

2011-2012 CDBG PROJECTS

Mitchell Street Sidewalk Construction – Town of Batesburg-Leesville
Funds will be used to construct 3,960 linear feet of sidewalk on Mitchell Street from Columbia Avenue to Summerland Avenue.

Spring Street Water Line Upgrade – City of West Columbia
Funds will be used to upgrade 2,000 linear feet of deteriorating 2 and 4 inch water lines with 6 inch water lines on Spring Street and install 3 fire hydrants.

Minor Home Repair Program – Lexington County
Funds will be used to assist approximately 55 low and moderate income homeowners with minor repairs to their homes.

Septic Tank Repair and Replacement Program – Lexington County
Funds will be used to repair or replace failing septic system for 50 low and moderate income households to reduce the fecal pollutants entering the Hollow Creek Watershed area.

Keeping Every Youth Safe Afterschool Program – Town of Lexington
Funds will be used for operational support of the Keeping Every Youth Safe afterschool program.

BE GREAT Academy Program – Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands
Funds will be used for 30 low and moderate income youth to attend their BE Great Academy 2011-2012 after school program.

Habitat Property Acquisition – Central SC Habitat for Humanity
Funds will be used to acquire four (4) lots on Old Bush River Road to build four (4) single-family affordable housing units that will benefit 12 low and moderate income persons.

Cooler & Freezer Purchase – Lexington Interfaith Community Services
Funds will be used to purchase and install a walk-in cooler for food pantry storage, a stand-alone freezer and refrigerator for food pantry distribution.

Van Purchase – Samaritan's Well
Funds will be used to purchase a van to transport homeless women and children.

LINKS

State Housing, Finance and Development Authority
(Section 8, Homeownership Loans)

- www.sha.state.sc.us

Governor's Office— Office of Economic Opportunity

- www.govoepp.state.sc.us

United Way of the Midlands

- www.uwmidlands.org

SC Human Affairs Commission

- www.state.sc.us/schac

HUD Community Planning and Development

- www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/

SC Department of Commerce

- www.sccommerce.com

Central Midlands Council of Governments

- www.centralmidlands.org

Lexington Recreation and Aging Commission (Meals on Wheels)

- www.lcrac.com

Lexington Interfaith Community Services

- www.licssc.org

Fair Housing

- www.hud.gov/office/ftheo/index.cfm

USDA Rural Information Center

- www.nal.usda.gov/ric

US Department of Health and Human Services

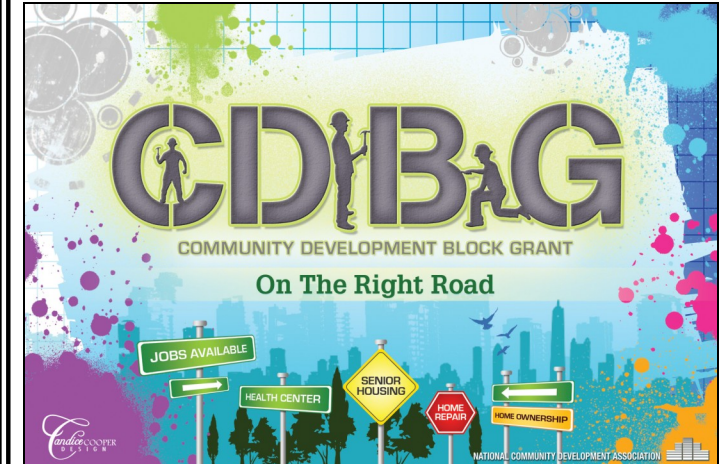
- www.hhs.gov

United States Small Business Administration (Small Business Loans)

- www.sba.gov/sc/



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT



BUILDING BETTER FUTURES IN LEXINGTON COUNTY

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WHAT IS CDBG?

Lexington County has been allocated approximately \$1.3 million from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). CDBG funds are spent on projects and activities that primarily assist low and moderate-income persons in securing:

- **Decent housing**
- **Suitable living environments**
- **Expanded economic opportunities**

Every project and activity must meet one of three National Objectives:

- **Principally benefit low and moderate income (LMI) persons**
- **Aid in the elimination of slums and blight**
- **Meet an urgent or unanticipated need**

LIMITATIONS

Activities including religious, political, or fund-raising activities, construction of new housing, and direct payments to individuals are **not** eligible for assistance with CDBG funds.

TIMELINE

Projects to be funded through the CDBG Program are determined each year and are identified in the Annual Action Plan (see Consolidated Plan). Proposals are solicited from various agencies as well as County departments that address the priorities of the Program including water and sewer providers, public safety staff, public works staff, non-profit agencies, and others.

An annual application workshop is held each fall to assist potential applicants with the CDBG application process.

Projects are evaluated and recommended by the Community Development Advisory Committee and the Grant Programs staff in the fall and winter months and then selected by County Council in late winter in conjunction with the County's annual budget cycle.

PRIORITIES

The priorities of the CDBG Program are established and reviewed every five years as part of the Consolidated Plan process. For program years 2010 – 2014 the following priorities have been established:

- Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities are available to provide for basic and essential needs and services.
- Ensure adequate and safe infrastructure to meet basic needs of residents.
- Establish or support programs that provide needed public services and/or increase the level of service provided by existing programs.
- Support and provide assistance to nonprofit and for-profit entities that create, increase or retain employment opportunities for LMI persons.
- Provide and/or support adequate, safe and affordable housing.
- Provide mechanisms and forums for collaboration, coordination, and capacity building.

HOW CAN FUNDS BE SPENT?

CDBG funds can be spent in many different ways to improve communities. Potential activities include:

- Housing repair programs
- Infrastructure improvements including roads, bridges, and water and sewer facilities
- Community and senior centers
- Other facilities for the public including libraries and parks
- Public services carried out by non-profit agencies such as Meals on Wheels, YMCA, domestic violence shelters, etc.
- Code enforcement
- Accessibility improvements for the disabled
- Job Training
- Historic Preservation

CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Federal requirements of the CDBG Program include the preparation of an annual plan, performance report, and a five-year plan updated every five years. Collectively, these requirements are known as the "**Consolidated Plan**". These documents provide an analysis of the County's housing and community development, how CDBG funds will be utilized, and the annual accomplishments of the CDBG Program. Citizens are provided with the opportunity to participate and comment on each of these documents. To read any of these documents, go to www.lex-co.sc.gov and click on Community Development, then click on links under Grants Program Division.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Who determines what projects will be funded each year?

A: Various methods are employed in determining how funds are to be expended each year. Citizen input at public hearings, comments submitted from the public, comments from low and moderate-income service providers, and input from County Council, the Grant Programs staff and other County departments are key factors in identifying projects to be funded. Funding recommendations are made to County Council by Grant Programs staff with input from the Community Development Advisory Committee. County Council then decides what projects are to be funded. The review process begins in the fall and generally ends in late winter.

Q: How does the County receive CDBG funds each year?

A: Lexington County is eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to automatically receive annual allocations of CDBG funds each year under the Grant Entitlement Program. Section 24 Part 570 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) regulates the CDBG entitlement program.

Q: What are some of the program requirements?

A: A majority of funds must be spent on projects that benefit low and moderate income persons. Every project must meet one of the national objectives and must be consistent with the County's community development goals and objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan.