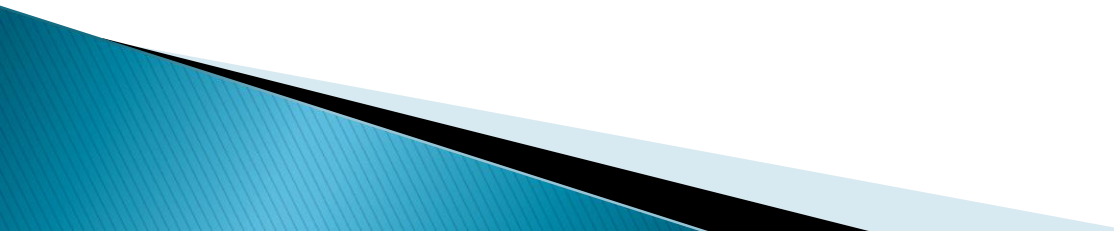




Community Development Block Grant CDBG Basics

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- ▶ Federal funds that are allocated annually through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - ▶ Wyoming's Annual Allocation has been as high as 3.5 million. Last year's allocation was approximately 2.5million
 - ▶ Cheyenne and Casper are considered Entitlement Communities and they receive their own CDBG allocation as does the Wind River Reservation.
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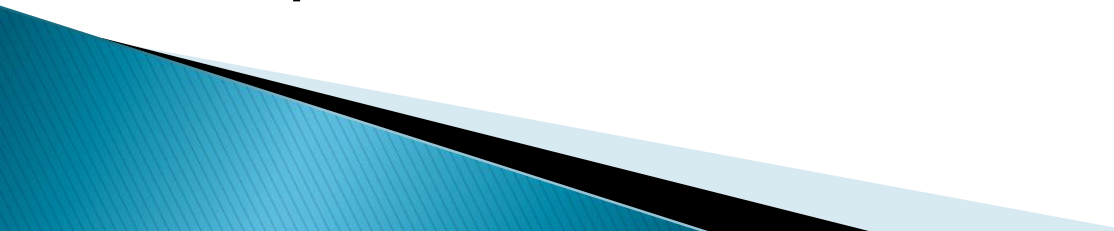
Eligible Applicants

- ▶ Who can apply?
 - Incorporated Cities, Towns and Counties are eligible applicants for CDBG
 - A local government sponsor can apply on behalf of a non-profit organization

Ineligible Applicants

- ▶ The Cities of Cheyenne and Casper
- ▶ Tribes (IDBG)

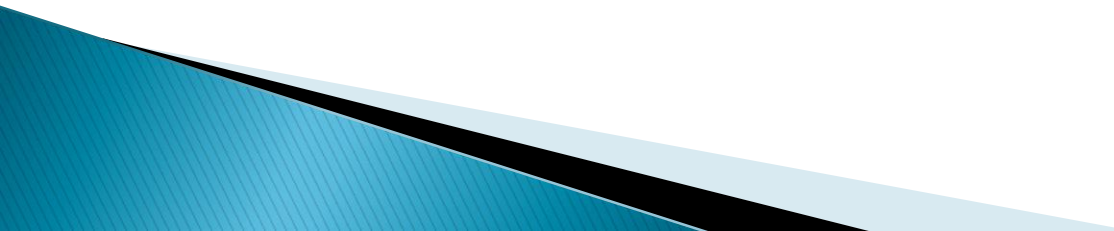
How many applications may be submitted?

- ▶ There are no “numerical” limits on the number of applications a local government can submit.
 - ▶ Limits are measured in terms of available matching funds and capacity to manage the grant administration.
 - ▶ Communities should also take into consideration the costs of the audits required.
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When are applications accepted?

- ▶ Twice a year if funds allow.
- ▶ For 2013, the deadlines are January 15th and July 15th

Application Types

- ▶ Community Development
 - Accessibility
 - Community Development Infrastructure
 - Community Facilities
 - Housing Facilities or Infrastructure
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Application Types

- ▶ Economic Development
 - ED Infrastructure
 - Downtown Development
 - Planning and Technical Assistance

More on Planning and TA

▶ Planning

- Community and Economic Development Plans
 - \$50,000 maximum with a 25% cash match
- Housing Plans
 - \$20,000 maximum with a 25% cash match
- Site Specific Feasibility Studies
 - \$15,000 maximum with a 25% cash match

