

Miami-Dade County Housing and Community Development

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

<p>Question 1:</p>	<p>We participated in the HCD meeting regarding the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. We have two quick questions regarding the RFA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. During the Zoom presentation, there was a question about whether the map of eligible block groups has been updated. Upon reviewing the map on HCD Website, it appears that the boundary of District 2 adjacent to 112 State Road and 19th Avenue has not yet been updated. Could you please confirm whether an updated map is available?2. We would like clarification on the CDBG Housing category for water and sewer connections. Typically, this category applies to laterals; however, during the presentation, Mr. Vega mentioned that other types of water and sewer connections may also be eligible. Could you please specify what those other types of connections are? Could this include water and sewer extensions, given that Capital Improvements and Public Facilities funding is limited to participating municipalities?
<p>Answer 1:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. An updated map of Block Groups in Miami-Dade County using the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Viewer can be found here: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/e62508d307a9419f8fda8c0690c061bd2. No, water mains on the public right of way would not be eligible under the Housing category. Only the individual service lines to the homes are eligible under the Housing category.
<p>Question 2:</p>	<p>I was hoping you could tell me if the Miami-Dade County 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan is available and how I could get a copy? Online I found information about it but not the plan itself. Many thanks!</p>
<p>Answer 2:</p>	<p>The 2025–2029 Consolidated Plan can be found here: https://www.miamidade.gov/resources/housing/documents/25-29-consolidated-plan.pdf</p>

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Question 3:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Is an organization permitted to submit more than one application under the same Public Service (General) category, provided each is for a discrete project?2. If so, does the 20% cap apply to each individual application, or to the organization's total request across all Public Service applications combined?
Answer 3:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Yes, and organization is permitted to submit more than one application under the same Public Service (General) category, provided that the proposed service is different for each application.2. The 20% cap applies to each individual application, not the organization's total request across all Public Service applications.
Question 4:	We're a small nonprofit applying in the category of Public Services. Our budget is very small and we cannot afford a full audit of our financial statements. Is there an option for smaller organizations who cannot afford an audit?
Answer 4:	In the case of smaller organizations, unaudited financial statements are acceptable.
Question 5:	Reading the handbook, it states that request amounts for Public Service cannot be more than 20% of the available funds of \$195,000. We typically receive CDBG-Miami-Dade County funds from Districts 5 & 4. Does the request limit still apply? Meaning, we can only request \$39,000 maximum?
Answer 5:	The 20% cap applies to applications received through the RFA and does not affect funding allocated by Commission Districts. Funds allocated through the Commission District Fund process are from a different pot of funding.
Question 6:	Where are the actual affidavits in the Neighborly portal?
Answer 6:	Affidavits have been incorporated into the Neighborly application and can be acknowledged via checkboxes. Forms are no longer utilized.

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Question 7:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Is there a specific form that should be used for the Sources & Uses Statement?2. When submitting an application for CDBG Public Services General, does the same application get submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration of discretionary Commission District Funding?
Answer 7:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No, agencies may submit sources and uses statements in their preferred format. However, please ensure that all sources of funding and their uses are accounted for and align with the detailed budget.2. Yes, summaries of each application submitted through the RFA are provided to the Commission District staff.
Question 8:	<p>My question pertains to the scenario where I have three separate, discrete meal programs, such as Home-Delivered Meals, Congregate Meals, and a Home-Delivered Grocery Program (designed for our particularly frail, homebound seniors receiving meal deliveries), all categorized under the Public Service category, and additionally, I have two distinct mental health services projects. I understand that this would constitute five programs and would require a more extensive effort on my part to delineate the scopes and prepare the budgets. However, I would like to confirm whether this configuration is permissible. Furthermore, if I can demonstrate the availability of matching funds for all programs, would our projects remain eligible for possible bonus points, provided that each request does not exceed the 20% limit?</p>
Answer 8:	<p>You may submit multiple applications; however, if the proposed service and targeted beneficiaries are similar, only submit one application per service. For example, one senior meals application and one youth mental health application. As per the RFA, HCD wants to ensure the funds are spread out throughout Miami-Dade County.</p>

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<p>Question 9:</p>	<p>1. Program Configuration</p> <p>Is it permissible to submit five separate applications — three meal programs and two mental health services projects under Public Service? Additionally, if matching funds can be demonstrated for all programs, would the projects remain eligible for possible bonus points, provided each request does not exceed the 20% limit?</p> <p>2. Certificate of Insurance</p> <p>Our insurance policies operate on fixed annual terms that do not align with the January 1 – December 31, 2026 contract period. Would it be acceptable to submit current COIs reflecting active policy periods, with updated certificates provided upon each renewal to cover the remainder of the contract term?</p> <p>3. Site Control / Activity Location</p> <p>One of our activity location leases is set to expire on June 30, 2026, and will be renewed by then. Would submitting a lease with that expiration date result in a loss of points, or is it acceptable with the understanding that a renewed lease will be provided upon execution?</p>
<p>Answer 9:</p>	<p>1. You may submit multiple applications; however, if the targeted beneficiaries are similar, only submit one application per service. For example, one senior meals application and one mental health application.</p> <p>2. Each application is subject to review and scoring by committee, but your current Certificate of Insurance should be sufficient.</p> <p>3. Site control documentation is a minimum threshold requirement of the RFA and will be assessed by HCD staff. Your current lease should be sufficient to meet the minimum threshold. However, please be advised that site control is required throughout the contract period and your site control documentation may be subject to inspection at any time during the contract period.</p>

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<p>Question 10:</p>	<p>The Public Service checklist asks applicants to upload Grant Track Record Documentation, and I wanted to clarify what HCD considers sufficient for each item listed.</p> <p>For context, the reporting components under our previous CDBG contract included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance & Benefit Data: Public Services (Supplement to Quarterly Expenditure & Progress Report)• Redacted List of Persons Assisted (Supplement to Quarterly Expenditure & Progress Report)• Redacted Participant List• Monthly Progress Report• Quarterly Expenditure and Progress Report <p>With that in mind:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Final performance reports for each funded activity — Would the final Quarterly Expenditure and Progress Report, along with the final Performance & Benefit Data supplement, meet this requirement, or does HCD expect additional documentation, such as the final payment package?2. Documentation showing achievement of program objectives — Would the final Performance & Benefit Data supplement and Monthly Progress Report showing outcomes against contracted targets be sufficient, or does HCD prefer monitoring reports or other specific documentation?3. Evidence of compliance with grant terms and conditions — The examples listed include audit results and closeout letters. For an entity that did not trigger a single audit, what documentation would HCD accept as evidence of compliance? For example, would monitoring correspondence with no findings and/or the executed closeout letter be sufficient?
<p>Answer 10:</p>	<p>Each application is subject to review and scoring by committee, but all the suggested documents could work. The key is to show that deliverables were met and that grant funds were drawn down.</p>

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Question 11:	Is the budget period for CDBG/ESG/HOME TBRA 1/1/26 to 12/31/26?
Answer 11:	All CDBG Public Service (including Public Service Technical Assistance) applications must align with the 2026 calendar year (i.e. from 1/1/26 to 12/31/26). All other applications, including HOME and ESG funds, may be for up to two years.
Question 12	The RFP requires submission of a complete Activity Budget, but the software does not have a space for upload.
Answer 12	This issue only affected the Public Service application portal in Neighborly. The issue was resolved on February 20, 2026, at 12:30 pm. Applicants can upload their detailed budget on Tab "F" in the Required Documents section of the system. Applicants that may have submitted prior to the fix will not be penalized.