

# 2012 CDBG APPLICATION WORKSHOP

## County of Lexington



# WELCOME!

- **Municipalities**
- **Non-Profit Organizations**
- **Other Interested Agencies**

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# General Information

- Restrooms
- No food or drinks
- Please turn phones off or place on vibrate



# Agenda

- **HOME Investment Partnership Program**
- **CDBG Program**
- **Applying for CDBG Funds**
- **CDBG Program Monitoring and Reporting**
- **Timeline Review**
- **Question and Answers**

# HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

County of Lexington



# What is the HOME Program?

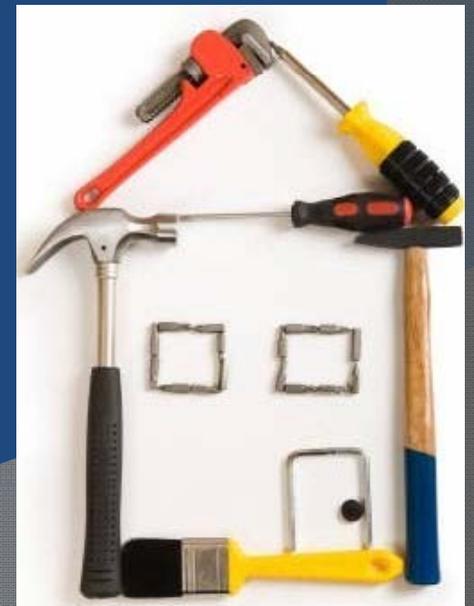
- Established under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act in 1990
- The Federal Government created the HOME Program to help States and local governments respond to the need for adequate and affordable housing.
- Lexington County became a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) in the HOME Program in the 2009 Program Year

# HOME Program Objectives

- Provide decent affordable housing to lower income households
- Expand the capacity of non-profit housing providers
- Strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing
- Leverage private-sector participation

# Eligible HOME Activities

- New home construction
- Major rehabilitation of owner-occupied units
- Site Improvements for HOME assisted projects
- Acquisition of property
- Demolition of dilapidated housing
- Payment of relocation expenses
- Down payment and closing cost



