

Community Development Block Grant

Shelby Urban County Program Factsheet



About the Program

In 2024, Shelby County was designated as an entitlement community through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the agency's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Through its designation, Shelby County receives funding directly from HUD to support projects and meet local needs in the 13 participating municipalities within the county.

Program Overview

What is the CDBG program?

The CDBG program is a grant program available through HUD to support local communities with infrastructure improvements, public facilities and services, and affordable housing needs. As an Entitlement Community designee, the county receives funding directly from HUD so projects are selected through a local process and funded based on local priorities.

What are the project eligibility requirements?

To be eligible to apply for CDBG funds, the project must address one of HUD's national objectives, which are 1) Benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons; 2) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or 3) Meet an urgent need.

What entities are eligible to apply?

To apply, applicants must either be 1) a participating municipality with Shelby Urban County through a three-year cooperative agreement or 2) a local nonprofit located in Shelby County serving Shelby County residents.

How are priorities determined and projects selected?

Shelby Urban County is governed by its Policy Board, which comprises representatives from the county's 13 participating municipalities and the county. This board makes decisions regarding the program's goals and priority needs and recommends projects for funding to the Shelby County Commission.

Who serves on the Policy Board?

The representatives serving on the Policy Board are selected by the mayor of each of the participating municipalities in the county. Each municipality assigns one representative and one Alternate to the Board. A list of current participating municipalities and board members can be found [here](#).

For more information about the CDBG program, visit the [Shelby Urban County website](#) or email Department of Development Services staff at cdbg@shelbyal.com or call [205-620-6650](tel:205-620-6650).