

City of Palm Springs

Community Development Block Grant Home Repair Program

What is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program?

In 1974, the Federal Government created the CDBG program that replaced a variety of federal urban renewal, housing and neighborhood development programs. CDBG was the first federal 'block grant' program. Its purpose is to provide eligible units of governments with funds to help meet the needs of low to moderate (Low to Mod) income areas and persons. The City of Palm Springs receives an annual CDBG entitlement allocation established by a formula from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – HUD, for local use, as an entitlement city based on population.

Which City Department oversees the CDBG program?

The City's Community & Economic Development Department administers the CDBG program along with a variety of redevelopment and housing activities within the City's jurisdictional boundary.

What type of housing maintenance assistance is available?

Through the City's CDBG Program, very low income homeowners with real property improvement needs are provided annual financial assistance for minor routine home maintenance, emergency repairs, accessibility modifications and code violations of health and safety concerns to the livable areas of the residence. Disaster preparedness items are addressed in applicant's first year such as smoke detectors, natural gas shut-off valves, hot water heater strapping, house numbers, exterior lights and dead-bolt locks. Applicants must be the primary owner-occupant, meet household-income guidelines, and in good financial standing with the City (delinquency of property taxes, fees, fines, liens, etc.).

What items of repairs may be addressed?

- Minor plumbing and electrical repairs.
- Routine heating/cooling and evaporative service calls.
- Accessibility aids.
- Repair/replacement of broken window panes and screens.
- City code violations and emergency repairs as determined by the City.

What items can NOT be addressed?

- Cosmetic repairs (e.g. irrigation, landscaping, painting, yard cleaning, etc.)
- Property placed for sale.
- Premature useful-life replacement.
- Non built-in removable appliance.
- Questionable repairs (e.g. intentional destruction, vandalism, sanitary neglect, premature useful-life replacement, existing condition prior to purchase etc.).
- Frequency of prior similar request.

How do I know if I am eligible?

The program is designed to facilitate the needs of very low income households who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The applicant **MUST** be the primary owner-occupant living in Palm Springs as one's primary residence.
- The applicant **CANNOT** have liquid assets exceeding \$9,000, or have transferred assets of \$5,000 or more to any other person in the preceeding two years, except in repayment of a legitimate loan.
- The total income of the applicant's household cannot exceed the income limits:

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>No More Than</u>
1	\$22,600
2	\$25,800
3	\$29,050
4	\$32,250
5	\$34,850
6	\$37,450

The applicant must be current on property taxes and have no outstanding debt to the City. Acceptance of new applicants and continued services are limited to funds available, as well as keeping scheduled appointments.

For more information or an application about maintenance assistance, contact the Community & Economic Development Department as follows:

The City of Palm Springs
Community & Economic Development Department
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Post Office Box 2743
Palm Springs, CA 92263-2743

For English Telephone: 760 323-8264
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FAX: 760 322-8325

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