

Clark County CDBG and HOME Funding

2026 Funding Guide

Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Criteria and Application Information

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Process Overview

DESCRIPTION

Clark County is a grantee and participating jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funding. This means that annually, Clark County receives an allocation of CDBG and HOME funds to develop community improvements and housing for areas and households that are low-income. This funding is contracted through the county to nonprofit agencies, housing developers and local municipalities to carry out proposed improvements that meet the federal regulations and identified needs in Clark County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The purpose of this request for application (RFA) is to solicit applications that address the identified needs and objectives of Clark County's Consolidated Plan. Responses should address at least one of the following goals:

- 1. **Public Facilities and Neighborhood Improvements**. This goal includes infrastructure improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. It also includes acquisition and improvements to facilities that provide services to the elderly, those with special needs, and other households with low income.
- 2. **Affordable Housing and Homelessness**. This goal maintains and improves the response to homelessness including rapid rehousing programs, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and construction or rehabilitation of affordable multifamily units.
- 3. **Asset and Economic Development**. This goal is to assist with microenterprise business development, homeownership activities and homeowner rehabilitation. Although homeowner assistance activities could also fit under the affordable housing goal, they are considered under this category because homeownership is also critical to wealth building and asset development for households with low incomes.
- 4. **Public Services**. This goal aims to support priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and the Community Needs Assessment and prioritized by the Urban County Policy Board (UCPB). For this current RFA, the public service types being solicited are, in no particular order (1) Health Services (Including Dental), (2) Mental Health Services, (3) Transportation, (4) Child Care, (5) Food Assistance, and (6) Housing Counseling.

The Clark County Community Action, Housing and Development program provides funds for eligible community development activities that benefit persons earning low- to moderate-income. Funds are allocated annually through a competitive process. Approximately \$2.874 million in funding is anticipated to be available this year.

Category	Estimated Amount Available
Public Facilities and Neighborhood Improvements	\$282,000
Asset and Economic Development	\$282,000
Affordable Housing and Homelessness	\$2,085,000
Public Service	\$225,000

The Urban County Policy Board sets aside annual allocations for two programs: \$400,000 for the county's Housing Preservation Program and a variable amount for housing-focused case management suppor for Tenant-based Rental Assistance programs based on the amount of rental subsidies awarded. These amounts are included in the available funding for Affordable Housing and Homelessness in the table above. Amounts available are subject to change based on actual allocations designated by HUD through the annual federal funding process and amount of reprogrammed funding available at the time of funding awards.

RFA Process

There are multiple steps for the complete RFA process. Applicants are responsible for completing each step by the designated due date.

Notice of Funding Availability

When funding becomes available, Clark County announces the opportunity to apply through a News Release to all local media and posts information to the county's social media platforms. Staff also notifies all interested stakeholders by email. To be added to the stakeholders list, contact Nooreen Ebrahim: Nooreen.Ebrahim@clark.wa.gov or 564-397-7834.

Application Access

Applications are completed through Neighborly Software, an online grant management system. Applicants can start the application process at: https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/clarkcountywa/Participant

Additional program information can be found on our website at www.clark.wa.gov/community-services/cdbg-and-home-applications.

Pre-application

The pre-application includes Sections A and B and is used by county staff to determine preliminary eligibility of the agency and the project. Responses to the pre-application may trigger additional information requests before the applicant is able to move on to the full application. Passing the pre-application and moving to the full application does not guarantee project or agency eligibility to be selected for funding. The pre-application is mandatory and is due by October 31, 2025.

Full Application

The remaining sections comprise the full application and include requests for detailed project information, timeline for project accomplishments and proposed budget. The full application is due by December 5, 2025.

Staff Review and Technical Corrections

Staff may request technical corrections before applications are released to the scoring committee. Applicants will receive notification via email if corrections are needed.

Application Presentation

Applicants are invited and expected to provide a brief presentation to the Urban County Policy Board at their February meeting. Presentations should focus on the application, not the agency. Staff will email applicants additional information in January.

Scoring and Awards

The Urban County Policy Board (UCPB) is responsible for reviewing and scoring all applications and recommending funding awards. The pre-application sections are only reviewed by the UCPB scoring committee if the full application is deemed eligible by county staff. There are no points awarded for the pre-application. Each application can earn up to 100 points. Each question in the full application indicates how many points can be awarded based on the quality of the response. The majority of points are awarded by the UCPB scoring committee. Questions with set criteria or where points may be deducted are scored by county staff.

Funding recommendations are made by the UCPB at their March meeting. Applicants are encouraged to attend. Staff will send an email notification to all applicants with the results of the funding recommendations and next steps. Funding recommendations are then sent to the Clark County Council for approval to submit to HUD.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Qualifying nonprofit organizations under IRS Section 501(c)(3) and public organizations may apply for funds. Private individuals and for-profit entities are not eligible for funding awards.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be registered with SAM.gov in good standing.
- Participate in E-Verify.
- Demonstrate fiscal capacity for a cost reimbursement contract.

CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

<u>Tenant-based Rental Assistance</u> (TBRA) provided as a result of this RFA will take place in Clark County or within the city limits of Woodland.

TBRA programs are intended to run from January 2027 to December 2027.

<u>Multi-family housing</u> projects provided as a result of this RFA located within Vancouver city limits must benefit Clark County residents and also receive funding from the City of Vancouver.

A contract awarded for multi-family housing projects as a result of this RFA must be complete within four years including securing all other funding.

County staff will work with awardees to ensure contract period of performance meets the needs of the activity and HUD guidelines. Extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Budget adjustments up to 30% of the original award may be approved if funding is available. Budget adjustments over 30% will require a substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan and completion of the public comment process as noted in the Citizen Participation Plan. Contract amendments are not guaranteed.

