

## 2019-2020 CDBG PROJECTS

**Brookland Center for Community Economic Change**– Roof replacement project at the Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center (BLEC). BLEC is being renovated to provide social services programs for low-to-moderate income persons.

**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.

**Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission**- Installation of approximately 4,300 LF of 8" watermain in the Town of Pelion. The watermain extension will improve water quality and fire flow to Pelion Elementary School, Pelion Middle School, and Pelion High School.

**Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission**- The Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission's Therapeutic Recreation afterschool program provides childcare for students with disabilities and special needs. Funds will be used to continue Afternoon Adventures at Crooked Creek Park and increase program capacity at Seven Oaks.

**BE GREAT Academy Program**– Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands  
Funds will be used for 50 low and moderate income youth to attend their BE Great Academy 2019-2020 after school program.

**Harvest Hope Food Bank**- Expansion of three (3) diabetic pantries for individuals living at or below the poverty level. Each pantry will serve approximately thirty (30) individuals a month with low carb, low sugar and low sodium alternatives.

**Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity**– Our proposed project will yield 21-23 buildable sites in the City of Cayce for low to moderate individuals and/or families in our 2-year homeownership program. In addition to building new Habitat homes, we will complete 15 'A Brush with Kindness (ABWK)' projects in Cayce. ABWK is an exterior home preservation program available to eligible homeowners to assist with deferred home maintenance in areas where we are currently building.

**City of Cayce**– CDBG funds will be used to rehab 1,157 LF of substandard sewer lines. Funds will also be used for COG administration costs.

**Town of Batesburg-Leesville**– The project will replace the existing gas feed chlorine and sulfur dioxide equipment and storage facility. The new equipment will be liquid feed peristaltic pumps, day tanks and bulk chemical tanks manufactured from fiberglass, a spill prevention storage facility and process monitoring equipment to assist plant operations with system control including

chemical dosing, emergency conditions, operator notifications and data archiving.

**Midlands Housing Alliance, INC/Transitions**– Funding will be used to support our efforts to end homelessness in the Greater Midlands Area. These funds will be used to purchase supplies, equipment, services, repair, and maintenance related to program and client needs. We anticipate that 3,500 people will benefit from this project, 400 of them for Lexington County.

**Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA)**- This project will allow LMI residents of Lexington County to purchase 31-Day bus passes for half price. These passes are for unlimited rides throughout the CMRTA transit system and would help LMI residents of Lexington County affordable access to jobs, medical care and/or entertainment. CDBG funds would be paired with matching funds for the purchase and installation of a bus shelter near West Columbia City Hall and Irmo Branch Library.

### LINKS

State Housing, Finance and Development Authority  
(Section 8, Homeownership Loans) [www.sha.state.sc.us](http://www.sha.state.sc.us)

Governor's Office— Office of Economic Opportunity  
[www.govoepp.state.sc.us](http://www.govoepp.state.sc.us)

United Way of the Midlands—[www.uwmidlands.org](http://www.uwmidlands.org)

SC Human Affairs Commission—[www.state.sc.us/schac](http://www.state.sc.us/schac)

HUD Community Planning and Development  
[www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/)

Central Midlands Council of Governments  
[www.centralmidlands.org](http://www.centralmidlands.org)

Lexington Recreation and Aging Commission (Meals on Wheels)  
[www.lcrac.com](http://www.lcrac.com)

Lexington Interfaith Community Services—[www.licssc.org](http://www.licssc.org)

Fair Housing  
[www.hud.gov/office/ftheo/index.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/office/ftheo/index.cfm)

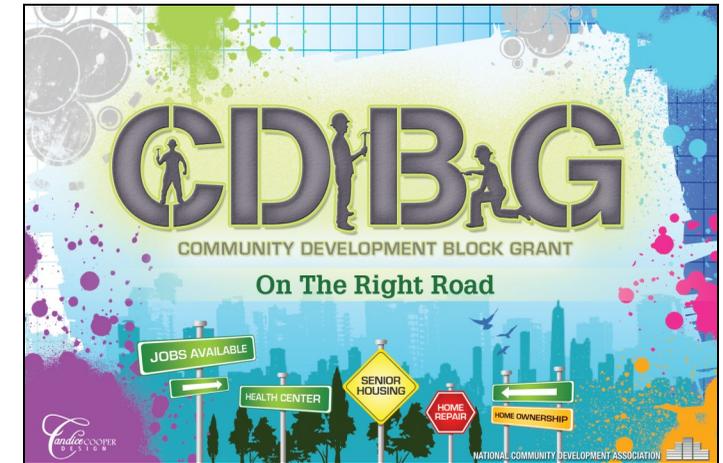
USDA Rural Information Center  
[www.nal.usda.gov/ric](http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric)

US Department of Health and Human Services  
[www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)

United States Small Business Administration (Small Business Loans)  
[www.sba.gov/sc/](http://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 \$1.7 million from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2019-2020 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 2015 – 2019 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](http://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.