



Child Care Facility Development and The Community Development Block Grant Program

The federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 established the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The California Department of Housing and Community Development administers this program for smaller cities and counties.

The primary federal objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities by supporting housing, and community facilities for persons of low and moderate income. "Persons of low and moderate income" or the "targeted income group" (TIG) are defined as families, households, and individuals whose incomes do not exceed 80 percent of the area median income (AMI).

Each year the program makes funds available to eligible jurisdictions through several allocations. Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) are published for each allocation as the funds become available. Successful applicants enter into contracts with the State to complete the specified activities with the grant funds.

Activities eligible for CDBG funding include the acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction of child care facilities that meet the following criteria:

- 90% – 100% of families served are at or below 80% AMI
- There is documented City and/or County support for application
- Maximum grant amount is \$500,000 per year
- One, Two and Three-year grant applications may be acceptable

The timeline for preparing a CDBG application is as follows:

- November – December Due Diligence, Public Agency Support
- January – Prepare Application
- February – Application Due