**Notice of Funding Availability**

 The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is the federal government’s (Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)) primary program for promoting community revitalization throughout the country. HUD provides CDBG annual grants on a formula basis to approximately 1,100 metropolitan cities and urban counties (entitlement communities – which includes the City of Grand Island, NE). CDBG funds are used for a wide range of community development activities directed toward housing /neighborhood revitalization, economic development and improvement community facilities and public services.

The amount of funding is determined by the federal legislation in Washington, DC and the City usually receives notification of annual allocation in April. Throughout past program years the City of Grand Island has received approximately $400,000 in an annual allocation.

HUD requires that each activity proposed for CDBG funding meet one of the following criteria:

* Principally benefit low-moderate income persons;
* Aid in the prevention of elimination of slums or blight;
* Meet an urgent need

HUD requires that the City ensures, 70% of the CDBG funds be used to assist activities benefiting low-moderate income persons and up to 15% of the annual allocation is allowed to be used for public service activities.

All interested individuals, groups, organizations are invited to submit an application for CDBG funding for activities that meet a HUD national objective. All applications for funding must be submitted by March 15, 2021 at 5 pm. On February 17th 2022 an open workshop will be held for any potential applicants to review the national objectives and requirements of CDBG. Community Development Staff will be available for questions during the workshop. If interested in attending please RSVP to Ambera@grand-island.com

As reported in the Five year 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan the goals for the City of Grand Island CDBG funding are to:

* increase, quality affordable housing options,
* cultivate small and emerging business,
* Support public services and vulnerable populations.

The full 2022 CDBG application can be found at:

[Grant Funding | City of Grand Island, NE (grand-island.com)](https://www.grand-island.com/departments/regional-planning/community-development/grant-recipients)

If you have any questions regarding the application or CDBG funds, please feel free to submit questions, make written comments, or request copies of current documents to Amber Alvidrez, Community Development Division at 100 E. 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801, by telephone at (308-385-5444 ext. 212) or by email at Ambera@grand-island.com