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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2026 Application for Funding

**Application Workshop
August 25, 2026**

Welcome and Introductions

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Agenda

- Franklin County CDBG and Goals
- CDBG Eligibility
- Meeting a HUD National Objective
- Application Process
- The new online platform – Euna Grants



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Franklin County HUD Entitlement Programs

- **Qualified Urban County HUD Formula Grants**
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- **For Franklin County, excluding the City of Columbus**
- **2026 CDBG Allocation is \$2,199,705**



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Franklin County Community Development Goals

(From our Consolidated Plan 2025-2029)

Preserve and
Expand Affordable,
Safe, Accessible
Rental Housing

Expand
Homeownership
Opportunities

Improve Access to
Public Services

Improve Public
Facilities and
Infrastructure

Support
Sustainable
Economic Growth

Support
Homelessness
Prevention and
Services

Provide for Planning
and Administration



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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

CDBG Program Basics

- Administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Cities, states and some counties (like Franklin County) are eligible to receive funds from HUD



Who is eligible for funding?

- ✓ Municipalities
- ✓ Private non-profits that are corporations, associations, agencies or with non-profit status under the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) 3



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CDBG GOALS



PROVIDE DECENT, SAFE,
AND SANITARY HOUSING



PROVIDE A SUITABLE
LIVING ENVIRONMENT



EXPAND ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITIES



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CDBG Eligible Activities -24 CFR 570.201

- Acquisition
- Demolition
- Public Facilities and Improvements
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Homeownership Assistance
- Economic Development
- Blight Removal/Demolition
- Public Services - 15% cap (\$329,955.75)

*1 activity per
application!*



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Ineligible Activities

Some Examples Include:

NO Fundraising

NO Political activities

NO Construction of housing units by a unit of local government

NO Operation and maintenance of public facilities/improvements

NO General government expenses including construction of general government buildings
(except ADA improvements)

NO Purchase of equipment, fixtures, vehicles, furnishings or other personal property

NO Direct income payments



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Must Meet HUD National Objectives



Benefit Low- and Moderate-
Income Persons
(at least 70% of grant
amount)



Prevent or Eliminate Blight
(not more than 30% of
grant amount)



Urgent Needs
when health and welfare are
threatened



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Meeting the Low- and Moderate-Income Benefit

At least 51% of the population served must be at or below 80% of the Area Median Income for Franklin County

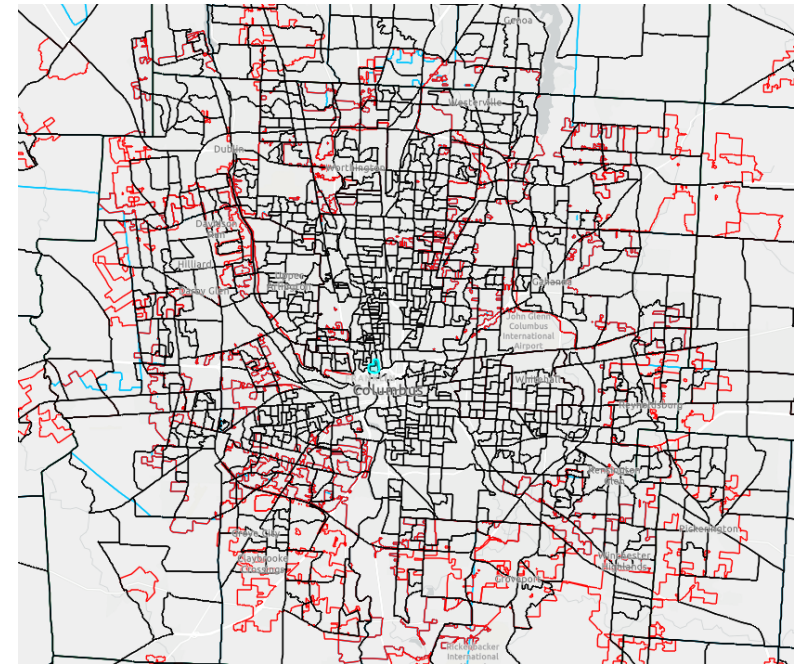
Low-mod income (LMI) benefit can be qualified in three ways:

Option 1: **LMI Area benefit (LMA)**

Census- American Community Survey (ACS) data for service area of a public improvement or facility

HUD LMISD Data map: [HUD LMISD Mapping Tool- 2016-2020 ACS](#)

