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CDBG

Partnering with Local Governments to Build Strong Communities

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NYS Association of Towns

OCR Programs

Federal

- NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME - Local Programs
- New York State Disaster Recovery
- Project Reinvest Financial Capability
- HUD Comprehensive Housing Counseling

How Does CDBG Work?

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CDBG Program Overview

CDBG is a federally funded program that provides funding to develop affordable housing, create suitable living environments and enhance economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons.

Eligible Applicants

Non-entitlement Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages

General Eligible Activities

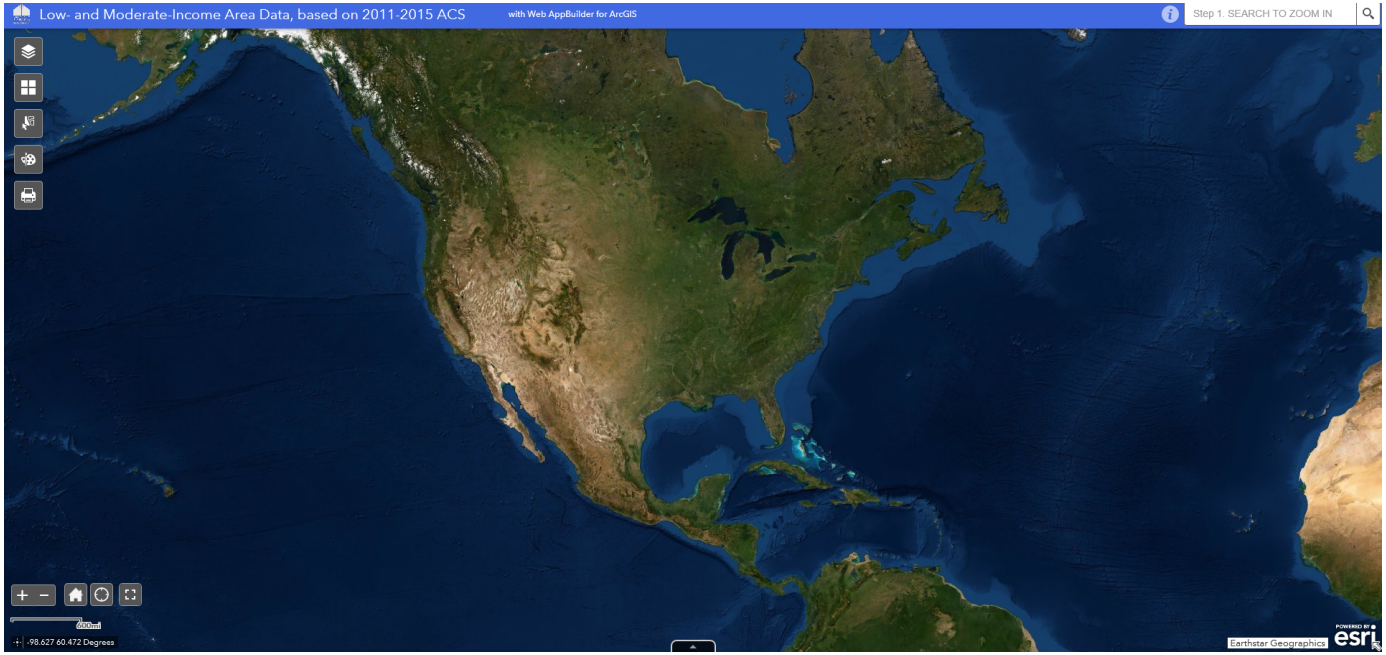
Activities that result in a benefit to low-and-moderate income persons

How to Apply

- Infrastructure/Facilities, Economic Development and Community Planning: Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)
- All Housing activities, Annual Competitive Round: Community Development Online (CDOL)

Meeting National Objective

Beginning March 2, 2020, the NYS CDBG will offer a new tool that can be utilized to determine the low-and moderate income levels of your community. The tool can be accessed now at https://hud.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ffd0597e8af24f88b501b7e7f326bedd, which will take you to:



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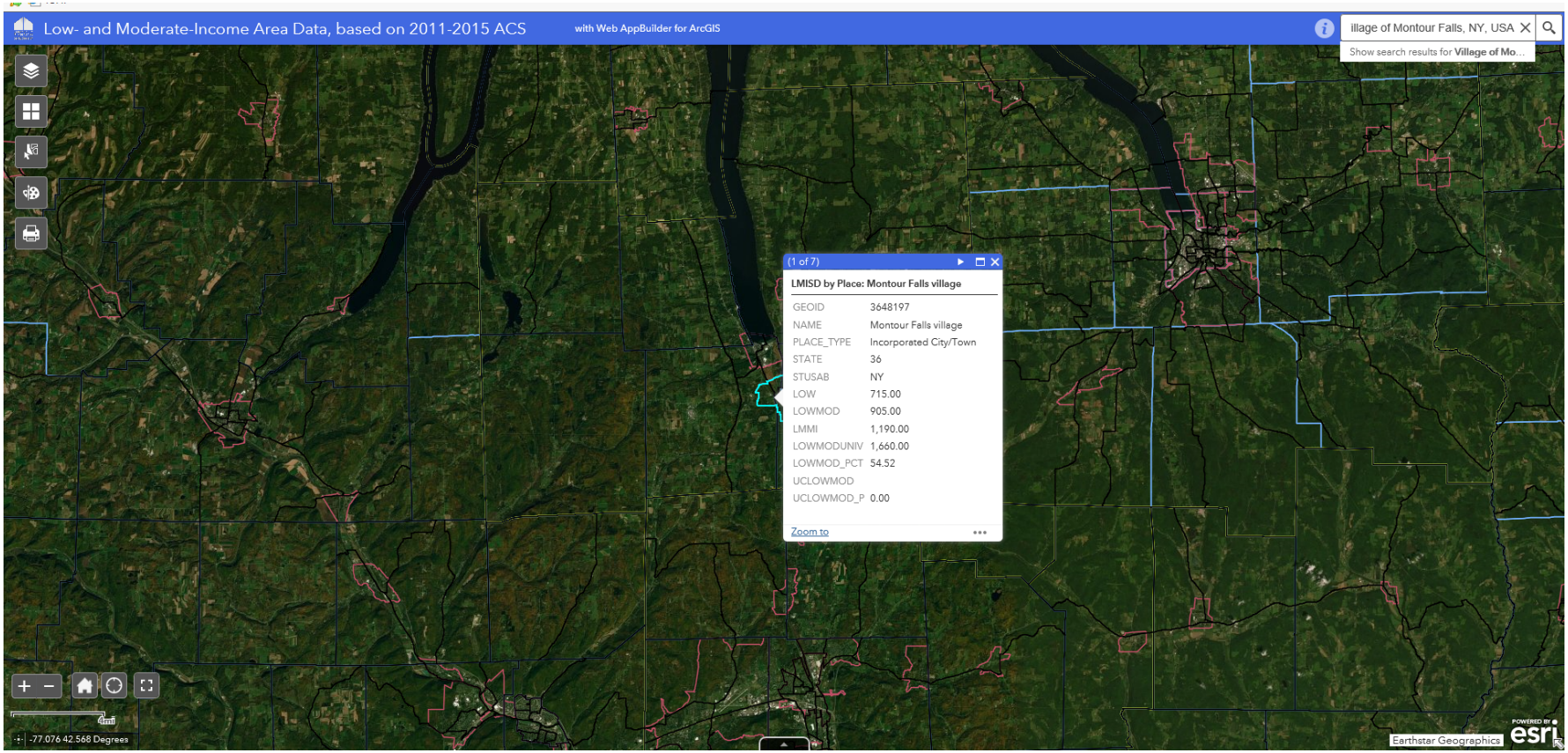
Meeting National Objective

In the search bar, enter the name of the Municipality, for example, Village of Montour Falls, and you will get this result:



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Eligible CDBG Activities

- Public Infrastructure
- Public Facilities
- Economic Development
- Small Business Assistance
- Microenterprise Development
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Manufactured housing replacement
- Homeownership
- Private Water/Wastewater Systems
- Community Planning
- Imminent Threat

Public Infrastructure

Improve infrastructure to low and moderate income areas

Typical activities:

- Public Water Systems
  - water source development, storage, and distribution
- Public Sanitary Sewer Systems
  - sanitary sewage collection and treatment
- Storm Water Systems
  - flood control and storm water drainage