RFA TIMELINE

The 2026 funding cycle for all CDBG and HOME applications is as follows:

October 1, 2025	Applications open	
October 9	Pre-submittal workshops 11:00AM PST – 12:00 Noon	
	Details and links here: https://clark.wa.gov/community-services/cdbg-and-home-	
	<u>applications</u>	
October 27	Pre-Application Technical Assistance drop-in online 2:00PM – 3:00PM PST	
	https://clarkwa.webex.com/clarkwa/j.php?MTID=mdebd6c2cc2260513dfbd1979	
	<u>7d140899</u>	
October 31	Pre-Application due. Applicant Information and Eligibility Verification sections	
November 18	Technical Assistance drop-in online 1:00PM – 2:00PM PST	
	https://clarkwa.webex.com/clarkwa/j.php?MTID=m11130800759209b988d9bde	
	<u>ee36278e9</u>	
December 1	Deadline to submit questions	
December 5	Full applications due	
December/January	Staff review, request for technical corrections	
January 2026	Applications provided to Urban County Policy Board (UCPB) Scoring Committee	
February 9	UCPB applicant presentations	
March 9	UCPB project scoring and awards announced	
May	Public Hearing with Clark County Council approval to submit Action Plan to HUD	
Summer/Fall	HUD releases 2026 funding upon approval of Clark County Action Plan	
January 1, 2027	Contracts executed and ready to proceed	

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND QUESTIONS

Clark County staff highly encourage potential applicants attend the Pre-submittal Workshop on **Thursday**, **October 9 starting at 11AM PST**. This workshop will provide an overview of the application process and requirements and is an opportunity to discuss potential applications directly with staff. The workshop will be available using a hybrid model in person and online.

In-person: Online:

Clark County Public Service Center https://clarkwa.webex.com/clarkwa/j.p
1300 Franklin Street- 6th Floor Training Room hp?MTID=m2c41ab48cecd344ae0cf34f7

Vancouver, WA 98660 <u>9523bfb3</u>

The workshop recording and presentation will be made available on our website at https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-services/cdbg-and-home-applications.

Clark County staff will be available during two, virtual technical assistance drop-in sessions. Applicants can join at the links below.

Monday, October 27 from 2-3PM PST.
 https://clarkwa.webex.com/clarkwa/j.php?MTID=mdebd6c2cc2260513dfbd19797d140899

Tuesday, November 18 from 1-2PM PST.
 https://clarkwa.webex.com/clarkwa/j.php?MTID=mab94a1ef169cb512ae31a51c05981b97

Questions regarding this Request for Application must be directed in writing, via email, to Nooreen. Ebrahim@clark.wa.gov. The deadline for submitting such questions is **December 1, 2025**. Answers will be issued to all applicants no later than December 3, 2025.

OTHER PROGRAMMATIC REQUIREMENTS

Administrative Review

County staff may conduct an administrative review of an applicant's agency to determine the level of risk the county is undertaking if awarded funds. The administrative review is a pass/fail determination. Indicators used to determine if an administrative review is required include the age of the agency, if the agency is new to working with Clark County Community Services, if the agency is new to working with federal funds, or if there are any pending lawsuits or recent disciplinary action against the agency. Applicants will be notified by email if an administrative review is required and provided conditional approval to move forward with the application process.

If an administrative review is necessary, the applicant will answer several questions about their organizational, operational, and fiscal structures. Applicants will be required to submit the following documents:

- Most recent financial statements, AND
- Financial audit or review if available, AND
- Financial policies and procedures

Additional questions or documents may be requested as needed. Applicant's will be notified of the outcome of their administrative review as quickly as possible. If the applicant fails to provide all of the requested information before the full application deadline, the application will be denied.

Anti-Lobbying Certification

All bidders must complete and submit an Anti-Lobbying Certification. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure. A template is available in Neighborly to download, sign

and upload.

Application and Funding Guidelines

The Clark County Urban County Policy Board Application and Funding Guidelines are approved by the Urban County Policy Board to provide direction in the operation of the Clark County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships programs. Noted as *UCPB Guidelines* in Neighborly, applicants are required to certify that they have read and understand the policies described in the document when submitting the application. The document is available in Neighborly and on our website at https://clark.wa.gov/community-services/cdbg-and-home-applications.

Buy America, Build America (BABA) Act

Recipients of an award of federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure are hereby notified that none of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:

- 1) all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States--this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- 2) all manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States—this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and
- 3) all construction materials are manufactured in the United States—this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

For more information: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/baba/

Clark County General Terms and Conditions

Recipients of a contract shall follow all requirements in the Clark County Community Services General Terms and Conditions located at https://clark.wa.gov/community-services/general-terms-and-conditions.

Conflict of Interest

"Organizational conflict of interest" means that, because of other activities or relationships with other persons or firms, the Proposer (including its principal participants, directors, proposed consultants or subcontractors) would be unable or potentially unable to render impartial, technically sound assistance or advice to Clark County; or the Proposer's objectivity in performing the Work would or might be otherwise impaired.

The Proposer certifies to the best of its knowledge and believes that neither it nor any of its principal participants and agents has any relationship with any firms or individuals that are, or appear to be, an organizational conflict of interest. A template is available in Neighborly to download, sign and upload.

Davis Bacon/Prevailing Wage

Federal Davis Bacon and Washington State prevailing wage rules are in effect for any construction activities. These require the tracking and payment of Davis Bacon/prevailing wage rates and may increase the overall project cost. Exceptions to prevailing wage (not Davis Bacon) requirements may apply when the county funds only pay for non-construction costs (e.g. land acquisition or soft costs) or are provided in the form of an interest-bearing loan.

For more information: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/davis-bacon-and-labor-standards/

Debarment, Suspension and other Responsibility Matters

Applicants shall certify to the best of their knowledge and belief that neither it nor any of its principals:

- 1. Are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from submitting bids or proposals by any federal, state or local entity, department or agency.
- 2. Have within a five-year period preceding the date of this certification been convicted of fraud or any other criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) contract, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.
- 3. Are presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally charged with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph 2 of this certification.
- 4. Have, within a five-year period preceding the date of this certification had a judgment entered against contractor or its principals arising out of the performance of a public or private contract.
- 5. Have pending in any state or federal court any litigation in which there is a claim against contractor or any of its principals arising out of the performance of a public or private contract.
- 6. Have within a five-year period preceding the date of this certification had one or more public contracts (federal, state, or local) terminated for any reason related to contract performance.
- 7. Have paid all taxes the bidder or proposer owes to a public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, and otherwise complied with the tax laws of this state or a political subdivision of this state including, but not limited to ORS 305.620. 310.630 to 310.706, 320.005 320.150, 403.200 to 403.250 and ORS chapters 118, 314, 316, 317, 318, 321 and 323.