Smaller areas may also use a household survey



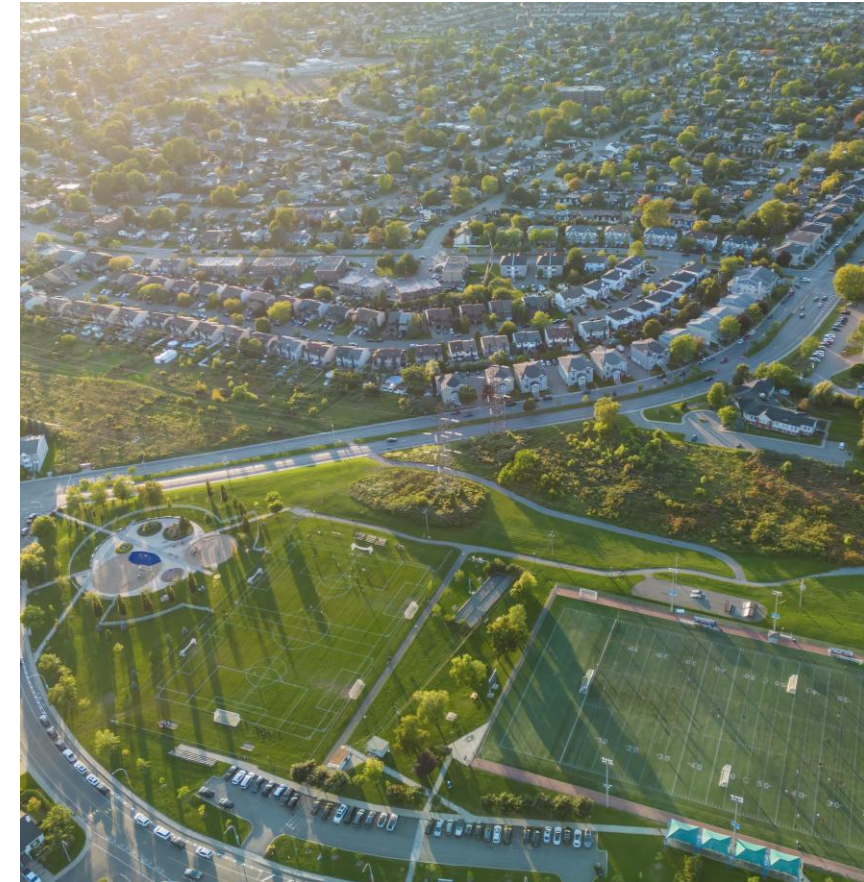
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Area Benefit Service Area

Consider who will benefit from the project.

- Is the project located in an area that is primarily residential?
- Does your project serve a broader area than the local neighborhood?
- Does your project serve as a connector to a business district, major transportation thoroughfare?
- Who is most likely to frequent your location?



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Low-mod income (LMI) benefit can be qualified in three ways:

Option 2: Gather Clientele Data at Intake (LMC)

Programs that serve primarily low-and moderate-income individuals and families will be eligible for funding.

The definition of a moderate-income family is no more than 80% of the area median income, adjusted for household size. (2026 HUD data shown)

Household Size	Low-Income (At or Below 80% AMI)
1	\$62,450
2	\$71,400
3	\$80,300
4	\$89,200
5	\$96,350
6	\$103,500
7	\$110,650
8	\$117,750

HUD, 2026.



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Low-mod income (LMI) benefit can be qualified in three ways:

Option 3: Presumed Benefit

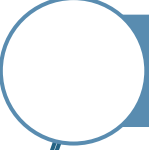
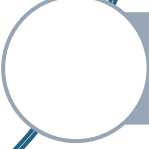
HUD presumes the following groups to be low-moderate income: abused children, battered spouses, elderly persons, disabled persons, homeless persons, illiterate adults, migrant farm workers, and persons living with AIDS.



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Things to think about

-  Do you have the institutional capacity?
-  Is the activity financially viable?
-  Are all sources of funding committed?
-  Can the project be completed with one grant?



