

To: **Municipal and Township Governments, Interested Agencies, Boards and Commissions
Serving Seneca County, Ohio**

From: Charlene J. Watkins, Executive Director, cjwatkins@senecarpc.org

Re: **FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Application Materials**

Date: April 3, 2019

On behalf of the Seneca County Commissioners, we are pleased to invite localities within Seneca County to submit project requests for FY '19 CDBG allocation funding. The CDBG funds may be utilized in a variety of ways to further Federal and State goals of benefiting low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons or aid in the elimination of slums and blight. The FY '19 funding cycle is from September 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021. The Commissioners anticipate the potential availability of \$150,000.00 county wide CDBG funding.

The Commissioners must submit the FY'19 CDBG application to the Ohio Development Services Agency/ Office of Community Development by approximately June 1, 2019. Public hearings will be held prior to that date to inform the public of the program and to finalize projects. The first informational public hearing was held on March 21, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at the Seneca County Commissioners, 111 Madison Street, Tiffin, OH. The second public hearing will be held in May 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at the Seneca County Commissioners, 111 Madison Street, Tiffin, OH. The purpose will be to announce the projects proposed to the State for funding. A notice announcing the hearing will appear in the Advertiser-Tribune at least ten days prior to the public hearing date.

The attached application material must be **completed and submitted to the following address no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019.** If you prefer a hard copy, contact Isabelle Lewis Planning/ Administrative Assistant at (419) 443-7936 ext 139 or via email at iflewis@senecarpc.org.

**Charlene Watkins, Executive Director
Seneca Regional Planning Commission
71 South Washington Street, Suite 1104
Tiffin, OH 44883**

Please submit **one** application per project requested with the supplemental information as detailed in the application instructions. If you have questions or require assistance in preparing your application packet, please contact Charlene Watkins at (419) 443-7936 ext 1123.

**FISCAL 2019 CDBG ALLOCATION PROGRAM
SENECA COUNTY
For projects that will be implemented during calendar 2019**

Information to keep in mind when preparing your project application:

- Seneca County can fund as many projects as fiscally feasible.
- Projects will receive higher ranking when the applicant exceeds 20% or higher in matching funds and in-kind matches.
- The overall application must achieve at least a 51% Low/Moderate Income benefit or benefit one of the following categories of individuals:

<input type="checkbox"/> Abused children	<input type="checkbox"/> Illiterate persons	<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless persons
<input type="checkbox"/> Battered spouses	<input type="checkbox"/> Migrant farm workers	<input type="checkbox"/> Severely disabled adults
<input type="checkbox"/> Elderly persons	<input type="checkbox"/> Persons living with AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped persons
- Income surveys or census data specific to the project area may be required to demonstrate LMI benefit. Income surveys can be used for a total of five (5) years from date of completion. The 2011-2015 Low-Moderate-Income Summary Data for Ohio Non-Entitlement Counties and Places is attached to identify the Places that are 51% LMI. These Places will not be required to do an income survey. **For the communities in need of updating their income surveys please contact Seneca Regional Planning Commission for instructions and assistance. Specific forms and certifications are required for income surveys.** These are the most current limits at the time of this mailing. If you need to do an income survey for your project, please contact this office to make sure limits have not changed and to clarify new procedures required by the OCD.

LOW AND MODERATE INCOME LIMITS - SENECA COUNTY

Household Size	80% of Median Income
1 Person	\$34,400
2 Person	\$39,300
3 Person	\$44,200
4 Person	\$49,100
5 Person	\$53,050
6 Person	\$57,000
7 Person	\$60,900
8 Person	\$64,850

- If your project is to eliminate slums and blight, building and infrastructure surveys are required. This objective is rarely used for Allocation projects.
- Applicants with projects involving public services should include the page specifically addressing public services projects.
- **COST ESTIMATES MUST** be submitted with the application forms. Estimates must be certified by an independent party and detail material and labor costs. **NOTE that parties providing estimates are excluded from bidding the project.** Cost estimates for non-residential construction activities exceeding \$2,000 must state that "Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Rates were taken into consideration when determining costs." (These projects must be bid and managed according to CDBG requirements. Quotes may be obtained for equipment purchases and other activities if less than \$10,000 for Counties and \$5,000 for Cities.) If the actual project cost exceeds the estimate or if the project cost exceeds the budgeted CDBG funding, **the local government/entity must certify that it will absorb the additional costs or the project will not be considered.** Remember that CDBG and local procurement requirements must be followed and documented if the project is funded. The State strictly monitors these particular activities.

