

FAQ #1 – Questions asked in Pre-Application Training on 1/8/2026

Q. Will this presentation (or a summary of the information on the slides) be made available?

A. Yes, the slides are available on

<https://www.bendoregon.gov/government/departments/housing/funding-opportunities>

Q. Does federal compliance apply to only the infrastructure part of the project?

A. Federal compliance applies to the entire construction contract, not just the part funded with federal dollars and not just the “infrastructure” elements.

Q. If we are awarded funding for infrastructure, can we still apply for future funds for other phases of the project?

A. Yes.

Q. Are these funds for infrastructure projects offered as a grant or as a loan?

A. The City of Bend provides assistance in the form of **grants** for City infrastructure projects.

Q. When do the funds need to be spent, and when does the project need to be completed?

A. Funds must be drawn by June 30, 2027 (preferably with the majority drawn before May 1, 2027). The project must have reportable progress in 3 years, complete with benefit to the public reported before end of City grant agreement with HUD.

Q. How much is available?

A. Approximately \$495,000, although the actual amount available may be higher or lower, depending on the amount of funds HUD allocates to the City of Bend. Awards are made with contingency language to allow for funding to increase or decrease, based on the actual amount available. The date that HUD will notify the City of Bend of the 2026-2027 allocation is unknown.

Q. Is there a matching requirement?

A. While there is no matching requirement, CDBG should not be the only funding involved in your project. CDBG funds are meant to supplement, not replace, local funding sources. Include any other funding sources in your application and define whether they are applied for, committed, or secured.

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Q. Is the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program part of federal compliance for CDBG infrastructure projects?

A. In the webinar, City staff stated that MBE may not apply to CDBG projects, but Section 3 does apply. City staff are gathering information on the current status of MBE in relation to CDBG and will update this response if needed.