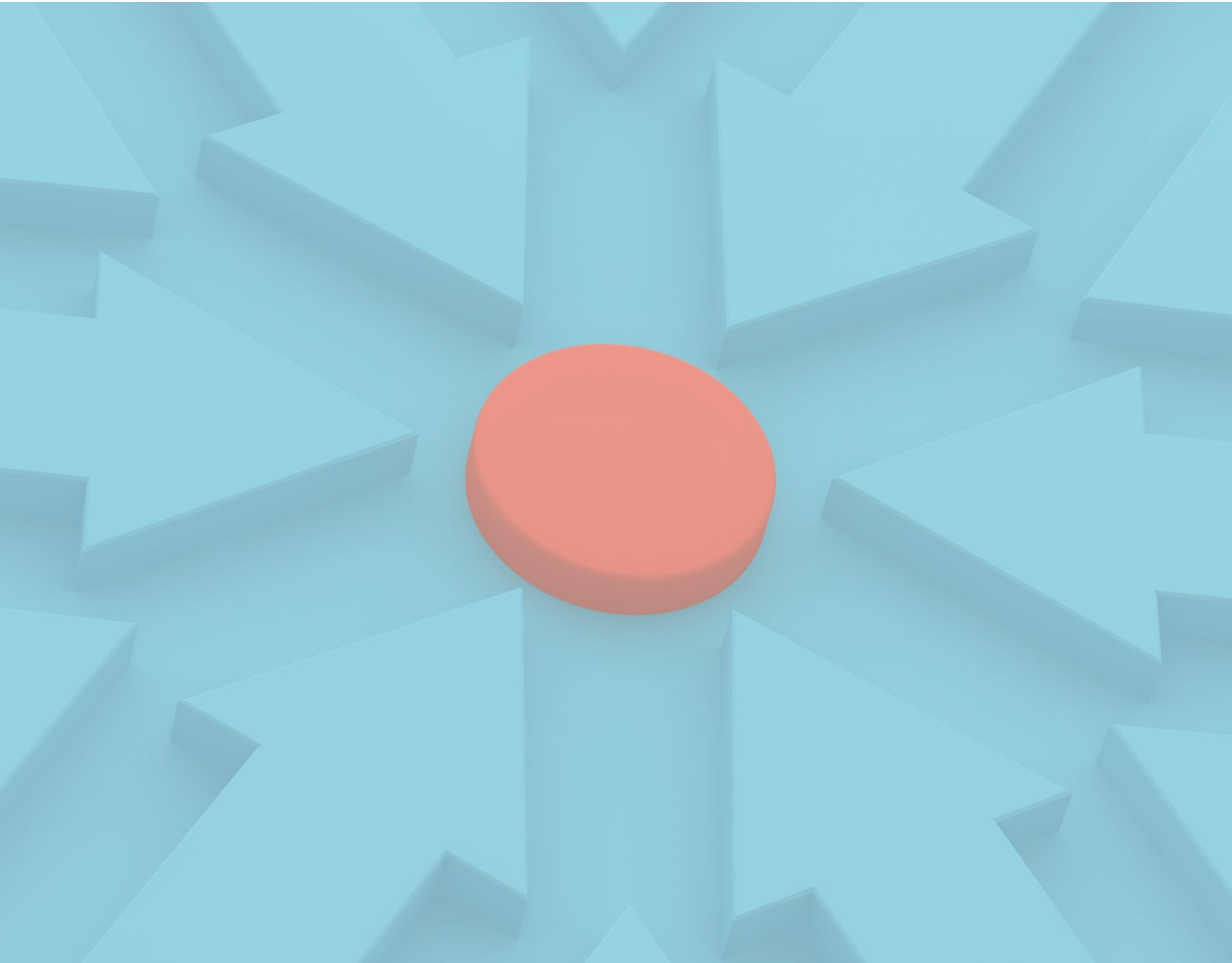
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Your Application

