



CITY OF COLUMBIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABLE (NOFA) FY 2012- 2013
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)



This Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) announces the availability of funding for the Program Year (PY) July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013 for the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**. The CDBG Program is funded and regulated at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered locally by the City of Columbia, under the auspices of the Community Development Department. The CDBG Program is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The regulations implementing the CDBG Program are located in the 24 CFR, Part 570.

The objectives of this program are in accordance with the HUD's national objectives which seeks the development of a viable urban community through the implementation of the following goals, principally for the benefit of low-and moderate-income (LMI) persons: decent housing, suitable living environment, expanded economic opportunity, aid in the elimination of slums and blight, and respond to an urgent need

The City of Columbia is receiving applications from qualified entities to apply for funding under this Request for Applications (RFA). The primary objective is to fund projects and activities that are consistent with locally developed CDBG Program Priorities and to address the City's Consolidated Plan objectives.

The City of Columbia is a CDBG "Entitlement" Program city (i.e., for cities with populations over 50,000). As a CDBG Entitlement city, the City of Columbia receives an annual allocation of CDBG funds. The data used to calculate the CDBG formula varies from year to year; the funding amount is not predetermined. It is anticipated that the funds available to the City of Columbia will be approximately **\$ 1, 127,901** in CDBG funds, of which **\$ 730,000** is available for non-public service programs, and **\$ 100,000** for public service/ neighborhood improvement grant programs. This figure is based on last year's (FY 2011-2012) funding allocation.

During the 2012-2013 funding cycle, funding for the CDBG Program is available under the **Public Service Category** (the provision of public service include neighborhood improvement grants) or **Non-Public Service Category** (the provision of non-public services includes but is not limited to economic development and public facilities and improvements.)

This NOFA/RFA is a one (1) year funding request.

The City of Columbia will hold technical assistance workshops to provide applicants with technical assistance sufficient to submit competitive applications for this funding. **Attendance at One (1) session is required as a condition of submitting an application for funding for all applicants. Applications will not be accepted from any organizations not represented at the workshop.**

November 16, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.

Eau Claire Print Building,
3905 Ensor Avenue
Columbia, SC 29203

November 30, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Richland County Public Library
1431 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC 29201

This NOFA/RFA may be obtained online at <http://www.columbiasc.net/communitydevelopment>, **OR** visit the Community Development Department at 1225 Lady Street, Ste 102, Columbia, SC 29201. If you have any questions regarding this NOFA you may contact the Community Development Department at (803) 545-3950.