

**Love Louisiana Outdoors
Low/Mod Communities/Parishes
CDBG-CV Funds**

Due to the pandemic, local government entities are having to take action to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In the CARES Act, HUD was allocated funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. From that funding, the State of Louisiana has been appropriated \$44,336,196. The Office of Community Development-Local Government Assistance (OCD-LGA) has allocated \$16,750,000 of that amount for the development or rehabilitation of outdoor fitness and recreational parks in jurisdictions that meet the National Objective requirements of Low to Moderate Income Area Benefit [24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)(i) and 570.483(b)(1)(i)], to provide suitable space for activities to encourage physical distancing and support social distancing guidance. \$6,750,000 will be available on a non-competitive basis to parishes that have been determined to have a population of at least 51% low/mod persons, based on HUD summary data (see attached list), and \$10,000,000 will be available on a competitive basis to municipalities that are at least 51% low/mod, based on HUD summary data (see attached list), with allocations as follows:

Entitlement Parish:	\$1,500,000
Non-Entitlement Parishes:	\$5,250,000

Municipalities by Population (Based on HUD Low Mod Summary Data 2011-2015):

5,000 or more:	\$3,700,000*
1,000-4,999:	\$4,000,000*
1-999:	\$2,300,000*

**Allocation amounts are based on the number of municipalities in each population range (Based on HUD Low Mod Summary Data 2011-2015).*

Per Entity Grant Maximums (including Administration costs):

Entitlement Parish:	\$1,500,000
Non-Entitlement Parishes:	\$750,000
5,000 or more:	\$400,000
1,000-4,999:	\$225,000
1-999:	\$125,000

OCD-LGA reserves the right to make adjustments to allocations as needed in order to fully fund a project.

Eligible Activities:

Public Facilities Improvements – 24 CFR 570.201(c)

- Construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of a park, playground, or greenspace that is publicly-owned or to be publicly owned, where the service area is primarily residential and serving an LMI area, to provide outdoor recreation and fitness opportunities to residents while enabling appropriate social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Acquisition – 24 CFR 570.201(a)

- Property must be vacant prior to application.

Clearance & Demolition – 24 CFR 570.201(d)

Administration – 24 CFR 570.206

- Up to \$50,000
- Pre-agreement not allowed

Outdoor fitness and recreation parks must be open and available for public use by all residents of the jurisdiction. Options for handicap/disabled persons are required to be included in the design and construction of the facility. Reasonable fees may be charged for the use of the facilities assisted with CDBG funds, but charges such as excessive membership fees, which will have the effect of precluding low and moderate income persons from using the facilities, are not permitted. Federal procurement requirements apply to the use of these funds. CDBG-CV funding is only eligible to meet unmet needs within the jurisdiction. Jurisdictions receiving CDBG-CV assistance must agree to repay assistance that is determined to be duplicative.

Ineligible Costs:

- Clearance & Demolition on property with no end use related to COVID-19.
- Purchase of equipment and other moveable property (only permanent fixtures allowed).
- Indoor facilities, with the exception of restrooms.
- Fields or facilities for organized sports.
- Costs that have or will be paid by another source.

Performance Threshold Criteria

All applicants must meet the following performance threshold criteria in order to be eligible to apply:

- In compliance with financial requirements (not included on Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Non-Compliance list or list of Fiscally Distressed Municipalities)
- Current on year-end financial audit reports
- Auditor of most recent year-end financial report was able to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidence to provide a basis for their audit opinions
- In good standing with the LCDBG Program (not included on OCD-LGA Sanction List)

Parishes

Parishes invited to apply must complete the application document provided in the invitation and conduct a public hearing in conformance with LCDBG Citizen Participation requirements (available at <https://www.doa.la.gov/media/o2kik355/citizen-participation-requirements-for-lcdbg-applicants.pdf>). The completed application and documentation of the published notice for the public hearing must be submitted to the OCD-LGA by emailing the documents to Traci.Watts@la.gov by September 3, 2021.

Municipalities

Municipalities identified by HUD low/mod summary data (available at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/acs-low-mod-summary-data/acs-low-mod-summary-data-local-government/>) as having at least 51% low to moderate income persons must complete the attached eligibility form/letter of intent and conduct a public hearing in conformance with the LCDBG Citizen Participation requirements (available at <https://www.doa.la.gov/media/o2kik355/citizen-participation-requirements-for-lcdbg-applicants.pdf>). The completed eligibility form/letter of intent and documentation of the published notice for the public hearing must be submitted to the OCD-LGA by emailing the documents to Traci.Watts@la.gov by 4:30 PM on September 10, 2021. Information needed in the eligibility form/letter of intent can and should be provided by the local government without assistance from consultants/engineers, if the applicant intends to use CDBG-CV funds to pay for professional services. Municipalities that submit eligibility forms/letters of intent and meet the Performance Threshold Criteria will be scored and ranked based on the following Scoring Criteria:

1. Applicant currently owns property to be developed (5 points).
2. Blighted structures currently located on property to be developed (5 points).
3. Applicant currently has no recreation parks or facilities (5 points).
4. Administration costs to be paid by the applicant (2 points).
5. All design and construction administration costs to be paid by the applicant (2 points).
6. Low/Moderate Income Percentage.
7. Fully completed eligibility form (5 points).

The highest ranking applicants will be invited to submit a full application in consideration of the funds that are available. Technical assistance will be provided to the applicants regarding citizen participation, procurement requirements, and program guidelines. Application packages will be posted on the OCD-LGA website. A plan for sustaining the facility will be required as part of the full application package. Documentation verifying the scoring criteria as stated in the eligibility form/letters of intent will also be required in the full application package. Final determination of awards will be based on documentation provided in the application package.

All program income earned as a result of the project must be documented and annual reporting to the OCD-LGA will be required. Further information regarding reporting requirements will be provided to grantees during project implementation.