Technical Assistance

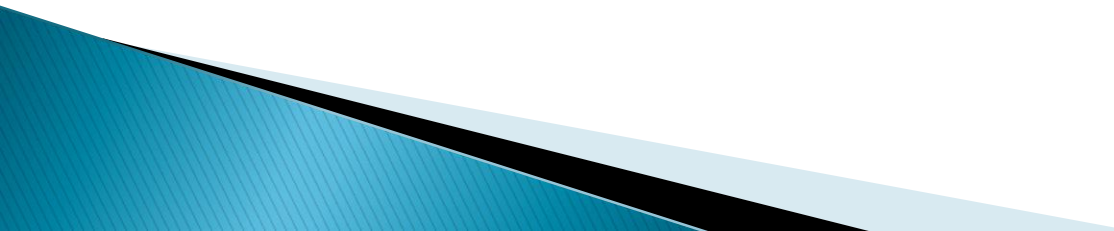
- ▶ Available to non-profit organizations AND for-profit businesses
 - Assists with capacity building
 - Business plans
 - Board training
 - Website designs
- ▶ \$7,500 maximum with a 25% cash match

Homeownership Assistance

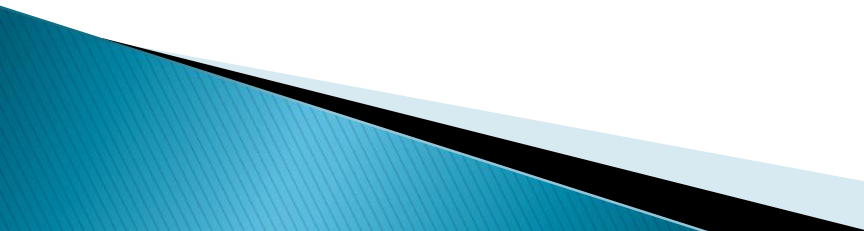
- ▶ Not available to individual applicants but more likely through a non-profit organization (and through the local government)
- ▶ \$40,000 Grant Maximum



Homeownership Assistance Can..

- ▶ Subsidize interest rates and mortgage principal amounts for low and moderate income homebuyers;
 - ▶ Finance the acquisition by low and moderate income homebuyers of housing that will be owner occupied by the homebuyers or will be their primary residence
 - ▶ Provide up to 50 percent of any down payment required from low or moderate income homebuyer; or
 - ▶ Pay reasonable closing costs (normally associated with the purchase of a home) incurred by a low or moderate income homebuyer.
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More on Homeownership Assistance....

- ▶ Direct homeownership assistance to expand homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income households. “Affordable” is defined as the total acquisition cost for a single family housing unit being less than or equal to \$160,000.
 - ▶ A homeownership assistance program funded by CDBG may not be combined with a down payment assistance program or interest rate subsidy program funded by the HOME Investment Partnerships Program or the Wyoming Community Development Authority.
 - ▶ Under homeownership assistance the maximum subsidy per unit is limited to \$5,000 per housing unit.
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Lesser known...but still available

- ▶ Convertible Loans
- ▶ Float Loans
- ▶ Job Training
- ▶ Section 108



Toto...I don't think we're in Kansas anymore...

Increasing competition for funds +

Changing federal requirements +

= New and improved application forms and procedures (aka more information that you must provide)



Ingredients for a Well Done CDBG Application

- ▶ Contact your Regional Director at the earliest sign you may want to cook up an application!!



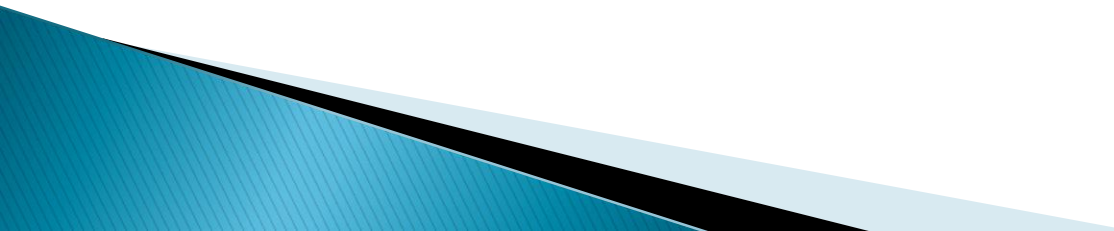
What is your National Objective?

- ▶ EVERY CDBG application/project must meet one of three national objectives.
 - Urgent Need (such as disaster assistance)
 - Elimination of Slum and Blight
 - Benefit to Low and Moderate Income
 - Area benefit

National Objective (Cont.)

