



Housing and Revitalization Department

Consolidated Plan Education Series

Community Development Block Grant

DID YOU KNOW?

CDBG turned 50 years old on August 22nd! Until the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the federal government made the decision on every city's community development projects. CDBG was born, creating flexible community development funds to be distributed each year. For more information on the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 visit HUD's [website](#).

Now that you've had a brief history lesson, let's jump into what the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program does today. The CDBG program was created to address community needs such as housing and economic opportunity, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. This annual grant is given to states, cities, and counties, using a formula that is based on data from the last census.

CDBG funds are allocated to "Entitlement Communities" (cities or urban counties) which are referred to as "Grantees", "Non-Entitlement Communities" (states), and various program or organizations. The City of Detroit is an **entitlement community**, that receives about \$33 million in CDBG funds annually.

How can we use CDBG funds?

CDBG funds can be used to address the need for new or improved public improvements and facilities, economic development opportunities, improving the supply or condition of housing, and public services.

These activities can be grouped as:

- Real Property and Housing Related Activities
- Public Services
- Economic Development
- Planning & Administration
- Section 108

HRD has created many programs with CDBG funds. Our Public Facility Rehabilitation and Public Improvement, Neighborhood Opportunity Fund, Single Family Home Repair, Section 108 programs, and homeless activities all use CDBG. Over the next few weeks, we will outline what these programs are and what impacts they've made in the community.