PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The CDBG program is a federally funded block grant to states that focuses on benefiting low- to moderate-income (LMI) individuals by providing resources for livable neighborhoods, economic growth and resiliency, and decent housing. For Alabama, these funds are administered through ADECA, and applications are typically due in June.

REQUIRED CRITERIA
To qualify for CDBG funding, the proposed project must meet at least one National Objective, Performance Measure, and Improvement Outcome:

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES
1. Benefit LMI Persons
2. Aid in the prevention/elimination of slums and blight
3. Meet other urgent community needs

PERFORMANCE MEASURES
1. Create suitable living environments
2. Provide decent affordable housing
3. Create economic opportunities

IMPROVEMENT OUTCOMES
1. Improve the availability or accessibility of services
2. Improve affordability of housing or other services
3. Improve sustainability by promoting viable areas

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
The CDBG program is divided into four different funds:

COMPETITIVE FUND
Projects addressing basic community needs

*Example Projects:* Water & sewer improvements
Street Refinement
Downtown Revitalization

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT
Projects enhancing a community beyond providing for essential needs

*Example Projects*
Senior Citizen & Community Centers
Recreational facilities
Fire Protection Services

PLANNING
Projects and activities assisting municipalities with community planning

*Example Projects*
Comprehensive Plans
Downtown Revitalization Plans

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Projects supporting economic development opportunities that would result in the creation or retention of jobs

*Example Projects*
Water, sewer, or road expansion to a developed site

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