- Limited Clientele
 - Abused children
 - Elderly persons
 - Battered spouses
 - Homeless persons
 - Disabled Adults
 - Illiterate Adults
 - Persons living with AIDS
 - Migrant Farm Workers
 - Housing Activity
 - Job creation or retention
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USE THE CHECKLIST

- ▶ Each CDBG application has a checklist that will aid in insuring your application will be substantially complete.
 - ▶ We reserve the right to request additional information if we deem it necessary to make a good funding decision or to better understand the project.
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Checklist Items

- ▶ Certification forms
- ▶ Proof of public involvement
 - Copy of ad, publisher affidavit
 - Meeting minutes
 - Resolution
- ▶ Letters of commitment
 - Match
 - Hiring requirements



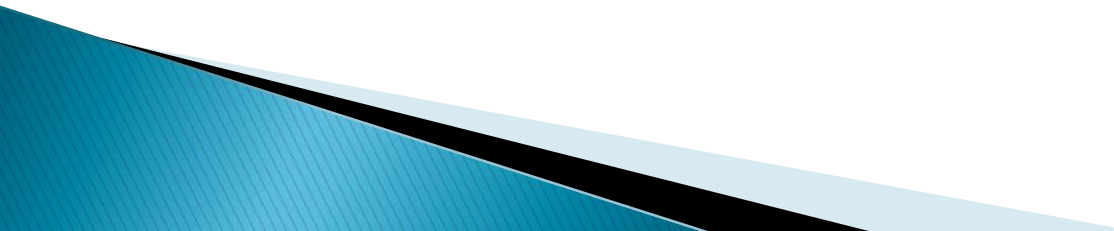
Check...Check...1,2,3,4....

- ▶ Budget
- ▶ Financials
- ▶ Business plan
- ▶ Sub-Agreements
- ▶ Certifications of Good standing
- ▶ Site plan/information

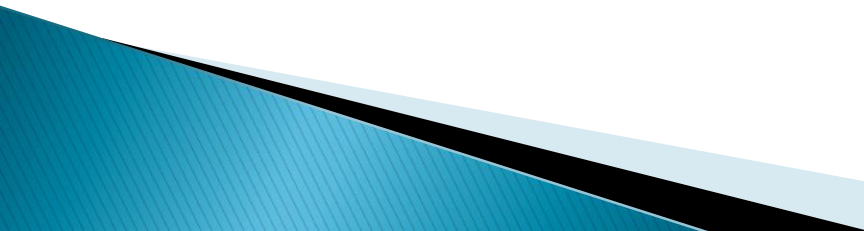


Performance Measures–Objectives

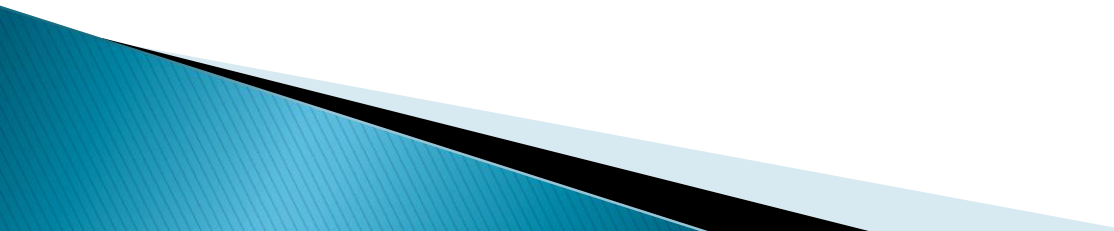
PROJECT OBJECTIVE. Which one will be met?

- ▶ **Suitable Living Environment** (Activities that benefit communities/families/individuals by addressing issues in their living environment)
 - ▶ **Decent Housing** (Housing activities that meet individual family or community needs; should not be used for activities where housing is an element of a larger effort)
 - ▶ **Economic Opportunity** (Activities related to economic development, commercial revitalization, and job creation)
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Performance Measures – Outcomes

- ▶ **PROJECT OUTCOME.** Which one will be met?
 - ▶ **Availability/Accessibility** (Activities that make services, infrastructure, housing, and shelter available and accessible. Note that accessibility does not only refer to physical barriers)
 - ▶ **Affordability** (Activities that provide affordability in a variety of ways. It can include creation or maintenance of affordable housing, basic infrastructure hookups, or services such as transportation or daycare)
 - ▶ **Sustainability** (Activities that promote livable or viable communities and neighborhoods by providing services or by reviving slums or blighted areas)
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Other Performance Measures

- ▶ Number of unduplicated beneficiaries
 - ▶ Number of Jobs created or retained
 - ▶ Conditions alleviated
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YOUR RESOURCES



- ▶ Regional Director

- ▶ WBC Website
 - www.wyomingbusiness.org

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