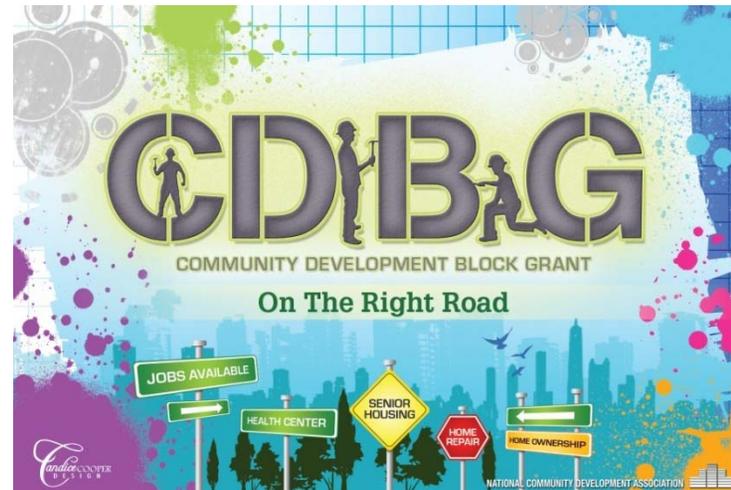
# HOME Programs Lexington County

- Down Payment Assistance
- Minor Home Repair
- Home Rehabilitation

Acquisition Rehabilitation Program

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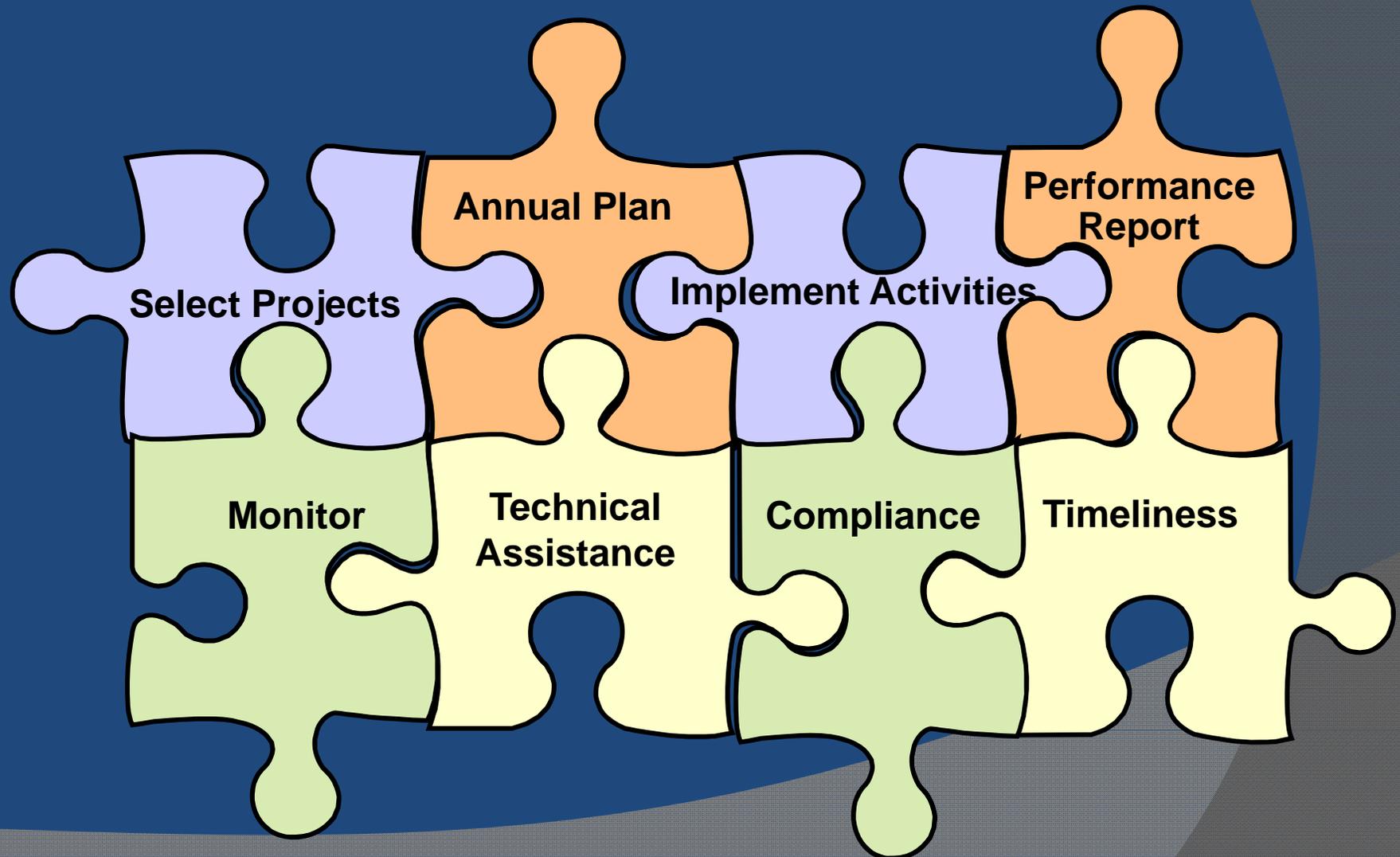
# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM



# What is CDBG?

- Established through the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
- Primary goal is to develop viable communities by providing:
  - Decent Housing
  - A Suitable Living Environment, and
  - Expansion of Economic Opportunities
  - Principally for low- and moderate-income persons (LMI)

# CDBG



# The Process



# Consolidated Plan Priorities

- **Priority Need 1:** Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities are available to provide for basic and essential needs and services.
- **Priority Need 2:** Ensure adequate and safe infrastructure to meet basic needs of residents.
- **Priority Need 3:** Establish or support programs that provide needed public services and/or increase the level of service provided by existing programs.

# Consolidated Plan Priorities

- **Priority Need 4:** Support and provide assistance to nonprofit and for-profit entities that create, increase or retain employment opportunities for LMI persons.
- **Priority Need 5:** Provide and/or support adequate, safe and affordable housing.
- **Priority Need 6:** Provide mechanisms and forums for collaboration, coordination, and capacity building.

