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CDBG Program Update

All Grantees

New Low/Moderate Income Summary Data and Transition Guidance Issued:

On June 16, HUD released the new Low/Moderate Income Summary Data (LMISD); and on June 11, HUD issued two companion CPD Notices explaining the transition to using this new data. The data will be available for use in IDIS beginning July 1. The updated LMISD data are now published for grantees' planning purposes at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/systems/census [scroll to the bottom of the page]. Upper quartile percentage data for exception communities has also been posted there.

The data will be available in IDIS and required for new activities for which funding is first obligated by the grantee on or after the effective date, July 1, 2014. For new activities with service areas that qualified as LMI according to the prior dataset, but do not qualify according to the updated dataset, the prior dataset may still be utilized in limited circumstances. The Transition Policy Notices provide grantees with a four-part test to determine whether the grantee may continue to use the previous LMISD after the effective date, July 1st: The 1)award(State)/obligation(Entitlement) before the effective date, 2) a specifically defined area benefit activity, with 3)a specific budget, and 4)clearly defined service area.

The new LMISD is based on the 2006-2010 American Community Survey data. The data is provided for Block groups, Census designated Places, County Subdivisions, Counties, and Entitlement Grantee Jurisdictions. Previous data sets were published with "split-block groups" which allowed users to build up to all these different geographies. Since the ACS has a lower data confidence level, due to a smaller sample size, HUD cannot provide split block group level data. Please see the Transition Policy Notices for more details [CPD Notice 14-010 for States](#) and [CPD Notice 14-011 for Entitlements](#). Note that HUD has not yet produced equivalent data for the Insular Areas.

Census Bureau Releases July 1, 2013 Population Estimates:

On May 23, The U.S. Census Bureau issued its 7/1/13 population estimates. From this data, HUD has identified 15 cities and 2 counties that have now surpassed the statutory population thresholds (50,000 for cities, 200,000 for counties). These jurisdictions become newly potentially eligible for entitlement status, based on this data. (There are also dozens of cities and counties that were previously identified as potentially eligible entitlements, but who have so far chosen not to accept their entitlement status. Those grantees remain eligible.) HUD will shortly issue instructions to field offices on notifying potential new grantees about their options. This will include planning estimate grant amounts based on FY 14 appropriations levels. CPD Notice 14-07, "Instructions for Urban County Qualification for Participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2015-2017" set out the following deadlines for making participation decisions for FY 2015:

- By June 20, 2014, any unit of general local government that meets "metropolitan city" status for the first time and wishes to defer such status and remain part of the county, or to accept such status and become a joint recipient with the urban county, must notify the county and the HUD Field Office in writing that it elects to defer its metropolitan city status or to accept its status and join with the urban county in a joint agreement.
- By July 18, 2014, any unit of general local government that is not currently participating in an urban county and chooses to participate for the remaining second or third year of the county's qualification period must notify the county and the HUD Field Office in writing that it elects to be included.
- By July 25, 2014, any county seeking to qualify as an urban county or to include any previously nonparticipating units of general local government into its configuration must submit to the appropriate

HUD Field Office all qualification documentation.

- Potentially eligible new entitlement cities not currently part of an urban county should notify HUD in writing as soon as possible, if they wish to accept their entitlement status for FY 2015.

Given that this notification comes after the first of the above deadlines, HUD will consider granting time extensions as appropriate to give cities and counties sufficient time to make decisions. Jurisdictions and field offices should consult CPD-14-07 for further information on deadlines and time extensions. This Notice can be accessed on line at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/hudclips/notices/cpd

Alternative Section 504 Accessibility Provisions Published:

On May 23, 2014, HUD published a Federal Register Notice (attached as a PDF file) regarding compliance with Section 504 requirements. These instructions permit recipients of Federal financial assistance from HUD (HUD recipients) to use an alternative accessibility standard for purposes of complying with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and HUD's implementing regulation at 24 CFR part 8 (Section 504 regulation) until HUD formally revises its Section 504 regulation to adopt an updated accessibility standard.

Disaster Preparedness Resources In Other Languages:

The website <http://www.ready.gov/languages> contains flyers, brochures, tri-folds, press releases and public service announcements tailored to provide disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation information. The purpose of these webpages is to help people with limited English proficiency levels to receive important life-sustaining and life-saving information when disasters strike. Grantees might find these tools a useful addition to their Limited English Proficiency libraries. (Thanks to Steve Eberlein in HUD's Fort Worth Regional Office for sharing this information!)

Entitlement Grantees

Register Today: Effective Management of CDBG Subrecipients Training Module – Atlanta, GA:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is pleased to announce a series of two-day Effective Management of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipients trainings. This training provides timely guidance on critical issues regarding the selection and management of subrecipients. Registration is now open for the August 6-7 session in Atlanta. Due to limited space, registrations will be reviewed. Please note that a maximum of two staff members per grantee will be allowed to attend. For information and registration for CDBG training offerings, go to: <https://onecpd.info/training-events/courses/idis-for-cdbg-grantees2/>

States, Insular Areas, and Non-Entitlement Counties in Hawaii

Timely Distribution and Expenditures Reports:

The May, 2014, Timely Distribution and Expenditure Reports are attached for states, Insular Areas and Hawaii nonentitlement counties. Also attached is a memo to field offices regarding closing out pre-2009 state grants.

Office of Block Grant Personnel News:

The Headquarters Office of Block Grant Assistance is pleased to announce that Tennille Smith Parker has been named the Director of the Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division. Ms. Parker has served as Acting Director for the past year. Jennifer Hylton, of the NSP Team, will be moving to join the Disaster Recovery division. On a more bittersweet note, OBGAs announces the retirement of Grace Saenz, who is a Disaster Recovery division staff member outstationed in the San Antonio field office. Ms. Saenz worked in the field for CPD for many years before joining the disaster recovery efforts. We are sorry to see her go, but we wish Grace congratulations and all the best on her retirement!