

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Community Planning & Development

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Request for Applications (RFA) Process/NOFA

NOFA Announcement: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 to Friday, April 12, 2019

- To All Interested Parties: This is the official notification of funding availability for HUD's FY 19-20 CDBG Funds. Richland County's annual allocation has not been released as of March 4, 2019.
- NEW!! APPLICATION PROCESS NOTIFICATION: Richland County Community Development will be using Zoom Grants!
- Those who are interested in applying must log onto <u>https://zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2236&limited=2112</u> and create an account.
- The Grant Year's Cycle is October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020
- Process is a 100 point based system Competitive Process
- Applications will be ranked and scored by an internal committee (to be named)
- Application Process will include a Post Application Meeting and Pre Award Meeting after Application Selection
- Minimum award amount will be \$35,000 and Maximum award amount will be \$100,000
- No more than a total of five (5) Public Service Awards will be granted during FY 19-20
- Organizations are encouraged to apply **only** if you are ready to begin implementation of your proposed project(s) within the funding year.
- Applications due no later than April 12, 2019 and MUST be submitted electronically via <u>www.zoomgrants.com</u> Hand-delivered nor direct emailed versions will be accepted and deemed ineligible.
- Process Timeline:

\triangleright	Application Submission to RCG	4/12/19
\triangleright	Application Reviews completed	5/31/19
\triangleright	HUD Action Plan Approval by Council	7/30/19
\triangleright	HUD Action Plan Submission	8/15/19

• All of the above is contingent upon various factors outside of Richland County Community Development's control to include but not limited to federal funding availability, etc.

 For more program information, please contact Valeria Davis @ <u>davis.valeria@richlandcountysc.gov</u> or 803-576-2063 (Direct Office Line).

Additional Resources:

- There are a variety of other resources available to assist Applicants in completing applications:
- Applicant Training Slideshow
- <u>How to Apply (VIDEO)</u>
- <u>Uploading Docs (VIDEO)</u>
- How to Submit Reports (VIDEO)
- How to Submit Invoices (VIDEO)

If Applicants have any technical questions, they can search for a quick answer at <u>ZoomGrants University</u> (<u>help.zoomgrants.com</u>), or if extra assistance is needed can contact Technical Support M-F 8am – 5pm MST at **866.323.5404 ext. 2** or email <u>questions@zoomgrants.com</u>. Any program-related questions received will be deferred to the administrator.