# 2012 Estimated Funding

- Approximately \$1,352,172 is expected in CDBG funding
  - \$270,434 for County Administration
  - \$1,081,738 Awarded to Projects
- Minimum Award: \$5,000
- No Maximum Award

# Match Requirement

- A 10% match is required for all applications submitted for funding
- Match Sources
  - Other Grants
  - Loans
  - Public or Private Investment

# Eligible Organizations

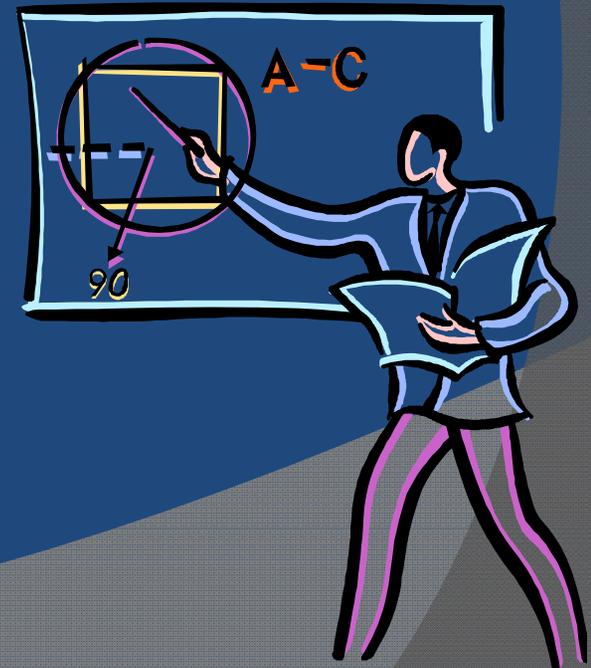
- Local Municipalities
- Non-profit Organizations
- Public Agencies
- For-profit Organizations

# What Can CDBG Do For Communities?

- Invests federal funding
- Creates job opportunities
- Stimulates other investments
- Improves lives of citizens

# National Objectives

1. Benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI)
2. Prevent or eliminate slums or blight
3. Meet an urgent need