Environmental Review

As part of the contract preparation process, the county will conduct an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). **No funds will be formally committed nor expended, and NO work can be undertaken until the completion of this review.**

Completion of the environmental review process is mandatory, before taking any choice-limiting actions, including the expenditure or commitment of federal or non-federal funds. Prohibited actions include any physical action on a site such as demolition, movement, rehabilitation, conversion, repair or construction. Further, the agency may not execute a purchase and sale nor a construction contract prior to environmental clearance.

To expedite the process, the county proceeds with the required environmental review and information gathering prior to the contract being signed. The agency may be required to furnish data, information and assistance as part of the environmental review.

E-Verify

To be considered responsive to any formal Clark County RFA, all applicants shall include with their response a recent copy of their E-Verify MOU or proof of pending enrollment. The awarded contractor shall be responsible to provide Clark County with the same E-Verify enrollment documentation for each subcontractor (\$25,000 or more) within thirty days after the sub-contractor starts work. Contractors and subcontractors shall provide a report(s) showing status of new employee's hired after the date of the MOU. The status report shall be directed to the county department project manager at the end of the contract, or annually, whichever comes first. E-Verify information and enrollment is available at the Department of Homeland Security web page: https://www.e-verify.gov/.

Fair Housing/Non-discrimination

Fair Housing is the right of all people to be free from discrimination in the rental, sale or financing of housing. Equal access to rental housing and homeownership opportunities, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status (the presence of children under 18) or disability, is the cornerstone of federal Fair Housing Policy. Local cities and counties that receive certain federal housing or community development funds have a role in affirmatively affirming Fair Housing.

Projects awarded federal funds are required to ensure that all persons have access to services and that a person is not denied services because of their race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status,

or mental or physical ability. The State of Washington carries additional protections for persons experiencing discrimination based on a person's marital status, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability and the use of a trained dog guide or service animal, and honorably discharged veteran or military status. Applicants must be prepared to establish, amend, or maintain program admissions, occupancy, and operating policies and procedures (including policies and procedures to protect individuals' privacy and security), so that equal access is provided to individuals based on any of the above listed protected classes.

HOME Affordability and CDBG Restricted Use Periods

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that certain activities funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds be restricted for a specific amount of time dependent on the amount of investment, type of funding, and type of activity.

The <u>HOME Affordability Period</u> is the amount of time that a project must remain affordable and is subject to additional monitoring requirements outlined in a Deed of Trust, Promissory Note, and/or Covenant that is recorded against the property.

Funding Amount/Activity Type	Affordability Period
Less than \$15,000 HOME investment per unit	5 years
\$15,000 to \$40,000 HOME investment per unit	10 years
Greater than \$40,000 HOME investment per unit	15 years
New construction (regardless of per unit investment)	20 years
Refinancing of rental housing (regardless of per unit investment)	15 years

The <u>CDBG Restricted Use Period</u> is the amount of time that a project must meet an eligible National Objective serving low- to moderate-income individuals and is subject to additional monitoring requirements outlined in a Deed of Trust, Promissory Note, and/or Covenant that is recorded against the property. Only investments into public facilities and homebuyer assistance are subject to the CDBG Restricted Use Period.

- Public facility projects require a Restricted Use Period of five years beyond the contract period, which expires at the end of any loan repayment period.
- Homebuyer assistance activities follow the HOME Affordability Period requirements.

Insurance

Agencies that are awarded funds shall obtain insurance coverage that meets Clark County standards. Each contract will be reviewed by Risk Assessment to identify the full insurance requirement needs. At minimum, agencies will need:

- Commercial General Liability. Contractor shall maintain \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate limits in annually renewing occurrence-based Commercial General Liability (CGL) insurance coverage. A "claims-made" policy" is not acceptable. In no event shall the deductible exceed \$10,000. Contractor agrees that its CGL policy is primary and non-contributory and waives its right of subrogation.
- Automobile Liability. If vehicles are to be used in the performance of work under this Contract, Contractor shall provide the County with proof of \$1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage in annually renewing occurrence-based Automobile Liability insurance coverage for all owned and non-owned vehicles. If vehicles are not used, the Contractor shall provide the County with a written declaration on company letterhead stating that no vehicles will be used in the performance of the Contract. Contractor agrees that its Automobile Liability policy is primary and non-contributory and waives its right of subrogation.

- Workers' Compensation. Contractor shall maintain Workers' Compensation insurance coverage in compliance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Title 51 or provide evidence that State law does not require such coverage.
- Professional Liability. Contractor shall maintain Professional Liability insurance coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 for any one (1) incident. At all times, Contractor's policy, limits, and coverage will be primary and non-contributory to any coverage maintained by Clark County.

Additional Insurance Requirements:

- Clark County, its officers, employees, and agents, shall be named on the Commercial General
 Liability and Automobile Liability policies of Contractor and any subcontractors as an Additional
 Insured with no restrictions or limitations concerning products and completed operations.
 Coverage shall be primary and noncontributory to any coverage maintained by Clark County. The
 contractor shall provide Clark County with verification of insurance and endorsements required by
 this Contract. Clark County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required
 insurance policies at any time.
- All insurance shall be obtained from an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Washington. Insurance certificates shall list Clark County as a Certificate Holder as follows: Clark County Washington Community Services, Attn: Contracts Unit, PO Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666-5000.

Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures for Tenant-based Rental Assistance programs will be required within 10 days of contract execution and must be approved by county staff. Policies need to include:

- Eligibility into the program (income, housing status, recertification process, CPD Income Calculator, etc.)
- Program entry/referral process (must be from HSC)
- Property standards (HQS, rent reasonableness, FMR)
- Lease requirements
- What services are available
- Reasonable accommodations
- Services delivered with accessibility and cultural competence
- Best practices incorporated in service delivery
- Data collection and reporting
- Program termination/non-renewal of services
- Grievance process
- Recordkeeping (5 years after assistance ends)

Reporting

Applicants will be required to submit quarterly reports from the time of award through the final payment of the project. Agencies must be able to report unduplicated individuals/households served, race and ethnicity and income level of persons served, and other program specific data. Quarterly report templates are provided by Clark County through Neighborly.