CDBG ALLOCATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

1. Total proposed activities must be completed by December 31, 2020. (Environmental reviews must be completed prior to project start).
2. All non-residential construction and improvements must meet or exceed State Building Codes.
3. Cost estimates must be itemized, signed, and provided by a qualified source (i.e., Engineer, Architect, County Engineer, Contractor, etc.). Again, note that contactors providing estimates are not permitted to bid the project.
4. All cost estimates for non-residential construction projects with an estimated cost of \$2,000 or more must include Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Rates (federal rates) and are to be bid and managed according to CDBG regulations.
5. A useful life certification (for 8+ years) signed and sealed by an engineer must be submitted with road surface projects. Chip and seal or gravel-base road improvements are not eligible activities.
6. Fire departments must provide a complete list of equipment needed to meet specific Safety Requirements of the Industrial Commission of Ohio Relating to Fire Fighting, ORC 4121:1-21, along with their itemized list of equipment requested and cost estimate.
7. Only the County may enter into contracts for your project.
8. When committing other funds toward the project and/or if other sources of funds are included in this project, letters, resolutions, ordinances, etc., committing these funds must be submitted with this application. **We generally do not cover engineering costs with the grant funds.**
9. Attach letter(s) from agency(s) requiring or mandating improvements (if applicable).
10. Organizations (other than local governments) must submit: (1) a copy of their constitution and by-laws and (2) a copy of their year-end income and expense reports. Non-profit organizations must submit a copy of their 501(c)(3) designation form.
11. Please submit one application for each project or activity.
12. Please be sure to include the required attachments:
Photographs and/or letters of support
Certified cost estimate (with Davis-Bacon statement for construction projects)
Commitment letter from each funding source
Project site map, Service area map, Income surveys (if needed)
For public service or non-profit groups, provide the following: constitution and by-laws, year-end income and expense report, 501(c)(3) designation form, Public Service Project Information sheet (attached).
13. **Applications are due no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2019**
at:

Seneca Regional Planning Commission
71 South Washington Street, Suite 1104, Tiffin, OH 44883
14. If assistance is needed, please contact Charlene Watkins at (419)443-7936 ext 1123.

FY 2017 CDBG ALLOCATION PROGRAM - SENECA COUNTY

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

a. Name of Applicant:	
b. Contact Person:	Phone:
Address:	Fax:
	Cell Phone:
	Email:
c. Are you a public service group or a non-profit entity?	Check: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
IF YES , attach a copy of: (1) constitution and by-laws, (2) year-end income and expense report, and (3) 50 (c)(3) designation form.	

2. PROJECT INFORMATION:

a. Describe, in detail, the Project Activity and measurements. Attach additional sheets if needed. Attach photographs taken from several angles.	
b. Will you need to acquire easements or property to complete this project?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If yes, please explain:	
Is this property occupied?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
c. Who provided the Project Cost Estimate?	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Labor: (use Federal Prevailing Wage Rates)	\$
Materials:	\$
Engineering:	\$
Total Cost of Project:	\$
(NOTE: ATTACH COPY OF CERTIFIED COST ESTIMATE, PROPOSED PROJECT TO MEET OR EXCEED STATE BUILDING CODE, STATE ON ESTIMATE "DAVIS-BACON PREVAILING WAGE RATES WERE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN DETERMINING COSTS.")	

d. Please identify all funds committed to this project: (Seneca County will give higher priority to those projects with 20% or higher matching funds)	
<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1.	\$
2.	\$
3.	\$
(NOTE: ATTACH COMMITMENT LETTERS FROM EACH SOURCE LISTED ABOVE.)	
e. Will Village, Township or County employees perform any work on this project? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If yes, will the employees be paid from the CDBG grant? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
f. Describe the work to be performed by Village, Township, or County employees:	

