

CDBG Subrecipient Management – Online
Homework Assignment One
Starting at the Beginning/The CDBG Rule

1. The overall goals of the Community Planning and Development Programs covered by the Consolidated Plan are covered in 24 CFR 91. Which of the following is not considered a factor in developing a suitable living environment?
 - a) Conservation of energy resources
 - b) Improving the livability of neighborhoods
 - c) Expanding small businesses
 - d) Increasing access to public facilities
2. The grantee is going to tell HUD – and the public – what it thinks the community's non-housing community development needs are. In what section of the Consolidated Plan will that information be found.
 - a) PR-15
 - b) NA-50
 - c) MA-45
 - d) SP-25
3. Why is it important for grantees to “paint with a broad brush” when setting its goals in the Consolidated Plan?
 - a) If a goal is not listed in the Con Plan, it will not be available to link with Action Plan projects.
 - b) Funding an Action Plan project not listed in the Con Plan will require a substantial amendment to the Con Plan.
 - c) Priorities can change dramatically during the life cycle of a Con Plan.
 - d) All of the above.
4. A nonprofit agency has applied to your department for CDBG funds to help pay for an after-school tutoring program. Last year that program received funding from your jurisdiction's General Fund but has indicated it doesn't plan to renew the funding agreement because CDBG funds are available. Is the nonprofit eligible for CDBG funding this year?
 - a) Absolutely not.
 - b) Sure. No strings attached.
 - c) Yes, if the organization can demonstrate a quantifiable increase in the level of service.
 - d) Yes, but only if the organization convinces a Council member to put the heat on your office.
5. A math problem. Your jurisdiction has been allocated \$1,627,038 in CDBG funds for the next fiscal year. Your Program Income last year totaled \$253,046. What is the maximum you can budget for next year's non-COVID-related public service activities?
 - a) \$188,008.84
 - b) \$282,012.60
 - c) \$282,015.00
 - d) \$ 94,055.70

6. Your jurisdiction has decided a substantial amendment to the Con Plan is needed. What process does the grantee need to follow?
 - a) Submit the change to the City Council for approval
 - b) Send a memo to the Budget Department outlining the change
 - c) The same process required in the Citizen Participation Plan for approving the Con Plan
 - d) List the proposal on the jurisdiction's website and implement immediately.
7. The Citizen Participation Plan rule for substantial amendments sets the threshold for changes in the use of CDBG funds from one eligible activity to another at
 - a) 15%
 - b) 25%
 - c) 40%
 - d) Is silent on the subject, leaving the threshold decision to the local jurisdiction.
8. HUD tells us we've got a potential problem with timeliness. What would be a good approach to the issue?
 - a) Call HUD Gnash our teeth and cry havoc
 - b) Call our subrecipients and tell them to get their reimbursement requests in pronto
 - c) Nothing. Time cures all ills.
 - d) All of the above
9. Two years ago your Department assisted Parks and Rec with CBDG funds to build a new park in a low-mod area. Now the P&R director has come back asking for CDBG funds to buy a riding mower and pay staff time to cut the grass at the new park. Is the expense eligible?
 - a) The staff time Yes, the riding mower No
 - b) The mower Yes, the staff time No
 - c) Both Yes
 - d) Both No
10. Following HUD's advice, your jurisdiction has decided a good stable of subrecipient partners would be a huge benefit to your CDBG program. Which of the following eligible activities could benefit from using a subrecipient?
 - a) Public Services
 - b) Housing Services
 - c) Economic Development
 - d) Any of the above