In accordance with Executive Orders enacted by the federal government, recipients of funding may be required to use SAVE, or an equivalent verification system, to prevent services from being provided to an ineligible alien who entered the United States illegally or is otherwise unlawfully present in the United States. This provision does not pertain to activities using the low/mod area benefit National Objective where beneficiaries are determined using Census Tract Block Groups for income eligibility.

Additional reporting may be required depending on the type of activity provided.

Retainage

Clark County will withhold 10% of the contract amount as retainage for all construction related projects. Retainage cannot be released until all project requirements are met. County staff will provide notice when retainage can be invoiced.

SAM Registration

Applicants must have, or obtain, an active registration with the federal System for Award Management (SAM). To register and get a Unique Entity ID (UEI) number visit: https://sam.gov/entity-registration. Registered entities UEI should be entered in the appropriate field on the Neighborly application. SAM registration expires after one year. There is no cost for SAM registration.

Section 3 - Economic Opportunities

The Section 3 program requires that recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent possible, provide training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons, especially recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.

For more information: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/section-3/.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS

If an applicant has a grievance about the outcome of their application through this request for application, they are encouraged to discuss their concerns with Clark County Community Services Program Manager Michael Torres at Michael.Torres@clark.wa.gov. If this discussion does not result in a satisfactory outcome, the applicant may request the grievance be considered by Clark County Community Services Director, Vanessa Gaston who has final decision in all grievances.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Nooreen Ebrahim, Program Assistant: Nooreen.Ebrahim@clark.wa.gov - 564-397-7834 Rebecca Royce, Program Coordinator II: Rebecca.Royce@clark.wa.gov - 564-397-7863 Michael Torres, Program Manager: Michael.Torres@clark.wa.gov - 564-397-7801

Resources

	Document	What is it?	Where can I find it?
	UCPB Application and Funding Guidelines	Describes guidelines and policies for the Urban County Policy Board's funding decisions.	https://www.clark.wa.gov/co mmunity-services/cdbg-and- home-applications
	CDBG and HOME Q and A	Document with frequently asked questions – grouped by topic.	nome-applications
All Projects	Resource Library	Guidelines, policies, resources and template documents.	
All Pr	Income and Rent Limits	Current limits for household income and rental amounts for HOME units or TBRA.	https://www.clark.wa.gov/co mmunity-services/cdbg-and- home-documents
	CDBG Procedures Manual	Requirements for CDBG funding, including procurement, environmental review, and labor requirements.	https://clark.wa.gov/commu nity-services/community- development-block-grant
	Guide to CDBG Eligible Activities	HUD document describing types of activities that can be undertaken with CDBG funding.	
CDBG Specific	Guide to CDBG National Objectives	Details three types of objectives for CDBG funding: low/mod benefit, eliminating slum/blight and other urgent needs	
	Table showing low- income areas	Table of Census Tracts and Block Groups in Clark County that are eligible for CDBG area benefit activities.	
	CDBG Activity Definitions	Definition of CDBG activities and their regulations. Refer to pages 9-12 for Public Services.	https://clark.wa.gov/commu nity-services/cdbg-and-home- applications
	HOME Procedures Manual	HOME requirements for rental projects, homebuyer activities, tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) and CHDO qualifications.	https://clark.wa.gov/commu nity-services/home- investment-partnerships- program
	Fair Housing for HOME Participants	Understanding compliance with fair housing laws for HOME activities, including TBRA.	https://www.hudexchange.inf o/programs/fair-housing/
ecific	Tenant Based Rental Assistance Core Components	Describes program requirements for rapid-rehousing, currently required for HOME-funded TBRA	https://endhomelessness.org /resource/core-components- of-rrh/
	Evergreen Sustainable Development Criteria	Describes sustainable construction methods for HOME construction projects	https://www.wshfc.org/mhcf /EvergreenStandard.htm
HOME Specific	Tenant Based Rental Assistance Q and A	Document with frequently asked questions specifically about TBRA – grouped by topic.	https://clark.wa.gov/sites/de fault/files/media/document/ 2025-01/tbra-qanda- 1.16.25.pdf

Neighborly Application Overview

Neighborly is an online grant management system that will be used for application submission, application scoring, submission of quarterly reports, and loan management.

The link to access Clark County's Neighborly site is:

https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/clarkcountywa/Participant

**If you are getting a blank page when trying to begin an application with the county, it may be because you are using a City of Vancouver account for a Clark County application. Make sure you are in the Clark County Portal.

Register in the top right corner to set up a new account. Start a New Application by choosing the corresponding category for your project.

Dublic Facilities	Accet and	Affordable	
Public Facilities	Asset and	Affordable	
and Neighborhood	Economic	Housing and	Public Services
Improvements	Development	Homelessness	
 PUBLIC FACILITIES Community Center/Social Service Facilities construction or rehabilitation Emergency shelter construction or rehabilitation 	 New construction or rehabilitation of single-family housing Homeownership assistance Land Acquisition or infrastructure for single-family development 	 CONSTRUCTION New construction or rehab of multi-family housing Acquisition of existing units or land for multifamily development Conversion of an existing structure for 	Staff and program operation costs for the following priority services: • Physical health • Mental health • Dental assistance • Transportation • Childcare • Food
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS • Street and sidewalk improvements • Water and sewer improvements • Parks and recreational facilities	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT • Microenterprise development	use as affordable housing TBRA • Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA) programs	 Housing counseling Renters only as part of an independent program
recreational facilities improvements			

If you have a question about which application category you should choose, contact Rebecca Royce at Rebecca.Royce@clark.wa.gov or (564) 397-7863.

At the bottom of each screen you have the option to "Save" or "Complete & Continue" to the next section.

Save Complete & Continue

Important!

- Information will not automatically be saved if you do not click Save!
- Click "Complete & Continue" at the end of each section. If you need to go back to make changes, you can reopen the section later.
- Use "Complete & Continue" to skip a section that doesn't apply to your application.



For Neighborly technical support, click the help button at the bottom right of the screen.

Application Overview

The following sections list each question by section of the application in Neighborly. The guidance provides clarification and insight for each question, how many points are available for each question and scoring guidance provided to the UCPB scoring committee.

SECTION A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

A1-A11. ask for agency details such as contact information, UEI and EIN numbers.

• More information about the transition to UEI numbers and how to get one can be found here: https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei.

Upload the following documents. More information about these requirements can be found in Other Programmatic Requirements.

