

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) City of Duluth

HOUSING PROGRAM

2012 Application Guidelines

PROGRAM GOAL

The CDBG program provides grants and loans to implement the City of Duluth's Consolidated Plan, which includes goals to increase the availability of affordable housing, preserve and upgrade the existing housing stock, help low- and moderate-income households purchase homes, and assist in providing housing options for persons with special needs.

ELIGIBLE PROGRAM APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are private nonprofit organizations, for-profit agencies and governmental units providing housing assistance within Duluth. Applicants must demonstrate the ability to expend all funds awarded within 12 months of the grant award, or 15 months from the Environmental Clearance date.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Allowable activities include homeowner or rental rehabilitation to meet housing quality standards, energy conservation, lead-based paint stabilization, handicapped accessibility, repair or replacement of major systems in danger of failure, and other home improvements; the construction of new affordable rental housing units; homebuyer assistance; special needs housing projects; and the administration of housing programs that serve households at or below 80% of area median income. New construction of owner-occupied homes is not an eligible use of CDBG funds, unless the organization is a CBDO (Community Based Development Organization). All housing applications and income verification will be coordinated through a centralized intake process.

LOCAL REQUIREMENT

Program service delivery costs for housing rehab will be limited to a 15% cap of the per unit rehab cost.

All rehabs will achieve a 20% energy savings after the improvements are completed.

CDBG Housing investment will be according to the Affordable Housing Strategy, as adopted in Resolution 11-C-01, with funds targeted to high impact target areas and upgrading multi-family housing, single family rehab in conjunction with the Healthy Homes portion of the Lead Remediation grant.

Please contact one of the following staff persons regarding questions on the application:

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