

FY 2017 Exception Grantees

The Community Block Grant Development (CDBG) program requires that each CDBG-funded activity must either principally benefit low and moderate income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or meet a community development need having a particular urgency. With respect to activities that benefit all the residents of a given area, at least 51% of the area's residents must be low and moderate income.

Some CDBG assisted activities, such as parks, neighborhoods, facilities, community centers and streets, serve an identified geographic area. These activities generally meet the low- and moderate-income principal benefit requirement if 51 percent of the residents in the activity's service area are low and moderate income.

However, some communities have no or very few areas in which 51 percent of the residents are low and moderate income. For these grantees, the CDBG law authorizes an exception criterion in order for such grantees to be able to undertake area benefit activities. Specifically, section 105(c)(2)(A)(ii) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, states that an activity shall be considered to principally benefit low and moderate income persons when "the area served by such activity is within the highest quartile of all areas within the jurisdiction of such city or county in terms of the degree of concentration of persons of low and moderate income."

Section 105(c)(2)(A)(ii) is implemented in the CDBG regulations at 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)(ii), which identifies the following methodology to calculate a grantee's "exception" threshold: all block groups within the grantee's jurisdiction in which people are residing are rank ordered from the highest percentage of low- and moderate-income persons to lowest. (For urban counties, the rank ordering covers the entire area of the county, rather than being done separately by participating units of government within the county.) The total number of block groups is divided by four. If the percentage of low- and moderate-income persons in the last block group in the top quartile is less than 51 percent, that percentage becomes the grantee's low- and moderate-income threshold for area benefit activities. NOTE: whenever the total number of block groups does not divide evenly by four, the block group that would be fractionally divided is included in the top quartile.

The file below reflects the CDBG "exception grantees" and the exception threshold for each based on the 2006-2010 American Community Survey (ACS). This percentage represents the minimum percentage of low- and moderate-income persons that must reside in the service area of an area benefit activity for the activity to be assisted with CDBG funds.

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CDBGUOGID	CDBGNAME	STUSAB	CDBGTYPE	FY2017 EXCEPTION PERCENTAGE
201944	Lenexa	KS	Metro City	28.24%
202688	Overland Park	KS	Principal City	36.36%
203216	Shawnee	KS	Metro City	44.37%
209091	Johnson County	KS	Urban County	33.92%
210048	Ashland	KY	Principal City	49.84%
210696	Elizabethtown	KY	Principal City	44.38%
221698	Slidell	LA	Metro City	46.61%
229103	St. Tammany Parish	LA	Urban County	42.11%
239005	Cumberland County	ME	Urban County	46.53%
240156	Bowie City	MD	Metro City	23.72%
240582	Gaithersburg	MD	Principal City	50.49%
249003	Anne Arundel County	MD	Urban County	35.27%
249005	Baltimore County	MD	Urban County	48.33%
249025	Harford County	MD	Urban County	41.74%
249027	Howard County	MD	Urban County	23.87%
249031	Montgomery County	MD	Urban County	38.95%
250078	Arlington	MA	Metro City	33.33%
250126	Attleboro	MA	Metro City	41.75%
250168	Barnstable	MA	Principal City	41.79%
250372	Brookline	MA	Metro City	41.50%
250858	Gloucester	MA	Metro City	49.13%
251410	Medford	MA	Metro City	45.24%
251650	Newton	MA	Principal City	30.68%
251884	Peabody City	MA	Metro City	50.00%
251962	Plymouth Town	MA	Metro City	39.88%
251992	Quincy	MA	Metro City	50.16%
252784	Weymouth Town	MA	Metro City	42.95%
261074	Canton Twp	MI	Metro City	29.31%
261410	Clinton Twp	MI	Metro City	49.32%
261644	Dearborn Heights	MI	Metro City	49.65%
262096	Farmington Hills	MI	Principal City	35.29%
263648	Livonia	MI	Principal City	28.38%
264086	Midland	MI	Principal City	48.32%
264452	Norton Shores	MI	Metro City	40.34%
264974	Portage	MI	Principal City	43.75%
265148	Redford	MI	Metro City	42.42%
265304	Royal Oak	MI	Metro City	36.40%
265370	St Clair Shores	MI	Metro City	40.00%
265664	Southfield	MI	Principal City	44.57%
265814	Sterling Heights	MI	Metro City	43.06%
266267	Waterford Township	MI	Metro City	41.94%
266378	Westland	MI	Metro City	50.00%
269049	Genesee County	MI	Urban County	42.62%