3. PROJECT BENEFIT INFORMATION:

a. Where is the exact location of the project? (<i>Attach project site map.</i>)
b. What is the project service area? (<i>Attach map indicating location of proposed project beneficiaries.</i>)
c. Who will benefit from this project?
d. How many households are in the service area?
e. Has an income survey been done for the project area? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
(Submit surveys with this application.)
Date of Income Survey:
Number of Households Surveyed:
Number of LMI Households:
% LMI Households:
Number of Persons in Households Surveyed:

4. SITE INFORMATION:

a. Does your project affect an historic property or does your project occur in an historic district? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If yes, explain/describe:	
(Note: Plans and specifications for improvements to properties 50 years of age or older must receive Approval from the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.)	
b. Is your project located in a floodplain? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If yes, explain/describe:	
c. Will any assessments or fees (i.e., water or sewer line hook-up, membership fees, entrance fees, etc.) be charged as part of this project? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If yes, please explain:	
d. Please indicate Census Tract (s) and Block Number (s) of the project site.	
Census Tract:	Block Group:
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5. APPLICATION PREPARED BY:

Signature

Typed Name

Title/Agency Address

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS ONLY:

Complete pages 3-4 of the Allocation CDBG Pre-application. In addition, provide the following information:

1. Describe your agency and the services you provide on a separate page.
2. Describe the proposed public service to be provided. Is it:
 - a. A new service not currently provided? Yes No
 - b. A measurable expansion of an existing service Yes NoNote: Proposed service must be either a new service or measurable increase in an existing service.
3. Please describe how many persons are projected to benefit from the proposed service.

_____ new beneficiaries
4. Explain how the beneficiaries from your service will be primarily low to moderate income (see income survey for income limits)
 - a. If beneficiaries qualify on the basis of income limited, describe how service to low and moderate income persons can be documented. (Does your program have income eligibility limits? Or will beneficiaries complete the CDBG income survey?)
 - b. Certain groups of beneficiaries automatically qualify, as a group, as low to moderate income. Do your beneficiaries fall into any of the following groups as a whole?
 - i. Abused children
 - ii. Battered spouses
 - iii. Elderly persons
 - iv. Handicapped persons
 - v. Homeless persons
 - vi. Illiterate persons
 - vii. Migrant farm workers
 - viii. Persons living with AIDS
 - ix. Severely disabled adults
 - x. Programs with eligibility requirements that limit the benefits of an activity to low and moderate income persons.
5. Define how a unit of service is measured (i.e. nights of shelter, meals delivered per day, persons served per month or year).

To document an increase in service resulting from CDBG funds, identify:
 - a. Previous year's source of funds and funding levels
 - b. Previous year's level of service in units described above
 - c. Coming year's projected source of funds and respective funding levels (including proposed CDBG)
 - d. Coming year's projected level of service, both with and without CDBG funding.

COMPLETE LIST OF ACCEPTABLE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE SENECA COUNTY CDBG APPLICATION

ACTIVITY NAME	OUTCOME MEASUREMENT
Center for Handicapped	Building Rehabbed/Constructed
Clearance Activities	Structures Demolished
Code Enforcement	Units Assisted or Inspected
Conversion/Rehab/Renovate	Square Feet of Structure Buildings Rehabbed/Constructed
Fair Housing	SRPC will Facilitate
Fire Protection Facilities and Equipment	Square Feet of Structure Buildings Rehabbed/Constructed Vehicles Purchased Items of Equipment Purchased Fire Hydrants Installed
Flood and Drainage Facilities	Liner feet Culverts/Catch Basins Installed Manholes Installed Permanent Easements/Right-of-Way
Grant/Loan/Int. Supplement	Square Feet of Structure Businesses/Organizations Assisted Facades Improved
Historic Preservation	Buildings Rehabbed
Homeless Facilities	Buildings Rehabbed/Constructed
Leasehold Improvements	Square feet of Structure Units Rehabbed
Machine/Capital Equipment	Items of Equipment Purchased
Neighborhood Facilities/Community Center	Buildings Rehabbed/Constructed
New Construction	Square Feet of Structure Units Acquired, Constructed and Sold
Non-Capital Equipment	Items of Equipment Purchased
Parks and Recreations Facilities	Acres of Land Square feet of Structure Athletic Fields/Curbcuts Installed/Repaired General Park Improvements Items of Equipment Installed/Repaired Restroom Facilities Installed Linear Feet of Fencing Linear Feet of Walkway
Public Rehabilitation	Buildings Rehabbed/Constructed Handicapped Ramps Installed Restroom Facilities Installed Elevators/Doors Installed
Public Utilities	Utility Poles/Lines Relocated
Senior Centers	Buildings Rehabbed/Constructed