Minimum Application Requirements



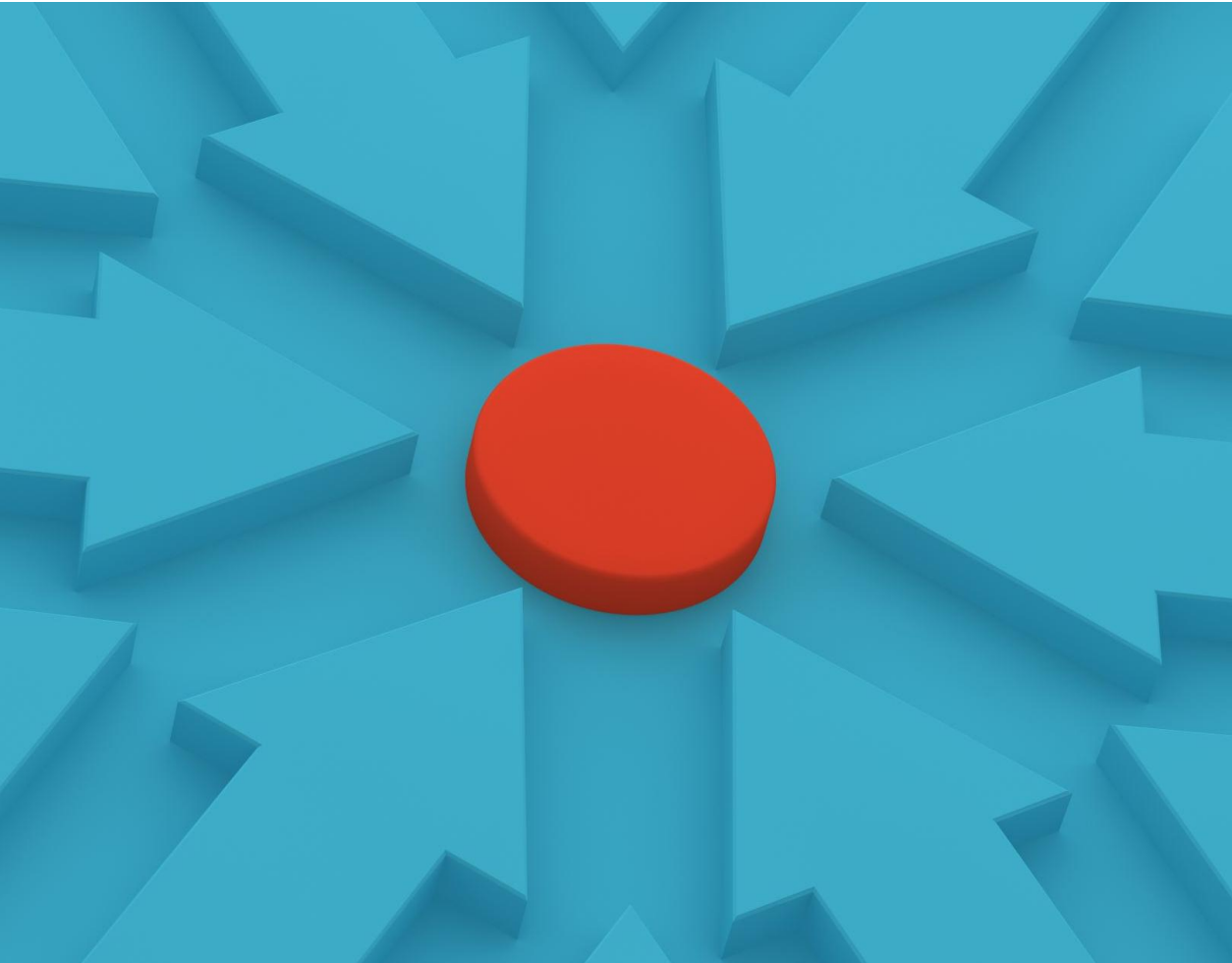
- Comply with Franklin County HUD Consolidated Plan Goals
- CDBG-eligible activity
- Meet a HUD National Objective
- Active Sam.gov registration
- Submit complete application, including all requested uploads



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Selection Criteria



- Project Description and Need
- Implementation and Sustainability
- Budget and Budget Narrative
- Administrative Capacity
- Financial Capacity



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New Application System: Euna Grants!

Benefits of the new system:

- Easier for applicants to avoid common mistakes we observed in prior years' applications
- Easier for Franklin County to review
- Smooth transition to grants management – invoice submissions and other reports

Euna Grants Process



Step 1: Register Your Organization

- Only 1 org account
- Can use this account for multiple activities or awards

Step 2: Manage Users

- Add multiple users

Step 3: Complete the application



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Franklin County 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award

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Opportunity Information

Title Franklin County 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award

Description Thank you for considering the submission of an application to the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department Community Development Block Grant Program. We look forward to working with you to ensure a successful year of grant applications.

Franklin County received \$2,199,705 in CDBG funds for Fiscal Year 2026 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the CDBG Program. No more than 15% (\$329,955.75) of the total annual CDBG allocation received by Franklin County may be used for public service activities.

In making decisions for funding this year, Franklin County will consider the following factors, including project eligibility, meeting the national objective to assist low- and moderate-income individuals, whether the project provides substantial community benefits and the readiness for implementation of the project. Matching funds are not required for CDBG activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions concerning the grant application.

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Opportunity DetailsProject InformationApplication FormsPerformance Plan*Submit

Download attachments

HelpDownloadSaveSave & Continue

Project Information

Application Information

Application Name *Project Name Here✓

How much are you requesting from the funder?