**#1  
Low and Moderate  
Income (LMI)**

**Jobs**

**Area**

**Housing**

**Limited  
Clientele**

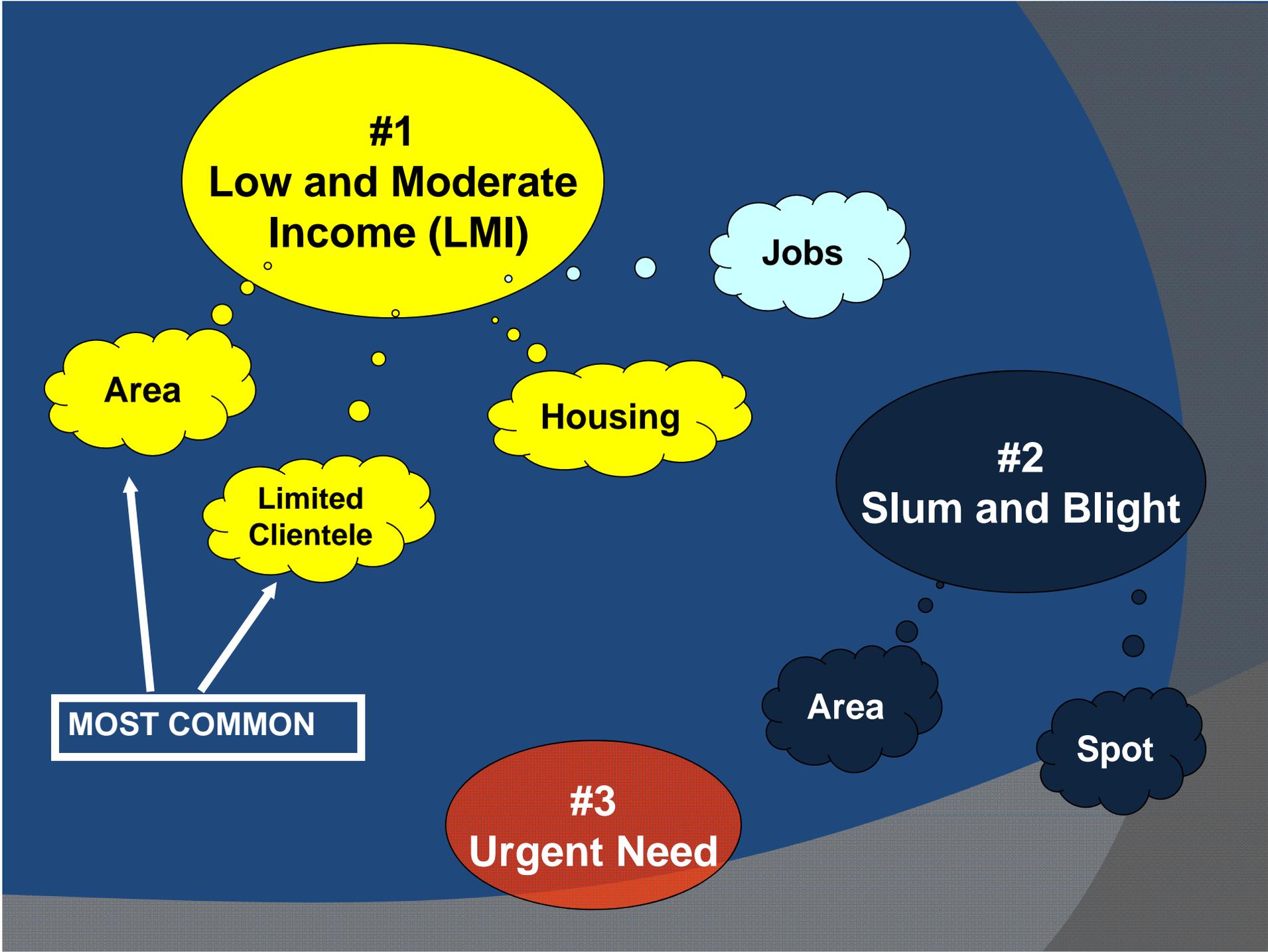
**#2  
Slum and Blight**

**MOST COMMON**

**Area**

**Spot**

**#3  
Urgent Need**

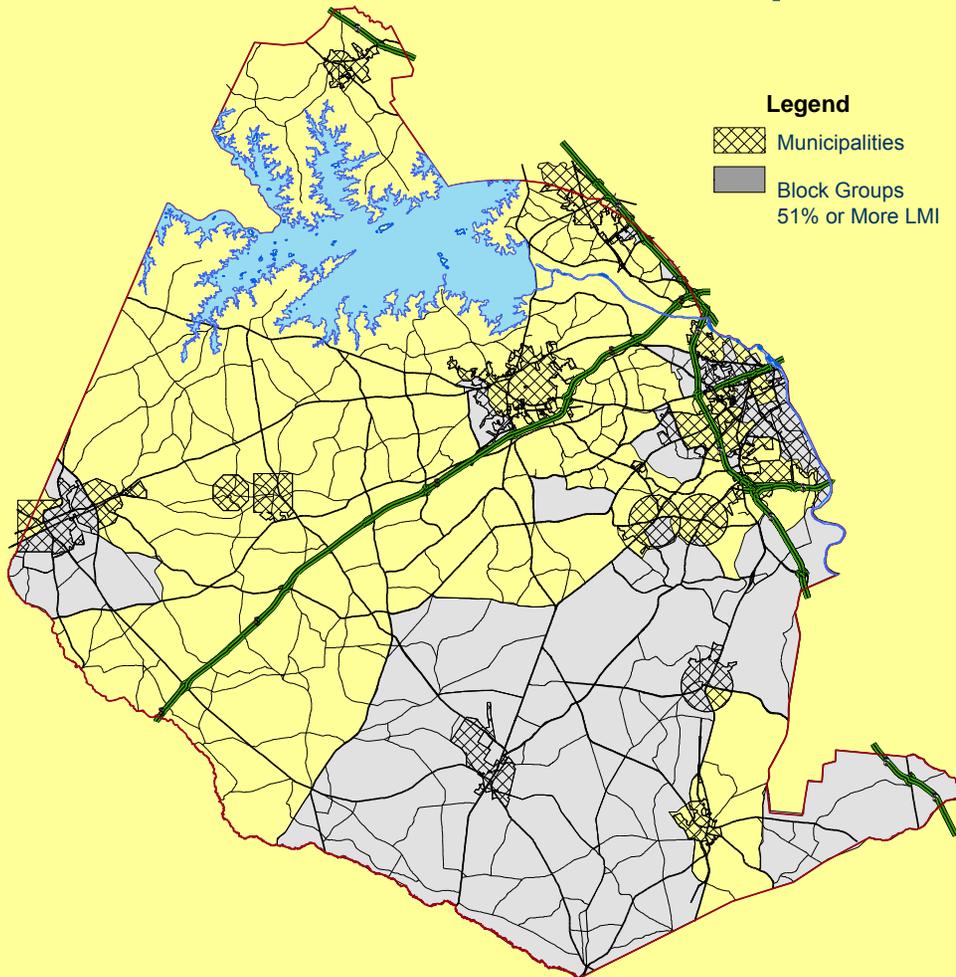


# Benefit LMI Persons

## Area Benefit:

- Area served must be primarily residential
- Activities must benefit all residents in an area where at least 51% of the residents are LMI
- Determined through:
  - Census Tract(s) & Block Group(s) LMI data (<http://factfinder.census.gov>)
  - Household Income Surveys
- Examples: Water/Sewer; Libraries; Neighborhood/Health Centers; Parks, Streets and Sidewalks

# Lexington County Census Tracts and Block Groups



## Legend

-  Municipalities
-  Block Groups  
51% or More LMI

# Benefit LMI Persons

## Limited Clientele:

- Activities limited to a group that is  $\geq 51\%$  LMI
- Two ways to determine benefit:
  - Presumed LMI by HUD
    - Abused Children, Battered Spouses, Elderly (62+), Severely Disabled Adults, Homeless Persons, Illiterate Adults, Persons living with HIV/AIDS, and Migrant Farm Workers
  - Income verified as LMI

# Benefit LMI Persons

## Housing Activities:

- LMI households only (Income Verified)
- Example: County's Minor Repair Program



# Benefit LMI Persons

## Jobs Activities:

- At least 51% of permanent jobs created or retained held or available to LMI persons.



## 2012 LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME LIMITS

Household Size	Maximum Income
