

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY

**NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY (NOFA) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

The Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended provides Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for projects that promote the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities, particularly for persons of low and moderate income.

Union County received \$1,115,096 CDBG allocation for FY 2022-2023. The new allocation for the upcoming fiscal year has not been announced by HUD. It is anticipated that the County will have approximately \$1,000,000 available for fiscal year 2023-2024 for competitive grant applications. The County invites submissions for projects for all eligible applicants. A general description of the type of eligible projects is summarized below. The list is condensed and simplified from CDBG guidelines. The County Manager's Office will review project submissions and make funding recommendations to the Union County Board of Commissioners. The funding is available in a limited target area. Eligible neighborhoods and/or beneficiaries must be located in Monroe, Marshville, Stallings, Waxhaw, Wingate, Weddington, Fairview, Wesley Chapel, Indian Trail and Mineral Springs or the unincorporated areas of Union County.

Program Goals:

- 1) Improve public facilities and infrastructure;
- 2) Provide public services for low-income residents;
- 3) Create intergovernmental coordination for community development;
- 4) Ensure equal access to housing opportunities; and
- 5) Strengthen economic opportunity through business and job creation.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES: To be eligible for CDBG funding consideration, projects must meet one of the following three national program objectives:

- 1) Benefiting low- and moderate-income persons;
- 2) Aiding in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight; or
- 3) Urgent need (i.e., emergency assistance for disaster relief)

Projects submitted under the low- and moderate-income objective can be qualified by one of two methods. It can be located and primarily serve residents within the "Eligible Area-Benefit Zones" or, it can be approved as a "Direct Benefit" project. A direct benefit project is one serving only low- and moderate-income individuals or households (not exceeding 80% of County median income), whose eligibility is determined by obtaining income and residency verification.

If the project is being submitted under the objective of aiding in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight, HUD requires documentation substantiating the slum and blighting conditions.

SUBMISSIONS: Proposals for projects must be submitted to the County no later than **Tuesday, February 28th, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.** Application forms can be obtained from Zsuzsi Kadar at zkadar@centralina.org or (704) 688-7033 or downloaded from Union County's website at <https://www.unioncountync.gov/>

There will be a virtual FY 2023-2024 CDBG Application Workshop held via Zoom on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.** Attendees will be able to access the virtual meeting via computer or telephone. To register for the virtual meeting, please contact Zsuzsi Kadar at (704) 688-7033 or at zkadar@centralina.org. Anyone needing special modifications when attending this meeting, has non-English-speaking needs and/or if this information is needed in an alternative format because of a disability, please contact Christina Danis at (704) 688-6502 or cdanis@centralina.org. We request at least 72 hours' notice prior to the meeting to make the appropriate arrangements.