

Questions from Application Training on 10/23/2023

1) *Is this presentation for developers only?*

This presentation is for affordable housing developers and public services providers. Funding is not directly available to members of the public.

2) *Can this funding be used for initial planning of projects?*

Planning activities are funded in the form of a loan.

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3) *Is this for Redmond, Prineville etc. or just Bend?*

This funding is for projects within Bend city limits and does not include Redmond or Prineville.

4) *Could these funds be used for multipurpose buildings? Where there is retail, event and housing opportunity in one building? We're hoping to create a space - either from the ground up or renovate an existing structure - for individuals living with disability that will help support their housing, employment and social service needs.*

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5) *I am considering a multi plex with mini units/studio for low income occupants. Does the city of Bend discount SDC and permit fees? What is the maximum % of amount spent on a project this grant will fund? Maximum amount of grant possible for 1 project?*

As of December 1, 2017, all City (does not include Parks & Rec) system development charges (SDCs) will be exempted for housing for which the developer or property owner agrees to record a deed restriction to maintain the property as affordable housing for households with income at or below 80% of area median income (AMI). Homes for rent or sale must be deed restricted to those making 80% Area Median Income (AMI) and below.

Permit fees are not discounted for affordable housing developments.

There is no maximum amount of funds available for one project. Multi-phase projects are only eligible for funding once per phase. Funds for affordable housing development projects are in the form of a loan, not a grant. Refer to the "City of Bend Policy on Loans and Grants Through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and Affordable Housing Fund (AHF)" in the Affordable Housing Development application in [Neighborly](#).

6) *How would an organization apply for a grant for services for the homeless?*

Organizations providing services for the homeless may apply for a CDBG grant in [Neighborly](#) by completing the Public Service Program Application.

7) *Is typical Environmental Review required by the city Part 58 or Part 52? Would the city act as the Responsible Entity?*

Part 50 applies to programs where HUD performs the environmental reviews, and Part 58 applies to programs that allow a responsible entity to perform the environmental reviews. The City of Bend acts as the responsible entity for CDBG-funded projects in Bend.