- Anti-Lobbying certification (template available in Neighborly)
- Conflict of Interest and Debarment Certification Form (template available in Neighborly)
- E-Verify MOU

These questions are not scored by the committee.

SECTION B. ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

Answers to questions in this section will help staff determine if your agency and application are eligible for funding.

B1. How much HOME funding do you anticipate applying for?

- Provide the amount of funding that your agency anticipates applying for.
- For construction projects, the minimum request is \$50,000 and the maximum is \$400,000.
- For TBRA, the minimum request is \$50,000 and the maximum is \$300,000 including administrative dollars.
- This amount is an estimate for planning purposes. Applicants will have the ability to adjust the amount requested during the full application process.

B2. Please briefly describe your proposal and how the funds will be used.

- Provide a brief overview of the project with enough detail to determine eligibility. An in-depth description will be required in the full application.
- Include what assistance/services the project will provide and where the activity(ies) will take place.
- Detailed project information will be provided in section C for construction projects and section D for TBRA.
- Clearly describe what activities will be funded by CDBG and/or HOME funds.

B3. Provide the project location or program service area. How will you target residents of Clark County who live outside the city limits of Vancouver.

- Enter the specific address of the project, if known.
- If a project area, clearly describe the parameters of the service area.
- Briefly describe how this proposal benefits residents of Clark County outside the city of Vancouver.

B4. Describe the population to be served. For example, people who have a disability, low/moderate income or are elderly.

- Include all populations that will benefit from the activity.
- Other populations could include persons experiencing homelessness, individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, persons with behavioral health conditions, survivors of domestic violence, etc.

B5. Select the option that best describes the applicant organization.

- The provided options are Nonprofit, Local government, Public Housing Authority, Faith-based organization, Community Development Housing Organization (CHDO) and For-profit organization.
- B6. Within the past five years, has the agency had disciplinary action by a state or federal agency that are pending or lawsuits that went to final disposition and resulted in payment to plaintiff? If yes, please explain.
 - A text box for explanation will appear if you select 'Yes'.
 - Contact county staff with any questions about this question.

B7. Was your organization established less than five years ago?

- If operating for less than 5 years, an administrative review of your agency will be required. See RFA Process for more information.
- Contact county staff with any questions about this question.
- B8. Does your agency have the fiscal capacity for a cost reimbursement contract? Please note that because the county operates on a 30-day pay schedule, your agency must maintain at least 15% of the funding request as cash on hand at all times in order to meet this requirement.
 - Federal regulations require that funds be contracted as cost reimbursement. All costs must be accrued and paid by the contractor before invoicing the county. Clark County's standard payment schedule is 30 days from a complete and accurate invoice.
 - See Section 34 of the General Terms and Conditions.
 - Contact county staff with any questions about this question.

B9. I or staff working with this program have attended or watched a recording of the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Pre-submittal Workshop.

• The recording of the Pre-Submittal Workshop can be found on the county website through the following link. https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-services/cdbg-and-home-applications.

Submit this portion of the application for County review. Staff will review described activities to determine if the application is submitted under the right application type, the proposal meets a HUD national objective and describes eligible activities, and the project will be located in a qualifying area. Applicants will receive an email notifying them if their application is approved to move forward with the application process. Agencies may be asked to submit additional agency documentation depending on responses to questions B6-B8.

Sections A and B are due no later than October 31!

SECTION C. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- C1. Enter the total amount of funds requested. The maximum request is \$400,000.
 - Minimum request is \$50,000, maximum is \$400,000.
 - If this project is in Vancouver city limits it must also receive funding from the city of Vancouver as a joint project. Enter the amount requested and/or awarded by Vancouver under City of Vancouver Request.
 - Other resources include the total amount of other funds, including in-kind contributions, that will be put into the project. You will describe these funds in question C16.
 - Responses to this question must match the budget table under C18.

NO POINTS AWARDED

- C2. Need: Describe the need that this proposal will address and the proposed beneficiary characteristics. (i.e., income, age, behavioral health).
 - Describe the need for the project. Include notation to data used to determine the need.
 - Include characteristics of the proposed beneficiaries of the project.

20 POINTS POSSIBLE

Highest Scoring: Project is a critical need and cannot move forward without requested funding. **Mid-Range:** Project is a fairly high need for the community and requested funding is essential to budget. **Low Scoring:** Project is a medium need and could seek other funding options or wait for future funding cycle.

- C3. Solution: Describe how this proposal, including all funds, will address the needs identified. Define the measurable outcomes and how your proposed solution is the most effective at achieving those outcomes.
 - Describe why the proposed project is the best possible solution.
 - Describe the measurable outcomes the project will achieve and how they were determined.

20 POINTS POSSIBLE

Highest Scoring: Project is well-planned, and a detailed description is provided. Agency is very experienced. **Mid-Range:** Project planning is mostly complete with some variables yet to be determined. **Low Scoring:** Project planning is still underway.

- C4. Neighborhood: Enter the Census Tract of your project. Describe the neighborhood character, availability of public transportation, socioeconomic characteristics, education and cultural facilities, parks and recreation, commercial facilities, health care and other nearby social services. Explain fair housing and environmental justice considerations.
 - For additional information about fair housing and environmental justice, refer to the documents listed under Resources in this guide.

18 POINTS POSSIBLE

Highest Scoring: Housing is not in a low-income census tract and is within half-mile walking distance to bus stops, resources and services located within 3-mile radius.

Mid-Range: Housing is in a low-income census tract but has transportation and other resources nearby. **Low Scoring:** Housing is located with a concentration of other low-income housing or has limited transportation and services in the area.

No Points: Projects with no known location/address.

- C5. If any temporary or permanent acquisition/relocation is anticipated, indicate households/businesses to be displaced. Estimate should be based on the number of households/businesses currently occupying property.
 - Displacement and relocation is strongly discouraged. Contact staff to discuss.
 - Temporary or permanent displacement or relocation of any households or businesses requires notification, announcement, and help paying for relocation.
 - Include any household or business tenant occupying the property that *may* need to move, even temporarily, as a result of this project.
 - If relocation or displacement is anticipated, review the Clark County HOME policies and HUD Uniform Relocation Assistance requirements immediately.
 - Describe how the number of households/businesses was determined.

