

ELIGIBLE CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES ACTIVITIES

FEDERAL REGULATION EXCERPT

TITLE 24--HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

CHAPTER V--OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PART 570 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

Subpart C_ Eligible Activities

Sec. 570.201 Basic eligible activities.

CDBG funds may be used for the following activities:

(e) Public services.

Provision of public services (including labor, supplies, and materials) including but not limited to those concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation (counseling and testing), welfare (but excluding the provision of income payments identified under Sec. 570.207(b)(4)), homebuyer down payment assistance, or recreational needs.

To be eligible for CDBG assistance, a public service must be either a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service above that which has been provided by or on behalf of the unit of general local government (through funds raised by the unit or received by the unit from the State in which it is located) in the 12 calendar months before the submission of the action plan. (An exception to this requirement may be made if HUD determines that any decrease in the level of a service was the result of events not within the control of the unit of general local government.)

PUBLIC SERVICES DEFINITIONS AND CODES

Below are definitions and codes for public services. This excerpt from HUD's database manual provides the most common types of CDBG funded services (in numeric, not alpha order), and not all possible service types are listed.

Code	Type of Services and Definition
05A	<p>Senior Services</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Services for the elderly. 05A may be used for an activity that serves both the elderly and persons with disabilities provided it is intended primarily to serve elderly. If the activity is intended primarily to serve persons with disabilities, use 05B instead.</p>
05B	<p>Services for Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Services for the persons with disabilities, regardless of age. If the activity is intended primarily for elderly persons, use 05A instead.</p>

Code	Type of Services and Definition
05C	<p>Legal Services</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Services providing legal aid to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. If the legal service is only provided for the settlement of tenant/landlord disputes, use 05K.</p>
05D	<p>Youth Services</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Services for young people age 13 to 19. For example, recreational services limited to teenagers and teen counseling programs. 05D can also be used for counseling programs that target teens but include counseling for the family as well. For services for children age 12 and under, use 05L; for services for abused and neglected children, use 05N.</p>
05E	<p>Transportation Services</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) General transportation services. Transportation services for a specific client group should use the matrix code for that client group. For example, use 05A for transportation services for the elderly.</p>
05F	<p>Substance Abuse Services</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Substance abuse recovery programs and substance abuse prevention/education activities. If the services are provided for a specific client group, the matrix code for that client group may be used instead. For example, substance abuse services that target teenagers may be coded either 05D or 05F.</p>
05G	<p>Services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. For services limited to abused and neglected children, use 05N.</p>
05H	<p>Employment Training</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Assistance to increase self-sufficiency, including literacy, independent living skills, resume writing, job coaching, “how to get and keep a job” training, or training students in a particular field on skill when there is no tie to a specific position or business. For activities providing training for specific permanent jobs with specific businesses, use 18A.</p>
05I	<p>Crime Awareness/Prevention</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Promotion of crime awareness and prevention, including crime prevention education programs, community-oriented policing programs above and beyond normal staffing levels, installation of security cameras, and paying for security guards.</p>
05J	<p>Fair Housing Activities (subject to Public Services cap)</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Fair housing services (e.g. counseling on housing discrimination) as public services. The activity needs to meet a national objective. For fair housing services activities carried out as part of general program administration (and thus not required to meet a national objective), use 21D.</p>
05K	<p>Tenant/Landlord Counseling</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Counseling to help prevent or settle disputes between tenants and landlords.</p>

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05L	<p>Child Care Services</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Services that will benefit children (generally under age 13), including parenting skills classes. For services exclusively for abused and neglected children, use 05N.</p>
05M	<p>Health Services</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Services addressing the physical health needs of residents of the community. For mental health services, use 05O.</p>
05N	<p>Services for Abused and Neglected Children</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Daycare and other services exclusively for abused and neglected children.</p>
05O	<p>Mental Health Services</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Services addressing the mental health needs of residents of the community.</p>
05P	<p>Screening for Lead Poisoning</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Activities undertaken primarily to provide screening for lead poisoning. Note: • Use 05P to test people for possible lead poisoning. • Use 14I to test buildings/properties for presence of lead contamination.</p>
05Q	<p>Subsistence Payments</p> <p>24 CFR 570.207(b)(4) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) One-time or short-term (no more than three months) emergency payments on behalf of individuals or families, generally for the purpose of preventing homelessness. Examples include utility payments to prevent cutoff of service, and rent/mortgage payments to prevent eviction.</p>
05R	<p>Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance - Excluding Housing Counseling under 24 CFR 5.100</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Homebuyer downpayment assistance provided as a PUBLIC SERVICE. If housing counseling (under 24 CFR 5.100) is provided to in conjunction with downpayment assistance, report housing counseling separately under matrix code 05Y. If referral services, homeownership education programs, or general budget/financial counseling are provided to homebuyers in conjunction with downpayment assistance as part of a package, then the services are considered activity delivery costs as a part of an 05R activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is subject to the public service cap, unless the assistance is provided by a CBDO in an NRSA or by a 105(a)(15) entity. • Only report the number of households that received downpayment assistance as accomplishments for 05R. • For more extensive types of homeownership assistance provided under authority of the National Affordable Housing Act, use code 13B.
05S	<p>Rental Housing Subsidies</p> <p>24 CFR 570.204 or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Tenant subsidies exclusively for rental payments for more than three months. Activities providing this form of assistance must be carried out by CBDOs or 105(a)(15) entities.</p>
05T	<p>Security Deposits</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Tenant subsidies exclusively for payment of security deposits.</p>

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05U	<p>Housing Counseling only, under 24 CFR 5.100</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Housing counseling, under 24 CFR 5.100, for renters, homeowners, and/or potential new homebuyers that is provided as an independent public service (i.e., not as part of another eligible housing activity).</p>
05V	<p>Neighborhood Cleanups</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) One-time or short-term efforts to remove trash and debris from neighborhoods. Examples of legitimate uses of this code include neighborhood cleanup campaigns and graffiti removal.</p>
05W	<p>Food Banks</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Costs associated with the operation of food banks, community kitchens, and food pantries, such as staff costs, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and insurance.</p>
05X	<p>Housing Information and Referral Services</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) An activity that provides housing information, education, and referral services, or general budget/financial counseling that does not meet the 24 CFR 5.100 definition of Housing Counseling.</p>
05Y	<p>Housing Counseling under 24 CFR 5.100 Supporting Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance (05R)</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) Housing Counseling, under 24 CFR 5.100, that is provided to in conjunction with homebuyer downpayment assistance (05R) as a public service.</p>
05Z	<p>Other Public Services Not Listed in 03T and 05A-05Y</p> <p>24 CFR 570.201(e) or 42 USC 5305(a)(8) + 24 CFR 570.482(c)(2) This matrix code replaced matrix code 05. Only use this matrix code when an activity does not fall under a more specific 05A-05Y code. An example of a legitimate use of this code is when the CDBG funds are provided to a non-profit organization that provides multiple types of social services for operating costs. In another example, when a public service activity that does not have a more specific matrix code, provides services to multiple groups of clients such as seniors, persons with disabilities, and homeless persons. For instance, for a “meals on wheels” program for seniors and persons with disabilities, use 05Z. If this program had only been available to seniors, the correct matrix code would have been 05A.</p>