

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What grants are available?

The City will be accepting applications for the following grants:

- General Fund Not-For-Profit
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Program

What is the General Fund-Not-For-Profit Grant?

Each year, as part of the annual fiscal year budget process, the City of Peoria allocates funding for use by not-for-profit agencies whose programs benefit the citizens of the City. The City has been funding these agencies from the General Fund for this purpose for several years.

Who can apply for General Fund Not-For-Profit Funding?

Agencies seeking General Fund Not-For-Profit funds must be Not-For-Profit (Section 501(c)(3)) agencies providing human and/or cultural services that are essential to the health and well-being of the citizens of Peoria.

What is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program?

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (CFDA 14.218). The primary objective of the HUD CDBG Program is the development of viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities primarily for low and moderate income residents.

Who can apply for CDBG Funding?

- Private Non-profits:
Private non-profits are usually, but not always, corporations, associations, agencies, or faith-based organizations with non-profit status under the Internal Revenue Code (Section 501(c)(3)), usually with a board of directors and an executive director in charge of daily administration. Examples of private non-profits include private social services agencies (such as those providing job training or counseling, or day care providers), community development corporations, faith based housing development groups and operators of homeless shelters.
- Private For-profits:
A limited number of private, for-profit entities can qualify when facilitating economic development by assisting microenterprises under the provisions of 24 CFR S70.201(o).

How can CDBG funds be used?

Federal regulations require that CDBG funds be used for eligible activities that meet one of three national objectives:

- Benefit low and moderate income persons;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and
- Meet a need having a particular urgency (usually a natural disaster)

What are examples of eligible CDBG projects?

The following activities are examples of eligible CDBG activities. Please note this list is not inclusive of all types of activities that may be eligible under the CDBG Program:

- Acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities and facilities for persons with special needs (e.g. homeless shelters, group homes or halfway houses);
- Construction or rehabilitation of housing units;
- Economic development activities that create full-time jobs;
- Health care and substance abuse services;
- Transitional housing and supportive services for the homeless;
- Fair Housing counseling;
- Crime prevention activities;
- Senior and disabled centers, except 24-hour care facilities;
- Removal of architectural barriers (ADA improvements); and
- Installation, construction and rehabilitation of infrastructure (e.g. water/sewer lines, streets and sidewalks).

What is the HOME Program?

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)(CFDA 14.239) was created as part of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 and is also funded by HUD. HOME is primarily a bricks-and-mortar program that funds the development of affordable housing as a lasting community resource. Funding for this program is provided through HUD and flows to the City of Peoria through the Maricopa County HOME Consortium, of which the City is a member.

Who can apply for HOME Program Funding?

Developers, owners, contractors, subrecipients or Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) can apply for HOME funding to provide decent affordable housing to lower-income households.

What are examples of eligible projects in the HOME Program?

- **Homeowner Rehabilitation:** Assist existing owner-occupants with the repair, rehabilitation or reconstruction of their homes.
- **Homebuyer Activities:** Finance the acquisition and/or rehabilitation or new construction of homes for homebuyers.
- **Rental Housing:** Provide affordable rental housing by acquiring and/or rehabilitating or constructed.
- **Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA):** Financial assistance for rent, security deposits, and utility deposits may be provided to tenants. Assistance for utility deposits **may only** be provided in conjunction with a TBRA security deposit or monthly rental assistance program.

What are typical award allocations?

General Fund Not-For-Profit: \$5,000-\$10,000

CDBG:

Public Service Activities: \$5,000 - \$10,000

Project Activities: \$10,000 - \$50,000

HOME Program: \$150,000

When will grant funds be available?

Funds are anticipated to be available in July 2020 for General Fund programs and October 2020 for Federal programs.

How does my agency apply?

All applicants will be required to submit proposals on-line utilizing ZoomGrants, an on-line, cloud based system. Applicants must register with ZoomGrants.com in order to obtain a login and access the City's grant applications. **A specific link to obtain a login and access the City's grant applications will be available on the City's website www.peoriaaz.gov/notforprofitgrants beginning January 2, 2020.**

When will the application(s) be available on ZoomGrants?

Applications will be available on ZoomGrants beginning January 2, 2020. **A specific link to obtain a login and access the City's grant applications will be available on the City's website www.peoriaaz.gov/notforprofitgrants beginning January 2, 2020.**

What is the application deadline?

The proposal submission deadline is January 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

When will my agency be notified if we have been awarded funding?

All agencies who apply for grant funding will be required to appear before the Council Not-For-Profit Community Development Grant Subcommittee to present its proposal(s). Proposer's Hearings are tentatively scheduled for February 25 and February 27, 2019. Agencies will be notified of the exact date and time.

Preliminary funding notifications will be sent to agencies once the City's Tentative Budget has been adopted (approximately May 2020).

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