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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Potential Applicants

**FROM: Jennifer Seeger, Acting Deputy Director
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**SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant
Notice of Funding Availability**

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$60 million (\$30 million in 2019 funds and \$30 million in 2020 funds) in funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program through this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The Department will also be re-allocating prior year program funding as it becomes available, as identified in the 2019-2020 Action Plan to this NOFA.

The amount of funds available as announced in this NOFA shall be allocated between Community Development, Housing, and Economic Development (ED) activities as per statutory requirements, and as identified in the CDBG Program Guidelines (Guidelines).

Funding from this NOFA can be used for a variety of activities, including:

Community Development (CD)

1. Public Facilities
2. Infrastructure
3. Public Services
4. Planning and Technical Assistance

Housing

1. Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation
2. Homebuyer Assistance
3. Infrastructure in Support of Housing
4. Multi-family Housing Rehabilitation

Economic Development (ED)

1. Business Assistance (BA)
2. Microenterprise Assistance (ME)
3. Infrastructure in Support of Businesses

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code ([HSC Sections \(§\) 50827](#) and [50831](#)), there will be special allocations for the following:

1. Economic Development
2. Housing
3. Non Federally Recognized Native American Tribes
4. Colonias as defined by Section 916 of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990

The Department will be accepting both Competitive and Over-the-Counter (OTC) applications through the eCivis Grants Management System portal beginning February 14, 2020. The application period for different application types is as follows:

NOFA Deadlines

NOFA Release	January 21, 2020
Application submittal	Start Date: February 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST)

Housing and Community Development Projects and Programs

Housing and Community Development Competitive Program	Application Due Date: April 15, 2020, 5:00 p.m. PST
Multi-family Housing, Housing Infrastructure, and Community Development OTC Project	Application Period Closing Date: September 30, 2020, 5:00 p.m. PST

ED Projects and Programs – Round 1

ED Competitive Program	First Round Due Date: April 15, 2020, 5:00 p.m. PST
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In the event that the ED Competitive funds are not fully awarded in the first deadline, the Department will use a rolling second deadline:

**ED Projects and Programs – Round 2
 (Pending availability of funds)**

ED Competitive Program – Round 2	Second Round Due Date: May 15, 2020, 5:00 p.m. PST
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In the event that the ED Competitive funds are not fully awarded in the second deadline, the Department will roll any unawarded funds into the ED OTC project allocation.

**ED Projects and Programs – OTC project allocation
(Pending availability of funds)**

ED OTC project allocation	Application Period Closing Date: September 15, 2020, 5:00 p.m. PST
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In the event that the ED OTC funds are not fully awarded by the application closing date, the Department will roll any unawarded funds into the Multi-family Housing, Housing Infrastructure, and Community Development OTC allocation.

Applicants are encouraged to set-up their profiles in the eCivis portal located at <https://portal.ecivis.com/#/login> as early as possible. Profile set-up instructions can be found on the CDBG webpage at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/cdbg.shtml>. Applicants are encouraged to begin the application process early to ensure successful submission before application deadlines. If you have any trouble logging into the portal, or have questions on how to complete the online application, please contact the Department at cdbgnofa@hcd.ca.gov.

The Department will hold workshops in January 2020 to review the NOFA and application process. A link to the eCivis portal, along with a list of workshop dates and times and how to register, is available on the Department's CDBG webpage at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/cdbg.shtml>. Information about setting up a profile, submitting an application, and managing awards through the eCivis portal is available under the Training and Technical Assistance tab on the Department's website at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/cdbg.shtml>.

To receive CDBG NOFA FAQs and other Program information and updates, please subscribe to the Federal Programs listserv at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/HCD_SSI/subscribe-form.html.

If you have any questions, please submit them to cdbgnofa@hcd.ca.gov.

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