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What Does This Section Contain?

The *2003 Annual Action Plan* provides certain information about the Municipality's CDBG funds.

What Does This Mean to Me?

This section answers the following questions:

- What is the Federal Investment Criteria for CDBG funds?
- What types of projects can CDBG fund?

Introduction

The Municipality of Anchorage is an entitlement recipient for HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. It receives CDBG funds annually that it can use for a variety of housing and community development projects throughout Anchorage.

Federal Investment Criteria

Federal regulations require the Community Development Division to apply the following criteria to CDBG funds:

- Up to 20 percent of the grant can be spent on administration and planning.
- A maximum of 15 percent can be set-aside annually for eligible Public Service activities.
- At least 70% of CDBG expenditures must benefit low- and moderate-income persons/households.

Eligible Uses of CDBG Funds

CDBG can fund a variety of community development activities, including the following:

1. CDBG administration.
2. Planning.
3. Housing rehabilitation.
4. Assistance in the prevention of homelessness.
5. Elimination of lead-based paint.

6. Down payment or closing costs.
7. Temporary housing.
8. Fair housing.
4. Public services.
 - Youth facilities.
 - Elderly services.
 - Persons disabled.
 - Persons affected by HIV/AIDS.
9. Demolition and clearance.
10. Neighborhood clean-up.
11. Infrastructure:
 - Water and sewer lines.
 - Storm drain systems.
 - Road improvements.
 - Youth and senior centers.
 - Parks.
 - Curbs and gutters.
12. Employment training.
13. Business loans.
14. Commercial rehabilitation.
15. Extension of infrastructure to businesses.