Example Public Infrastructure

Village of Montour Falls, Steuben County

Example Public Infrastructure

Town of Martinsburg, Lewis County

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Example Public Infrastructure

Village of Middleburgh, Schoharie County

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Private Water/Wastewater Systems

Eligible activities:

- Drilling new private wells for drinking water
- Construction of new/replacement of existing septic systems
- Install lateral connections to public water or sewer
- Work inside a manufactured housing park may be eligible, including lateral connections

Community Planning

- Preliminary Engineering for Water or Sewer
- Asset Management
- Community Needs Assessments
- Downtown Market Analysis
- Housing Needs Assessments

Applying for CDBG Funding

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How to Apply for Funds

NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)

- Public Infrastructure/Facilities (Annual)
- Microenterprise (Annual)
- Community Planning (Annual)
- Economic Development (Open Round)
- Small Business Assistance (Open Round)
- http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov

Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants:

- Units of Local Government with populations of less than 50,000 and
- Counties with populations of less than 200,000

On March 2, 2020, the OCR will provide an updated statewide list of eligible communities for NYS CDBG. The list will be broken out by REDC Region, and then by County within each region. Refer to the list of eligible communities located at: https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant, then select Program Guidelines. The new

Funding Limits - 2020

Public Infrastructure

➢ Counties, Towns, Cities or Villages	$750,000
➢ Shared Municipal Infrastructure	$900,000
➢ Shared Municipal Infrastructure with NYS Co-Funding Initiative	$1,250,000
➢ With NYS Co-Funding Initiative	$1,000,000

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Administrative Funding Limits

- Public Infrastructure, Facilities and Housing for Administration, Program Delivery, Engineering and Architecture: 18% maximum of the CDBG requested funds
- Microenterprise: Up to 25% of CDBG award in program delivery, administration, and training
- Economic Development/Small Business: maximum $16,000 of CDBG funds for Administration and Program Delivery.

Scoring Criteria

Applications competitively rated and scored on:

- Project feasibility, all financing in place
- Ability to implement immediately
- Ability to complete in 24-months
- Administrative capacity
- CDBG and administrative performance history, if any
- Severity of need, and impact on identified need
- A complete description of activity
- Public benefit and support for the proposed activity
- Reasonableness of project costs, including program delivery & administration

Getting Ready to Apply

1. Collect data and evaluate local conditions/needs
2. Determine local priorities, choose projects, then determine funding to seek
3. Read the regulations & requirements
4. Evaluate local capacity to implement the project
5. Identify local partners
6. Identify available resources for project and complementary projects underway
7. Make sure current/previous funding is on schedule or closed satisfactorily

Application Tips and Other Requirements

Only eligible units of general local government may apply for CDBG assistance

Tips:

- Use the correct application
- Use the submission checklist to ensure completeness
- Document citizen participation (public hearing)
- Key deficiencies: failing to show administrative capacity, adequate funding, budget inconsistencies, readiness
- Don’t take choice limiting actions prior to award and clearance