1	\$36,150
2	\$41,300
3	\$46,450
4	\$51,600
5	\$55,750
6	\$59,900
7	\$64,000
8	\$68,150

# Prevent/Eliminate Slums and Blight

## Area Basis – Must:

- Be designated as such and meet definition under State or local law
- Have substantial number of deteriorated buildings
- Must address one (1) or more conditions contributing to the deterioration of area.



# Prevent/Eliminate Slums and Blight

## Spot Basis – Must:

- Eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay not located in a designated slum/blighted area.
- Activities limited to Acquisition, Clearance, Relocation, Historic Preservation, Limited Rehabilitation



# Meet an Urgent Need

## Alleviates emergency conditions that:

- Pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community;
- Are of recent origin or recently became urgent;
- The grantee is unable to finance on its own; and
- Other sources of funding are not available.



**TORNADO**



**HURRICANE**

# Eligible Activities

- Acquisition of Real Property
- Public Facilities and Improvement
- Clearance and Demolition
- Public Services
- Homeownership Assistance
- Rehabilitation & Preservation
  - Housing Rehabilitation
  - Code Enforcement
  - Historic Preservation

# Project Examples

## PUBLIC FACILITIES/IMPROVEMENTS

- Water/Sewer Lines – Upgrades, Extensions
- Other Water/Sewer Improvements
- Sidewalks
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Community/Senior Centers

