



# **Mendocino County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

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# CDBG 2023 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

## HCD Announcement

- HCD announced Dec. 13th that it was transitioning to a new department-wide grants management system mid-2024.
- As HCD will need to issue the 2024 NOFA through this new system they are delaying launching of the 2024 NOFA (\$30 million) until the Summer/Fall 2024.
- The NOFA released in January 2024 was for the \$19 million balance of 2023 funds and limited to a smaller scope of eligible shovel-ready construction projects.

## 2023 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

- **Released January 31, 2024**
- **2023 NOFA:**
  - Allows one over-the-counter (OTC) competitive, shovel-ready application for housing, community development, or economic development project.
  - **Planning projects are not eligible.**
  - HCD defines **shovel-ready projects** with the following documentation of readiness at the time of application:
    - Independent cost estimate,
    - Completed NEPA environmental review record for the project,
    - Bid-ready plans and specs,
    - Certification from an engineer that plans and specs are bid-ready,
    - Certification that bid documents are ready,
    - Detailed construction timeline,
    - Demonstration and certification that a jurisdiction has the capacity and knowledge to manage the project,
    - Demonstration and certification of the experience of a developer.

# REVIEWED CDBG PROJECT IDEAS

3 Project Criteria for Eligibility: meet a National Objective, be an Eligible Activity & be a Shovel Ready housing, community development, or economic development project.

## Project Ideas from County Requests

- **Mill Creek Park ADA Bathroom**  
(Only eligible project for 2023 NOFA)
- Sheriff's Office utility & ADA corridor
- County library & museum feasibility studies
- ADA transition plan update

## Project Ideas from Community Listening Sessions (Jumpstart)

- Affordable & workforce housing development projects
- Broadband expansion
- Water & sewer expansion
- Sidewalk repairs & beautification projects in unincorporated areas
- Microgrids/solar/energy projects
- Regional community resiliency/disaster centers
- Food security & distribution

## Project Ideas from Jan. 8th Public Hearings

- Covelo
  - Skatepark & community park development
  - Fire hydrant & water systems
  - Further vehicle abatement
  - Reliable transportation
  - Home improvement program for seniors
  - Emergency housing
- Laytonville
  - Resource center support & transportation planning
  - Address food desert/food access
- Redwood Valley
  - Water system development and security
  - School redevelopment for housing
  - Downtown development/beautification
  - Sidewalks, bike & pedestrian trails (school-park)
  - Developing the Grange as a disaster relief & community resource center
- Hopland ADA road project & water system
- Support of apprenticeships, schools, and training programs.
- Community Resiliency Center (NCO, RCHDC, USC)
- Down payment assistance for first time homebuyers

# Mill Creek Park ADA Bathroom Upgrade

Current Mill Creek Park Bathroom



Proposed Mill Creek Park ADA Bathroom



# CDBG NEXT STEPS

## Board Review & Direction

- Staff requests final direction and approval on the project to be submitted to HCD for the 2023 NOFA.
- This meeting also fulfills HCD's requirement of a posted public hearing and resolutions authorizing the use of PI funds.

## Program Income Use FY23-24

\$263,278.05	Business Assistance Loan Program Amendment
\$163,195.33	Economic Development Technical Assistance
\$300,000.00	Yokayo Center Interior Lighting Upgrade
<b>\$131,751.96</b>	<b>Total remaining PI on hand</b>

## Application Submission

- With board direction, staff will develop and submit the County's application to HCD for the 2023 NOFA by HCD deadlines (applications open March 1 & close April 30).
- With board direction, staff will also develop and submit PI-only applications and amendments for PI projects to HCD.

## 2023 CDBG NOFA – Mill Creek Park ADA Bathroom

\$218,500	Activity ( <i>Construction + 15% Contingency</i> )
\$78,330	Activity Delivery ( <i>Planning, Staff – Program Management &amp; Reporting</i> )
\$20,778	General Activity ( <i>General Management, Application Development, etc.</i> )
<b>\$317,608</b>	<b>Total Project</b>



# Thank You

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