Funding

Nationally, \$1 billion was awarded for CDBG through ARRA. Oregon's allocation of ARRA CDBG is as follows:

State non-entitlement allocation	\$3,837,579
Ashland	\$55,622
Beaverton	\$164,057
Bend	\$116,890
Clackamas County	\$569,949
Corvallis	\$145,487
Eugene	\$371,021
Gresham	\$236,604
Hillsboro	\$175,988
Medford	\$166,819
Multnomah County	\$81,318
Portland	\$2,726,586
Salem	\$390,778
Springfield	\$164,302
<u>Washington County</u>	<u>\$539,537</u>
Total Oregon	\$9,742,537

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Implementation

OECDD and entitlement entities will administer ARRA CDBG funds according to HUD guidelines. (For more information, see: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm>).

For the ARRA CDBG funds, over a one, two, or three-year period, as selected by the grantee, not less than 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. In addition, each activity must meet one of the following national objectives for the program: benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

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OHCS is the state housing finance agency, providing financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for lower income Oregonians. The agency also administers federal and state antipoverty, homeless and energy assistance community service programs.



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