



Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Program Year 2023

The Bexar County Economic and Community Development Department is pleased to announce the availability of funding for community development projects through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs.

The **CDBG** program provides funding for projects that benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and families, eliminate slum and blight conditions, and address urgent community needs. Eligible projects include housing rehabilitation, economic development, public facilities, and public infrastructure improvements.

The **HOME** program provides funding for the development, acquisition, and rehabilitation of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families. Eligible projects include the construction of new affordable housing units, rehabilitation of existing homes, and the acquisition of land for affordable housing development.

The **ESG** program provides funding to help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness regain housing stability. Eligible projects include emergency shelter construction, rental assistance, and homeless prevention programs. Eligible projects include Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) administration, street outreach activities, emergency shelter operations, short-term rental assistance for those at-risk of homelessness, case management, and other supportive services.

Funding Applications

Interested parties are invited to submit funding requests for projects that align with the goals of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. The application will be available on the Economic and Community Development [webpage](#) and [Zoomgrants](#) portal at 10:00 AM on **Friday – March 17, 2023**. The deadline for submission is **11:59 PM on Friday - April 7, 2023**.

Applicants must demonstrate their ability to carry out proposed projects and meet program requirements, including the provision of matching funds, if applicable. Preference will be given to projects that serve areas with high levels of need and address critical community development needs outlined in [Bexar County's 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan](#).

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance resources such as program eligible activities, application requirements and procedures, and Zoomgrants' "How-to-Guide" are available on the Economic and Community Development [webpage](#).

Application Review Process

Application Review Period: May of 2023

All grant applications received by the Bexar County Economic and Community Development Department will be reviewed by a third-party scoring committee composed of experts in the relevant fields. The scoring committee will evaluate the applications based on program guidelines and the evaluation criteria outlined in the Notice of Funding Availability.

The scoring committee will make recommendations for funding to the Bexar County Commissioners Court for final approval. The Commissioners Court will have the ultimate authority to approve or reject funding recommendations based on available funds, program priorities, and other factors.

Application Evaluation Criteria:

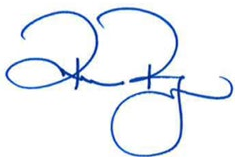
- **Community Need** - The project should address an identified community need, such as affordable housing, public facilities or infrastructure, or emergency shelter and services for homeless individuals and families.
- **Impact and Feasibility** - The project should have a significant impact on the community and be feasible to implement within the available timeframe and budget.
- **Capacity** - The applicant should have the capacity to carry out the proposed project, including financial, technical, and administrative capacity.
- **Partnerships and Collaboration** - The applicant should demonstrate partnerships and collaboration with other organizations and stakeholders to ensure project success.
- **Leveraging and Sustainability** - The project should leverage other resources and have a plan for long-term sustainability.

Preliminary Selection: June of 2023

Final Selection: August of 2023

We look forward to receiving your applications and partnering with you to improve our community through these important programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Reyna', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert H. Reyna, MBA
Community Development Director