

# 2019 Notices of Funding Availability

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JUNE 20, 2019

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

# 2019 KEY DATES

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- June 4 - Common Council Pass Annual Action Plan
- June 10 - Annual Action Plan Submitted to HUD
- June 13 - NOFAs Released
- July 9 - NOFAs Due
- July 25 - CD Committee Meeting 6pm – NOFA Discussion
- August 7 - Common Council – NOFA Approvals
- Aug - Sept - Contracts Out

# NOFA Allocation Details – AAP Priorities

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- Annual Action Plan establishes the following priorities in the categories below:
  - **Public Services (Youth and Job Skills):** employment readiness and employment programs that demonstrate consistent or increasing outcomes as appropriate for the services provided and population served
  - **Infrastructure:** improvements related to park infrastructure, public transit improvements, alleys, and streetscape improvements
  - **Economic Development:** creation and support of DBEs and businesses that are able to create living wage employment opportunities

# 2019 CDBG Public Service

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- Available to government and non-profit agencies
- 15% cap on public services spending
- Three priority categories:
  - Job training
  - Youth services
  - Neighborhood stability, safety, and crime prevention

# 2019 CDBG Economic Development

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## ■ Job Skills Training

- Must be within NRSA
- Must be in partnership with CBDO
- Must benefit LMI residents

## ■ Business Assistance-

- 1 FTE equivalent job created/retained per \$35,000 borrowed (51% LMI)
- Assist with equipment purchase, real estate, working capital, or inventory
- \$25,000 - \$250,000 loans

## ■ Micro-Enterprise Technical Assistance

- 3 year track record
- Focus on assisting companies with 5 or fewer employees
  - Technical Assistance

## ■ Micro-Enterprise Fund

- Targets micro-enterprises defined as 5 or fewer employees on payroll
- Owners must be LMI
- \$5,000-\$15,000 loans

# CDBG Public Infrastructure and Blight Mitigation

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- Aid in construction/repair of community facilities/infrastructure
- Part of the funding must be committed within the Greater Uptown Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA)
- Available to government and non-profit agencies
- Requests must be \$50,000 or greater
- Eligible activities include parks improvements, historic renovation of public facilities, repairs addressing code violations on significant properties (see application for complete list)
- All projects must meet a National Objective as appropriate for the project type

# ESG 2019

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- FY 19 funds are \$161,218.
- Applications for ESG funds must work with and be approved by the Racine County Continuum of Care.

# NOFA Allocation Details – Modification #1

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- Applicant agencies for CDBG infrastructure funds must be able to demonstrate sufficient funding to complete the proposed project and meet a national objective, otherwise the application will not be accepted.
  - Rationale: projects without full funding are riskier and require time to assemble financing. The City must use these funds in a timely manner.



# NOFA Allocation Details – Modification #2

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- Applicant agencies for CDBG infrastructure funds must be able to demonstrate ownership of the proposed project site, or a lease of the site for at least seven years, otherwise the application will not be accepted.
  - Rationale: HUD requires that public infrastructure be available to the public and in compliance with applicable Federal requirements for at least five years following expiration of our two year subrecipient agreements, and insecure site control jeopardizes the ability to meet a national objective throughout that time period.

# NOFA Allocation Details – Modification #3

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- Applicant agencies for any funding must be able to demonstrate financial sustainability and management abilities, otherwise the City will require the applicant agency to partner with another agency that has at least five years of Federal grant experience to serve as its fiscal agent.
  - Rationale: all applicants must meet Federal financial management regulations at 2 CFR 200, and have necessary financial procedures in place.

# NOFA Allocation Details – Scoring Criteria

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- **Activity need/justification – 20%** (does the activity meet a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan priority item)
- **Cost reasonableness/effectiveness – 15%** (what is the applicant's cost incurred per unit served?)
- **Activity Management and Implementation – 15%** (does the applicant demonstrate that they can effectively implement the proposed program? *Applicants show consistent or increasing outcomes as appropriate for the services provided and population served.*)
- **Experience and past performance – 25%** (does the applicant have experience managing Federal funds and a positive prior monitoring record?)
- **Collaboration – 10%** (does the applicant leverage resources effectively?)
- **Matching contribution – 10%** (how much non-Federal funding is involved in this proposed program)
- **Application completeness – 5%** (are all application components present?)