- **Rehabilitation & Preservation** Includes public and privately owned buildings, homes, low income public housing, accessibility, code enforcement, historic preservation, etc.

- **Planning & Capacity-Building** Includes community development plans, as well as studies on housing, land use, economics, recreation, energy, floodplain management, financing, transportation, and environment.

- **Administrative Costs** – Covers planning and implementation of the program.

There are also a few **ineligible activities:** buildings used for general conduct of government, general govt. expenses, and political activities.

Who Receives CDBG Funding?

- The County itself uses CDBG money, and will allot funds to local **nonprofit** organizations, with few exceptions.
- Through an application process, capable public and private nonprofit organizations are selected by County departments to receive funding.

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District 5 Donna Hayes

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CDBG Needs Citizen Participation

- Involvement of local citizens is critical for the CDBG Program to function to its fullest. In fact, Federal regulations require citizen participation at various stages of the program.
- Manatee County residents are encouraged to attend annual public meetings, designed to gather comments and suggestions on the effectiveness of CDBG.
- In particular, Manatee County would like to hear from residents who are associated with the program's "primary objective," which is to assist low and moderate income individuals and neighborhoods.

Questions?

If you have any questions or would like to receive additional information regarding the local CDBG Program, please contact Suzie Dobbs, Community Development Manager, at (941) 749-3029 x3937 or via email at suzie.dobbs@mymanatee.org

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Manatee County Neighborhood Services

What is CDBG?

CDBG stands for "Community Development Block Grant."

The CDBG Program was first established in 1974 by Congress and administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

CDBG annually distributes Federal funds throughout the county. Manatee County first became eligible for CDBG grant money in 2002.

Why was CDBG created?

Congress started the CDBG Program to help urban communities of various sizes solve social, economic, and environmental problems.

Overcrowding, deteriorating building conditions, lack of public and private investment in housing and in related social services, and the improvement of low-income communities are a few of the practical issues that CDBG addresses at the local level.

How do we receive Federal funding?

Cities and counties must meet population-based eligibility requirements to receive Federal funding.

- When Manatee's countable population first exceeded 200,000 (excluding the municipalities of Bradenton and Palmetto) in 2002, the County began receiving CDBG funds by entitlement.
- On average, Manatee County is given a total grant of approximately $1.5 million every year.

Specific Objectives of the Program

- The CDBG Program has three National Objectives:
  1) To benefit those with low or moderate incomes.
  2) To aid in the elimination of slum and blight.
  3) To meet a particularly urgent community need when existing conditions pose a serious threat to health or welfare.
- At least 70% of the funds must be used for projects that meet the "primary objective" of benefiting low and moderate income persons.

The Annual Plan

► CDBG and other Federal community development grants are distributed yearly through the County's Action Plan, which is the annual budget update for the County's 5-year Consolidated Plan.

General Program Schedule*

January	Community Meetings Start
March	**Grant Application Available**
April	**Grant Applications Due**
June/July	Public Hearing on Action Plan and Budget
July/August	Action Plan Submitted to HUD
October 1st	Program Year Begins
September 30th (following year)	Program Year Ends

This is only a general schedule, and is therefore subject to change. Please contact the Neighborhood Services Department for current and official dates.

Eligible Activities in Manatee County

- Through the Action Plan, CDBG funding can be directed to any of over 20 eligible activities, all of which must meet one of the National Objectives.

Here in Manatee County, the grants typically fund the following activities:

- ***Public Facilities & Improvements*** – Includes park upgrades and expansion, street resurfacing, drainage, street lighting, and other infrastructure.

- **Public Services** – These include typical human service programs such as homeless assistance. (According to Federal regulations, no more than 15% of the County's grant may be used on public service activities.)
- **Micro Enterprise Assistance** Promotes training, technical assistance, support services, and certain financial support to small businesses with 5 or fewer employees.