Additional Information

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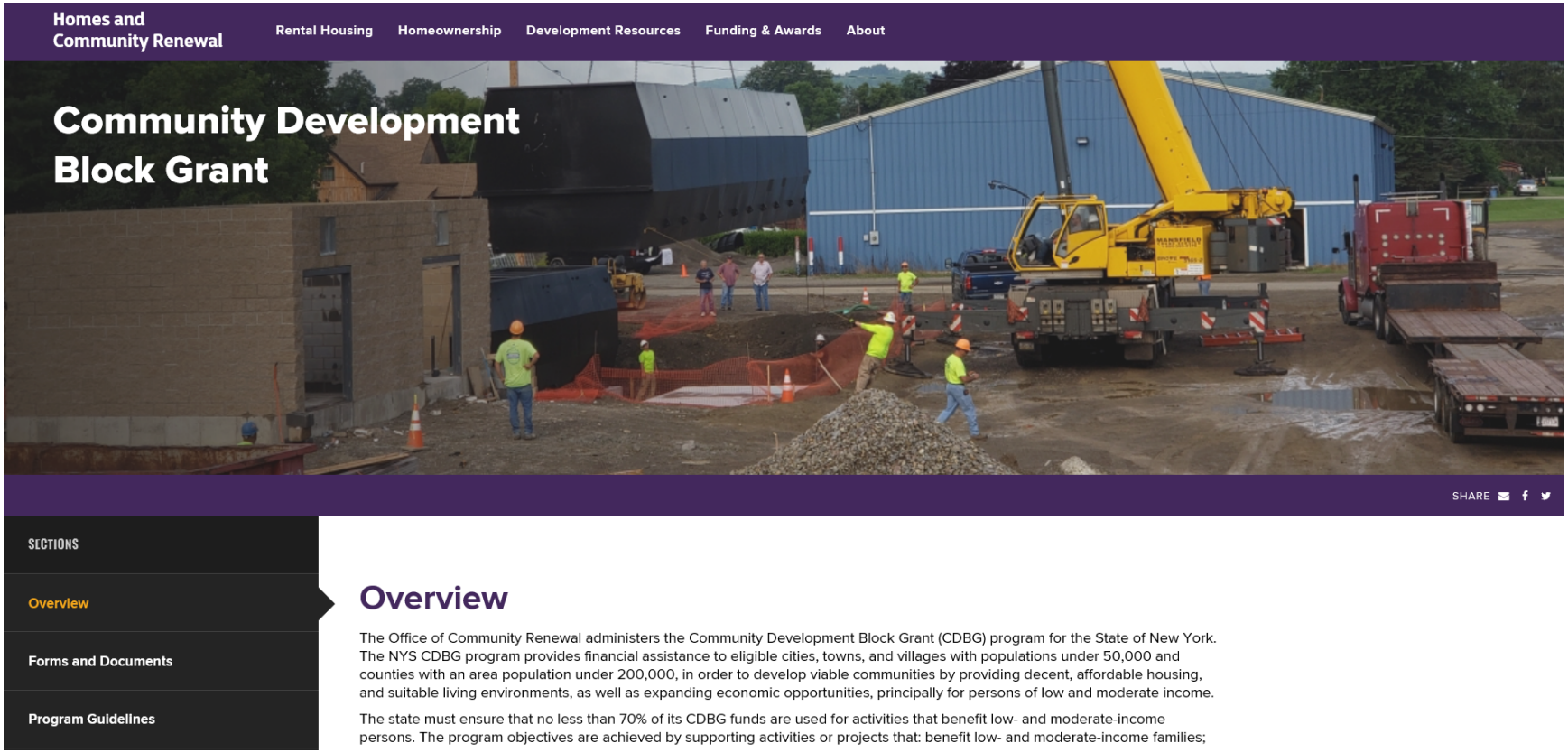
OCR Web Site

https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant



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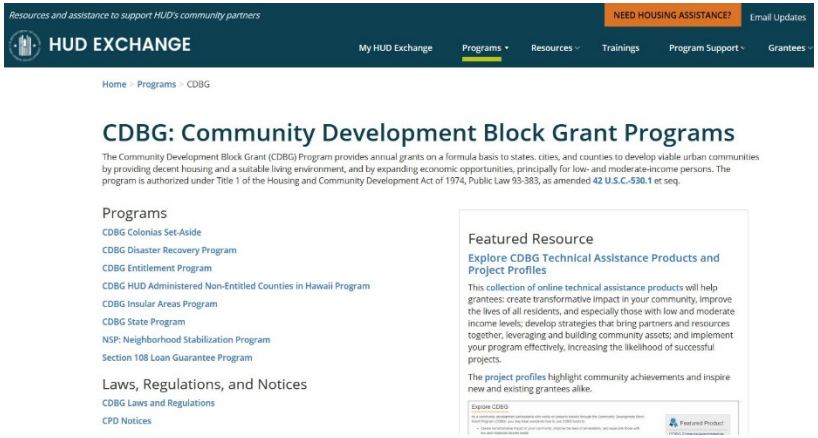
HUD Exchange

www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/

Source for:

- CDBG Rule: 24 CFR Part 570
- CPD Notices
- Basically CDBG manual/slides
- Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for the CDBG Program
- CPD income calculator
- Toolkits



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Questions

If you have any questions, please contact NYS OCR at ocrinfo@nyshcr.org

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