NEGATIVE POINTS

If acquisition (other than vacant land), displacement or relocation is anticipated, 20 points will be deducted from the overall score.

- C6. Describe the total number of households to be served in each income range and the characteristics of these households.
 - Mixed income developments include a combination of units that support households with incomes at 0-30%, 30-60%, 60-80% and above 80% AMI. Market-rate units are used to subsidize units for low-income households.
 - Priority populations include: Tenants with behavioral health disorders, HIV/AIDS, intellectual or developmental disability, senior (62+), homeless, chronically homeless, needing ADA accessible units, unaccompanied homeless youth, homeless families with children

15 POINTS POSSIBLE

5 points will be awarded for each: Consolidated Plan priority addressed, Mixed Income Development, Units at 0-30, Priority Population Served

C7. Does this proposed project make targeted, strategic investments in housing and other assistance for people experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness?

NO POINTS AWARDED

- C8. Coordination: How is this proposal coordinated with other services such as case management? Describe the role of other partners that will provide services to assist clients. Upload MOU and/or Tenant-Service Plan, if available.
 - Describe partnerships with other agencies in the community.
 - Provide details about the roles each agency has in serving beneficiaries of this project.
 - Upload partner MOUs and/or Tenant Service Plan, if available.

2 POINTS POSSIBLE

Full points: Project has established partnerships or staff to assist residents with resources or social activities.

- C9. Sustainability: Describe how the project incorporates sustainable building principles and universal design. Specifically address Evergreen Sustainable Development Criteria located in the Resource Library.
 - Describe partnerships with other agencies in the community.
 - Provide details about the roles each agency has in serving beneficiaries of this project.
 - Upload partner MOUs.

Highest Scoring: Project will utilize multiple energy efficiency and green building development techniques. **Mid-Range:** Project will use some energy efficiency measures to keep tenant utility costs low.

Low Scoring: Project does not integrate sustainability standards.

C10. Management: Describe how this project will be completed and managed throughout the affordability period. List any other projects that are currently underway or in development. Describe your agency/team's experience with similar projects and discuss previous outcomes.

3 POINTS POSSIBLE

Highest Scoring: Details several years' experience with federal funding requirements and positive outcomes with similar projects.

Low Scoring: Has minimal experience with federally funded housing projects.

- C11. Service Access: People of color struggle disproportionately with homelessness, displacement and unaffordable housing. Clark County is committed to serve all communities, removing barriers to fairness in representation, opportunity and access, and providing equal opportunity for very low-income families of all ethnic backgrounds. Describe how this proposal will ensure equitable outcomes for underserved populations.
 - Tell us about underserved communities in your project area. Include demographics and other factual data in your response. (no points awarded)
 - How have you connected to these communities in planning for this project?
 - What feedback were you provided from these communities?
 - What specific steps is this project taking to ensure the housing opportunities created are accessible to underserved communities?
 - How will you make economic opportunities associated with construction of your project available to underrepresented or underserved communities?
 - Please identify how this proposal will benefit underserved populations in Clark County.

UP TO 2 POINTS FOR EACH QUESTION, 12 POINTS POSSIBLE

Highest Scoring: Provides clear and compelling commitment to service access, provides service personalization and/or policy examples.

Mid-Range: Describes some understanding of service access, few details or examples.

Low Scoring: Provides little to no understanding or program examples of accessible services.

- C12. Describe the tasks and timeframe of the project. Discuss project readiness to proceed and possible delays (waiting for other funding, weather, right-of-way, etc.).
 - Describe the process of the project.
 - If previous projects did not start on timeline proposed, explain what will be done to keep this project on time.

NO POINTS AWARDED

- C13. Does your agency have previous county allocated CDBG or HOME awards that have not been completed? When will these programs be completed?
 - List any projects that have been awarded to your agency for CDBG or HOME funds that have not been completed.
 - Include a brief status description of each project and how your agency plans to get timely.

UP TO 5 POINTS DEDUCTED

Points will be deducted for agencies with more than one pending project.

C14. Timeline: Please include all significant project milestones.

- Click Add Row to start your response. Add as many rows as needed for the project.
- Add the task and estimated completion date for each task (month and year).
- Example tasks include engineering and design, bid process, construction, close-out.

NO POINTS AWARDED

C15. Use of Funds: Describe specifically how the HOME funds awarded from this application will be used. For example, HOME funds will be used for property acquisition.

NO POINTS AWARDED

- C16. Budget Summary: Discuss the other funding that will be used including the anticipated award date and any terms and conditions of the proposed funding. Please note that at least 25% nonfederal match is required by HUD include the source of matching funds.
 - Describe all other funds that will be used to complete this project.
 - Indicate which funds are part of the City of Vancouver Request, if applicable.
 - If funds are not already committed, include the anticipated award date and terms and conditions of the funds.
 - Include the source of match funds.
 - Federal funds cannot be match to other federal funds.
 - Only funds that directly support the project can be used as match.
 - If using in-kind sources, complete the In-kind Match Valuation form at bottom of screen.

NO POINTS AWARDED

- C17. How much funding is set aside for contingency costs for this project? Explain how you determined this amount.
 - Indicate the percent and/or amount of funds set aside for contingency for soft costs (design, engineering, etc), construction and financing.
 - Describe how the percent and/or amount was determined.

NO POINTS AWARDED

- C18. Construction Projects. Amounts must match those provided in question C1. Amounts listed as In-kind must be supported with an In-kind Match Valuation and Explanation form.
 - Enter the amount of funds in the corresponding budget category and type of funds.
 - County request column total must match the amount indicated in C1.
 - Total amount of all other columns must match the combined amount indicated under City of Vancouver Request and Other Resources in C1.
 - Total amount from all sources must match the Total Project Cost indicated in C1.

NO POINTS AWARDED

Upload documentation that supports the project including a Project Proforma, Financial Checklist and Rent Worksheet. Templates are available in Neighborly. Applicants do not have to use the templates provided if an equivalent is provided.

Upload supporting documents from the upload list as available.