# Project Examples

## HOUSING & RELATED PROJECTS

- Minor Home Repair Program
- Septic Tank Replacement Program
- Water/Sewer Connections Only
- Roof Re-shingle Program
- Safety Program (smoke alarms, etc.)
- Lawn Mowing Program
- Tree Maintenance/Removal

# Project Examples

## PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

- After-school programs
- Adult literacy programs
- Home-delivered meals for elderly
- Food bank
- Crime prevention programs
- Fair housing education programs
- Programs for domestic violence victims
- Projects to create employment for LMI

# Project Examples

Project	National Objective	Eligible Activity
Street Improvements	Low/Mod Benefit – Area	Public Facilities
Senior Center	Low/Mod Benefit – Limited Clientele	Public Facilities
Minor Home Repair Program	Low/Mod Benefit – Housing	Housing Rehabilitation
After School Program	Low/Mod Benefit – Limited Clientele	Public Services
Demolition of Dilapidated Property	Slum/Blight – Spot	Clearance

# Generally Ineligible Activities

- General government expenses
- Political activities
- Purchase of equipment
- Operating and maintenance costs
- New housing construction
- Income payments
- General government buildings

# Project Examples

For other examples “Google” the following:

- CDBG Success Stories
- CDBG Projects
- CDBG Activities
- CDBG City
- CDBG County

# Lexington County CDBG 2012 Projects

- Minor Home Repair Program
- West Lexington Water Line Upgrade
- Avenues Area Water Line Upgrade
- Homeownership Loan Program
- Keeping Every Youth Safe Afterschool Program

# Lexington County CDBG 2012 Projects

- Platt Springs Road Blight Removal
- Backpack Weekend Child Feeding Program
- BE Great Academy Scholarship Program
- Shelter Facility Improvements
- Duffie Work Activity Center Improvements

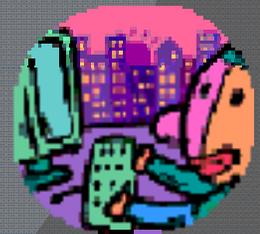
# How Do Communities Apply?

## 1. Decide on potential project(s)

- Is the **primary activity** eligible?
- Will it meet a **national objective**?
- Are estimated **costs** reasonable?
- Can projects be completed in a timely manner?

# How Do Communities Apply?

2. Prepare and submit application summary form by September 30, 2011.
3. We will follow up with you on any questions/clarifications needed.
4. You will be notified when you can proceed with the full application.



# How Do Communities Apply?

## 5. Submit the application no later than November 13, 2012

 **Lexington County**  
**Community Development Block Grant Program**  
**Application for Assistance**  
Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013  
*(Please refer to Application Instructions and Handbook for assistance in completing the application.)*

**1. General Information**

Locality/Organization Name	Authorized Official Name/Title	
Address	Telephone	Fax
City, State, Zip	DLNG Number	
Contact Person Name/Title	Contact Person Email	

**2. Project Information**

Project Title

Location of the Project (Attach map showing the general and specific location of the project)

Total Estimated Project Cost

Total CDBG Funds Requested

Project Description (Briefly describe the use of CDBG for the project)

*(A complete description of the project will be given in response to the narrative questions.)*

Project Schedule (Include start and end dates for the duration of the project)

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Grant Administration**

Who will administer the grant and be responsible for all compliance requirements?

What experience do they have in administering CDBG projects?

**4. Select the Eligible Activity (See Application Handbook Section 3)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Clearance Demolition	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities & Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: List _____

**5. Select the National Objective the Project Will Meet (See Application Handbook Section 3)**

Benefit to low and moderate income persons (Select one or more below)

Area Benefit  Limited Clientele  Jobs  Housing

Aid in the prevention or elimination of blight (Select one or more below)

Area Basis  Spot Basis

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# How Do Communities Apply?

Who will administer your project?

- Central Midlands Council of Governments  
George Bistany: (803) 376-5390
- Engineering firms familiar with CDBG may be able to assist you
- Must have the capacity to comply with all CDBG requirements

# Subrecipient Responsibilities

Read “**Playing By The Rules**” handbook to learn CDBG subrecipient responsibilities

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/library/subrecipient/>

# Questions?



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