City of Florence
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
Community Development Block Grant Program

The 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Funding Opportunity for Public Services is now open. The City of Florence has received funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to implement activities principally benefitting low- and moderate-income persons and neighborhoods. The estimated total funding available for the competitive Public Service Grant Program is $50,000. The following eligibility criteria must be met at the time of application and maintained throughout the performance period if the organization is chosen as a grantee.

- Applicants must be a nonprofit organization with current 501(c)(3) status, or a public agency.
- All services provided must meet at least one of three national objectives defined by HUD:
    1. Benefit to low and/or moderate-income persons
    2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
    3. Meet a need having a particular urgency
- Applications to Public Service Grant Program must be a direct service aligned to at least one of the following activities allowed by HUD under 24 CFR 570.201 such as:
    1. Senior Services (05A)
    2. Youth Services (05D)
    3. Transportation Services (05E)
    4. Health Services (05M)
    5. Security Deposits (05Q)
    6. Food Banks (05W)
- Applicants are required to demonstrate and document coordination with other local service providers.

The City of Florence Public Service Grant Program is highly competitive. To maximize organizational benefit, one organization per activity will be considered. Applications must focus on eligible direct services to eligible clients. Operating expenses are not considered direct services, and therefore will not be funded. Inclusion of operating expenses in the submittal will not render an invalid application. However, if eligible activities are not clearly discerned, applications may fail to earn points needed to be competitive.

Each application will be reviewed by Community Development staff to determine completeness. Items missing from the application will render the entire application invalid. Completed applications will be assessed by a review panel comprised of public and private industry professionals without affiliation to the applying organizations. The review panel will make recommendations based upon the non-monetary merits of the application only. Applications must demonstrate basic coordination with other local service providers and funded organizations will be required to report such coordination during the project period.

Applications must be submitted before Thursday, December 31st, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The City of Florence is respectful of the time and resources required to submit applications that meet program criteria. Therefore, late applications are not accepted. Applications must be submitted through the online portal: Neighborly Software-Florence Community Development Portal. If there are any questions or your agency requires technical assistance, please contact the Florence Community Development Division.

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