SECTION D. TBRA

- D1. Enter the total amount of funding requested. The maximum HOME request is \$300,000 inclusive of rent assistance and administrative funding. Administrative funds cannot exceed an agency's federally approved cost indirect rate or 15% de minimis rate.
 - Minimum request is \$50,000, maximum is \$300,000.
 - Total of HOME Rent Assistance and HOME Admin columns cannot exceed \$300,000, and Admin costs cannot be rounded up.
 - Clark County CDBG Amount is for TBRA Supportive Services including housing-focused case management funding to support HOME rent assistance.
 - Funds are automatically included for awarded programs.
 - Amount cannot exceed 30% of the total HOME request.
 - Amount is inclusive of staffing, client services and administrative funds.
 - Other resources include the total amount of other funds, including in-kind contributions, that will be put into the program. You will describe these funds in question D17.
 - Responses to this question must match the budget table under D18.

NO POINTS AWARDED

- D2. Need: Describe the need that this proposal will address and the proposed beneficiary characteristics. (i.e., income, age, behavioral health).
 - Describe the need for the program. Include notation to data used to determine the need.
 - Include characteristics of the proposed beneficiaries of the program.

20 POINTS POSSIBLE

Highest Scoring: Program is a critical need and cannot move forward without requested funding. **Mid-Range:** Program is a fairly high need for the community and requested funding is essential to budget. **Low Scoring:** Program is a medium need and could seek other funding or wait for future funding cycle.

D3. Solution: Describe how this proposal, including all funds, will address the needs identified. How is your proposal the most effective solution?

10 POINTS POSSIBLE

Highest Scoring: Program is well-designed, and a detailed description is provided. Agency is very experienced.

Mid-Range: Program design is mostly complete with some variables yet to be determined. **Low Scoring:** Program design is still underway and/or this is a new program for the agency.

D4. Enter the total number of households to be served between 0 and 60% AMI. Total should indicate number of unduplicated households served.

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- D5. Priority Populations: Describe the households to be served by your program. Priority populations include Veterans, Youth (18 24), and People who are Chronically Homeless. What percentage of the households you plan to serve will be a priority population?
 - Enter the percent of the total households planned to serve who will identify as at least one of the priority populations.

1 point for each 10% of the populations identified.

- D6. Other Homeless Priorities: Will 50% or more of the households you serve have a behavioral health issue, be exiting a system of care, or be unsheltered?
 - Indicate if 50% or more of the households you serve have a behavioral health issue, are exiting a system of care, or be unsheltered.
 - If less than 50%, provide the percentage of households that meet these characteristics.

5 POINTS POSSIBLE

Highest Scoring: More than 50% of households served will meet these priorities. **Mid-Range:** More than 20% but less than 50% of households will meet these priorities.

Low Scoring: Less than 20% of households will meet one of the additional homeless plan priorities.

- D7. Management: Describe the management structure and staffing of your program. Include how staff will be trained to effectively deliver evidence-based practices. Describe your experience providing similar program models and discuss the outcomes your program has achieved.
 - Include staff to client ratios and organizational structure specific to this program.
 - Describe training available to staff.
 - Indicate if your agency has administered this or a similar program previously. Include outcomes achieved by those programs.

5 POINTS POSSIBLE

Highest Scoring: Management and staff experienced with HOME TBRA program and can demonstrate successful outcomes; 35 or fewer clients per case manager

Mid-Range: Higher caseload or less experience with federally funded TBRA programs.

Low Scoring: Limited experience or training, high caseload, cannot demonstrate previous positive outcomes.

- D8. Rapid Rehousing: Describe the evidence-based practices that will be used and how the program will meet a Rapid Re-Housing model.
 - Refer to the Rapid Re-Housing Core Components in the Resource section of this guide.

10 POINTS POSSIBLE

Highest Scoring: Includes outcomes for each of the areas noted plus other outcomes specific to the program. Proposed outcomes seem reasonable, and agency has history of successfully delivering outcomes. **Mid-Range:** Program meets all RRH components and plans to incorporate some best practices. **Low Scoring:** Program is working toward utilizing all three RRH components and learning best practices.

- D9. Outcomes: What are the anticipated outcomes for this program? Describe how this program will support the goals of the Five Year Local Homeless Housing Plan.
 - Enter the proposed number for each of the following system-level outcomes: successful exits to permanent housing, percent of chronically homeless households anticipated to be served, median length of time households will be in the program.
 - Include proposed outcomes for program specific goals in addition to the system-level outcomes.

Highest Scoring: Includes outcomes for each of the areas noted plus other outcomes specific to the program. Proposed outcomes seem reasonable, and agency has history of successfully delivering outcomes. **Mid-Range:** Includes some but not all outcomes noted, proposed outcomes seem difficult to achieve, and/or agency has fallen short of proposed outcomes in the past.

Low Scoring: Does not include outcomes noted, outcomes seem unlikely, and/or agency has not met past proposed outcomes.

D10. Using the Council for the Homeless dashboard, provide the following one-year outcomes for your existing program. If this program is new, enter N/A.

Agency outcomes that are more than 5% below the system level data are considered below average; outcomes within 5% above or below the system level data are considered average; outcomes more than 5% above system level data are considered above average.

- Use the System Dashboard located on Council for the Homeless' website: https://www.councilforthehomeless.org/system-dashboard/
 - Update Report End to June and change Report Type to Year
 - For System Level Data, enter:
 - Chronic Move-Ins = 87%
 - Percent Returning = 15%
 - Permanent Exits = 76%
 - Unsheltered Entries = 89%
 - For Agency Program's Data:
 - Select your Rapid Re-Housing program only (hover over house icons to find your existing program)
 - In Neighborly, enter the data for the outcomes identified: Chronic Housed; Percent Returning; Permanent Exits; Unsheltered Entries
 - Agency's that have not administered a TBRA program in the previous 3 years will enter N/A for the Agency Program's Data. No points will be given.
 - For programs serving populations that the system does not report on specific outcomes (domestic violence survivors, for example), enter N/A.
 - For each outcome enter Below Average, Average or Above Average based on the following criteria:
 - Chronic Move-Ins: The goal is to increase the number of chronically homeless households served/housed in programs. Below Average is a percent more than 5% less than system average; Above Average is a percent more than 5% higher than the system average.
 - Percent Returning: The goal is to decrease the number of households who re-enter the HCRS after successfully exiting up to 2 years ago. Below Average is a percent more than 5% more than system average; Above Average is a percent more than 5% less than the system average.
 - Permanent Exits: The goal is to increase the number of households who exit to permanent housing. Below Average is a percent more than 5% less than system average; Above Average is a percent more than 5% higher than the system average.
 - Unsheltered Entries: The goal is to increase the number of households entering programs from literal homelessness. Below Average is a percent more than 5% less than system average; Above Average is a percent more than 5% more than the system average.

