

**City of Clarksville Office of Housing and Community Development:**

The Office of Housing and Community Development serves the diverse needs of residents through its participation in administering housing and community development grant programs funded by the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#). HUD provides eligible entitlement communities with annual grants that can be used to revitalize neighborhoods expand affordable housing and economic opportunities and/or improve community facilities and services, principally to benefit low and moderate income persons. HUD determines the amount of each grant an entitlement community receives by a formula which includes the extent of poverty, housing overcrowding, and age of housing and population growth lag in relation to other metropolitan areas. Specifically, there are two types of grants under the program for which the City is eligible: Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM** Authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Planning and Development Act of 1974, the CDBG Program provides eligible cities and counties of over 50,000 in population with annual formula-based grants. Grants can be used to revitalize neighborhoods, expand affordable housing and economic opportunities, and improve community facilities and services.

Funding received from HUD for CDBG activities or projects is used locally to meet priority community needs identified in the City of Clarksville’s Consolidated Plan. All activities carried out with CDBG funding must meet one of these National Objectives:

- Benefit low and moderate income persons;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight;
- Meet community development needs having a particular urgency (i.e., respond to a hurricane tornado or similar disaster).

Grant recipients must certify that at least 70% of HUD funds must be expended on behalf of LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS.

**Eligible Activities**

CDBG funds may be used for activities that include (but are not limited to):

- \*Acquisition of real property
- \*Disposition of property acquired with CDBG funds
- \*Public facilities and improvements
- \*Clearance activities (demolition and removal of substandard hazardous structures)
- \*Public services (such as child care, health services, job training, counseling, etc.)
- \*Relocation
- \*Housing services
- \*Homeownership assistance
- \*Housing rehabilitation
- \*Historic preservation
- \*Lead-based paint evaluation and reduction
- \*Economic development activities

- \*Neighborhood revitalization
- \*Energy conservation projects

For additional information regarding eligible activities contact the City of Clarksville **Office of Housing and Community Development at (931)-648-6133.**

### **Ineligible Activities**

The general rule is that any activity that is not authorized on the above list or in the regulations is not eligible to be assisted with CDBG funds. The following section identifies specific activities that may not be paid for with CDBG funding.

- \*Buildings used for the general conduct of government
- \*General government expenses
- \*Political activities
- \*Purchase of equipment, including construction equipment, fixtures, motor vehicles, furnishings, or other personal property (unless part of a public service or grant administrative expense).
- \*Operating and maintenance expenses, including maintenance and repair of streets, parks, playgrounds, water and sewer facilities, neighborhood facilities, senior centers, centers for persons with disabilities, parking and other public facilities and improvements.
- \*New housing construction
- \*Income payments for subsistence (welfare payments)

### **Eligible Recipients of CDBG Funding**

The City of Clarksville awards CDBG funding to non-profit organizations to carry out eligible CDBG activities that meet national objectives and local priorities.

**HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) GRANT PROGRAM** The HOME Program was authorized under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. The purpose of the HOME Program is to expand the supply of decent, safe affordable housing for low and moderate-income families.

### **Eligible Activities**

HOME funds may be used to:

- \*Provide home purchase or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers
- \*Construct or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership
- \*Acquire or improve sites for affordable housing development
- \*Demolish dilapidated housing to make way for HOME assisted development
- \*Provide tenant based rental assistance
- \*Pay Relocation costs associated with HOME housing projects

\*Pay soft costs related to HOME assisted housing projects

If you have any questions about the grant program, please contact us using one of the following methods:

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Clarksville, TN 37040

Phone: (931)-648-6133 or FAX: 931-503-3092

TDD NUMBER: (931) 221-0655

You may also find information on the city's website at [www.cityofclarksville.com](http://www.cityofclarksville.com)

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