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ACTIVITY NAME	OUTCOME MEASUREMENT
Sewer Facility Improvements (Public)	Items of Equipment Installed/Repaired Linear Feet Water/Septic Tanks/Sludge Pits Installed (Non-private) Manholes Installed Permanent Easements/Right-of-Way
Sidewalk Improvements	Linear Feet Curecuts Installed Linear Feet of Curbs
Site Preparation (Public)	Acres of Land
Solid Waste Disposal Facilities	Items of Equipment Installed/Repaired Facility Constructed/Rehabbed
Street Improvements	Linear Feet Culverts/Catch Basins Installed Bridges Replaced/Repaired Traffic Control/Street Signs Installed Trees, Benches, Street Lights, and Planters Slips/Slides/Retaining Walls Repaired Permanent Easements/Right-on-Way Linear Feet of Curbs
Water Facility Improvements (Public)	Items of Equipment Installed/Repaired Fire Hydrants Installed Linear Feet Water/Septic Tanks/Sludge Pits Installed (Non-private) Wells Drilled Water Valves Installed Permanent Easements/Right-of-Way

2011-2015 Low-Moderate-Income Summary Data for Ohio Non-Entitlement Counties and Places

Area	Low Pop	Low-Mod Pop	LMI Universe	LMI Percent	Margin of Error***
Seneca County	12,744	21,130	52,790	40.03%	
Adams Township	65	175	1,435	12.20%	
Attica Village	210	355	1,035	34.30%	+/-8.10
Bascom CDP	4	35	470	7.45%	+/-8.20
Bettsville Village	165	290	640	45.31%	+/-11.50
Big Spring Township	245	610	1,775	34.37%	
Bloom Township	325	605	1,560	38.78%	
Bloomville Village	230	470	880	53.41%	+/-9.50
Clinton Township	890	1,310	3,915	33.46%	
Eden Township	350	545	1,605	33.96%	
Flat Rock CDP	0	0	0	0.00%	+/-61.00
Fort Seneca CDP	15	65	270	24.07%	+/-16.80
Fostoria City*	5,195	7,675	12,815	59.89%	+/-4.10
Green Springs Village*	490	635	1,350	47.04%	+/-9.40
Hopewell Township	409	780	2,725	28.62%	
Jackson Township	120	260	1,315	19.77%	
Kansas CDP	0	25	50	50.00%	+/-50.00
Liberty Township	290	580	2,180	26.61%	
Loudon Township	645	1,005	2,435	41.27%	
McCutchenville CDP	15	265	350	75.71%	+/-24.10
Melmore CDP	60	70	90	77.78%	+/-30.10
New Riegel Village	55	100	255	39.22%	+/-15.00
Old Fort CDP	20	20	200	10.00%	+/-13.80
Pleasant Township	115	295	1,365	21.61%	
Reed Township	70	195	820	23.78%	
Republic Village	135	250	610	40.98%	+/-9.70
Scipio Township	205	460	1,705	26.98%	
Seneca Township	120	455	1,580	28.80%	
Thompson Township	140	300	1,365	21.98%	
Tiffin City	4,345	7,315	15,670	46.68%	+/-4.30
Venice Township	365	605	1,740	34.77%	

Source: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/acs-low-mod-summary-data/>

*Place located in multiple counties, which has historically had the largest proportion of population in the county it's listed under. These places will only be eligible for CDBG funds directly from the county it's listed under.

**Place with contract that assigns the CDBG Allocation administration to the County it is listed under.

***Margin of Error provided by HUD for Places and CDP's only.