UP TO 2 POINTS PER OUTCOME, 8 POINTS POSSIBLE

2 POINTS: Each outcome that is confirmed to be above average (more than 5% above system level data)
1 POINT: Each outcome that is confirmed to be average (within 5% above or below system level data)
NO POINTS: Each outcome that is confirmed to be below average OR if this is a new program for the agency.

**Points will be adjusted for programs serving populations not reported at the system level to ensure 8 points are possible.

- D11. Coordination: Is your program coordinated with other services such as employment or credit repair? Describe the role of other partners that will provide services to assist clients. Upload MOU, if available.
 - Describe partnerships with other agencies in the community.
 - Provide details about the roles each agency has in serving beneficiaries of this project.
 - Upload partner MOUs.

Highest Scoring: Application details established partnerships with other agencies to assist in moving participants out of poverty.

Mid-Range: Partnerships not formally established but referrals to other agencies support tenants.

Low Scoring: Applicant operates independently to provide services to tenants.

- D12. Service Access: People of color struggle disproportionately with homelessness, displacement and unaffordable housing. Clark County is committed to serve all communities, removing barriers to fairness in representation, opportunity and access, and providing equal opportunity for very low-income families of all ethnic backgrounds.
 - Tell us about underserved communities in your program area. Include demographics and other factual data in your response.
 - How have you connected to these communities in planning for this program?
 - What feedback were you provided from these communities?
 - How are you ensuring your services are culturally specific?
 - Are outcomes of households of color comparable to white households within your program?
 Provide specific data.
 - Please identify how this proposal will benefit underserved populations in Clark County.

UP TO 2 POINTS FOR EACH QUESTION, 12 POINTS POSSIBLE

Highest Scoring: Provides clear and compelling commitment to service access, provides service personalization and/or policy examples.

Mid-Range: Describes some understanding of service access, few details or examples.

Low Scoring: Provides little to no understanding or program examples of accessible services.

- D13. Describe the tasks and timeframe of the project. Discuss project readiness to proceed and possible delays (waiting for other funding, etc.).
 - Describe the process of the project.
 - If previous projects did not start on timeline proposed, explain what will be done to keep this project on time.

NO POINTS AWARDED

- D14. Does your agency have previous county allocated CDBG or HOME awards that have not been completed? When will these programs be completed?
 - List any programs or projects that have been awarded to your agency for CDBG or HOME funds that have not been completed.
 - Include a brief status description of each project and how your agency plans to get timely.

UP TO 5 POINTS DEDUCTED

Points will be deducted for agencies with more than one pending project.

D15. Timeline: Please include all significant program milestones. Please note that TBRA programs are intended to run from January to December the year following award.

- Click Add Row to start your response. Add as many rows as needed for the project.
- Add the task and estimated completion date for each task (month and year).
- Example tasks include marketing and outreach, client assistance, program close-out, etc.

NO POINTS AWARDED

D16. Use of Funds: Describe specifically how the CDBG and HOME funds awarded from this application will be used. For example, CDBG funds will be used for application fees and housing-focused case management; HOME funds will be used for rent and utility assistance.

- HOME funds are restricted to providing rent, utility, rental deposits, utility deposits and staff time to complete property standards inspections.
- CDBG funds are restricted to staffing and operations of the program and client services that help the household obtain or maintain their housing. Services must be housing-focused.

NO POINTS AWARDED

D17. Budget Summary: Discuss the other funding that will be used including the anticipated award date and any terms and conditions of the proposed funding. Please note that funds from the City of Vancouver are not considered matching funds, as they will not serve the same households as the County funds.

- Describe all other funds that will be used to complete this program.
- If requesting administrative funds, include your federally approved indirect cost rate (ICR).
- For uncommitted funds, include the anticipated award date and terms and conditions.
- Include the source of match funds.
 - Federal funds cannot be match to other federal funds.
 - Only funds that directly support the households in the county funded program can be used as match.
 - If using in-kind sources, complete the In-kind Match Valuation form at bottom of screen.

NO POINTS AWARDED

D18. TBRA Budget. Amounts must match those provided in question D.1. Amounts listed as In-kind must be supported with an In-kind Match Valuation and Explanation form.

- Enter the amount of funds in the corresponding budget category and type of funds.
- The County HOME Request column is for Rental Subsidies and 2 CFR Part 200 Administration.
 - Rental Subsidies include rent assistance, utilities and deposits.
- The County CDBG (30% of HOME) column is for Client Services, Program Operations and 2 CFR Part 200 Administration.
 - Client Services includes application fees, background checks, renters insurance required in the lease, and other fees required in the lease.
 - Program Operations includes housing case management staff time, office supplies, training and other costs directly related to operating the program.
 - Cannot exceed 30% of the County HOME Request amount.
- Administration costs cannot exceed your agency's ICR (if applicable) or 15% de minimis for each of the HOME and CDBG funds separately.

NO POINTS AWARDED

SUBMISSION

Applications are due no later than December 5!

Before submitting your application in Neighborly you must certify to the following:

- I have read and understand the UCPB Guidelines.
 - Guidelines are linked in Neighborly and also available for view on our website: www.clark.wa.gov/community-services/cdbg-and-home-applications.
- This agency has never been debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension".
- Our agency will not contract with a subcontractor that is debarred or suspended.
- The information contained in this application is accurate and complete.
- The information contained in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that final funding awards are based upon funding availability and the approval of the Clark County Council.
- I am authorized to agree to these certifications and submit this request for funding.

Once certifications have been made, electronically sign the application and county staff will be notified of your submission.

NEXT STEPS

IMPORTANT!

Once you submit the pre-application for federal funding you may not take any "choice limiting" actions on your project before an environmental review is completed.

- This means you may not spend either public *or private* funds, or execute a legally binding agreement for property acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, repair or construction pertaining to a specific site until environmental clearance has been achieved.
- Environmental reviews are undertaken by Clark County staff after funding recommendations are made. TBRA reviews can be completed quickly while construction projects can take up to one year to complete.

Staff will contact you if there are any follow-up questions regarding your application.