



**Updated Notice of Funds Available (NOFA)  
2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
Community Economic Revitalization Funding**

The City of Federal Way will be seeking applications from non-profit and public agencies for projects that benefit Federal Way low- and moderate-income residents. The focus of this funding is job creation, economic development, and community revitalization in the approved, designated Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). The designated NRSA in Federal Way is bordered by Interstate 5 on the east, Pacific Highway South on the west, South 288<sup>th</sup> Street on the north, and primarily South 296<sup>th</sup>, South 298<sup>th</sup>, and Military Road S on the south. The approved NRSA Plan should be consulted for the exact area; it includes all bordering streets and a map of the area. The approved NRSA plan is available at <http://www.cityoffederalway.com/node/1674>.

Proposed projects must be eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds appropriated to Federal Way under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Projects must serve Federal Way residents that qualify as presumed benefit or qualify as low- and moderate-income and reside within the catchment area of the NRSA. Proposed projects must be in alignment with the approved NRSA Plan, available at <http://www.cityoffederalway.com/node/1674> and address one or more of the goals and strategies outlined in the plan.

**What types of projects are eligible for CDBG funds?** Any CDBG project must meet one of the three national objectives:

- National Objective #1: Activities Benefiting Low- and Moderate-Income Persons
- National Objective #2: Activities Which Aid in the Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight
- National Objective #3: Activities Designed to Meet Community Development Needs Having a Particular Urgency

For more information on eligible activities, please visit the following website and review 24 CFR 570.200-207: <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=b3ffbda85913afc0f01503b1f0f97185&mc=true&node=sp24.3.570.c&rgn=div6>

CDBG funds may be used to provide assistance to carry out revitalization activities, including job creation and community revitalization. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Business attraction and retention

- Education, training, and technical assistance programs that create new jobs that increase living wages
- Programs that support job growth for low- or moderate- low income individuals
- Community revitalization
- Building construction or acquisition and redevelopment
- Community or neighborhood facilities
- Street improvements such as sidewalks, lighting in low- to moderate- low neighborhoods

**Who can apply?** Qualifying nonprofit organizations and public agencies serving Federal Way residents who are presumed benefit or qualify as low- and moderate-income. If applying to provide public services, the organization must be a Community Based Development Organization (24 CFR 570.204(c)(1)). All applicants must be eligible to receive federal funding and must be registered in the System for Award Management at <https://sam.gov>.

**Required Project Eligibility Review?** All potential applicants are required to have a conversation with staff prior to submitting. The meeting and/or conversation must take place **not later than August 31, 2018**. Staff will work with applicants to determine eligibility and provide technical assistance.

**When and where will applications be available?** Applications will be available beginning Friday, August 3, 2018, at City Hall and on the City website at <http://www.cityoffederalway.com/node/1674>.

**When and where will the NOFA guidelines be available?** The NOFA guidelines will be available beginning Friday, August 3, 2018, at City Hall and on the City website at <http://www.cityoffederalway.com/node/1674>.

**Technical workshop?** A technical assistance workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Federal Way City Hall, City Council Chambers (second floor). Technical assistance includes answering questions about CDBG regulations; application requirements; discussing the proposed project's compliance with program regulations; and eligibility for funding. We have reserved time at the end of the workshop for individual conferences with prospective applicants, if needed. Attendance at the workshop is recommended, but not mandatory for submitting an application. You do not need to RSVP to attend the workshop.

**Deadline to Apply?** No later than 4:00 pm on Friday, September 7, 2018.

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