Award Requested *\$100,000.00

Total Award Budget\$100,000.00

Primary Contact Information

Name *Gretchen Armstrong

Email Address *GretchenArmstrong@franklincountyohio.gov

Address Line 1 *150 South Front St

Address Line 2FSL Suite 10

City *Columbus

State/Province *OH

Postal Code *

Phone6145584638

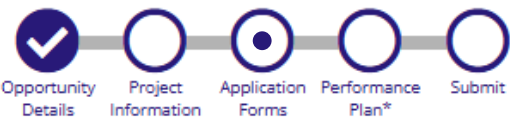
Save✓ Mark as CompleteSave & Continue

Use the bubbles at top to see where you are in the application

Remember to click “Mark as Complete” for each page

Navigating the Application

Application Forms



Forms

Name	Status
Instructions and Application Details (please download and review)	In Progress
Organization Information	New
Project Overview - CDBG	New
Project Implementation - CDBG	New
CDBG Program Eligibility	New
Budget and Budget Narrative	New
Financial Capacity	New
Administrative Capacity	New
Other Required Documents - CDBG	New

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND METHODOLOGY

Activity Name *

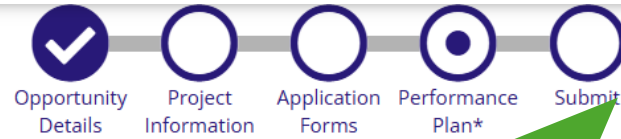
Federal Award Project Description: Provide a brief (2-3 sentence) program description including an overview of the services provided. *

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Adding Performance Measures - REQUIRED



- Activity-specific performance measures are required*
- Click the plus sign
- Activities generally have 1-3 specific measures

Performance Plan

View Settings

Group By ☒ Default ☐ Deliverable

Deliverables

- ☒ **Deliverable: Project Goals**
Outline the goals and objectives of your project. Describe how your project addresses or will address the selected goal. Explain tools you will use to verify your achievement.
Due:
- ☒ **Deliverable: Projected Number of Persons Served**
Please provide the unduplicated count of individuals estimated to be served during the grant period.
Due:

Measures

[Propose Measure +](#)

No measures defined.

Click the plus sign to add a measure

Propose New Measure

Name*

Type

Deliverable

Paragraph **B** *I* U

Description

Adding Performance Measures - REQUIRED

Use the plus sign to add new measures

Measures

Propose Measure +

No measures defined.

Proposed Measure: Workshops ✎ 🗑️
We will provide a series of 12 monthly workshops for participants.
Proposed Target Number: 12.00
Explanation:
Please add a paragraph of explanation, as needed

Proposed Measure: coaching ✎ 🗑️
We will provided 1:1 coaching to 40 LMI individuals
Proposed Target Number: 40.00
Explanation:
Add detail as needed to describe your measure and how you will track this

✓ Mark as Complete Save & Continue

Click the pencil icon to edit, the trash can to delete

Remember to click "Mark as Complete" for each page

Add sufficient detail to

- ✓ Describe what the measure is
- ✓ How it will be measured

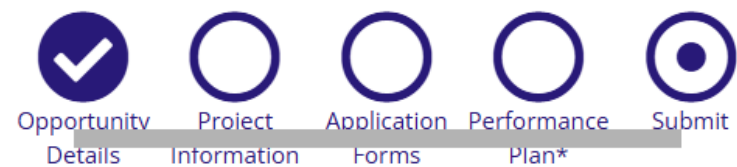


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Submit Your Complete Application

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You are about to submit your application, , to **Franklin County, OH.**

Take the time to review your application by using the timeline above.

When the application is fully complete, please select the "Submit" button.

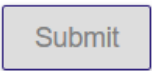
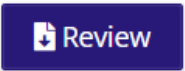
The Project Information has not been marked "Complete."

You have forms containing required fields which have not been completed.

You have forms that have not been completed.

Error messages will show if there are any incomplete items
With the exception of performance measures!
Please double check to make sure these are included,
since there is no reminder for that section

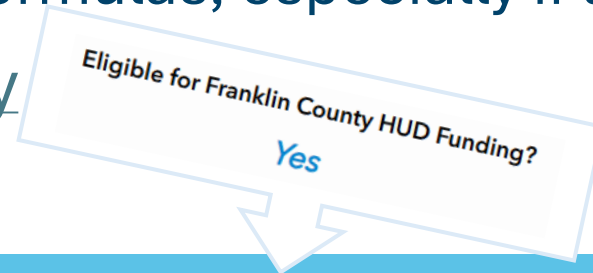
Once the application is complete, this button will allow you to submit



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Application Tips

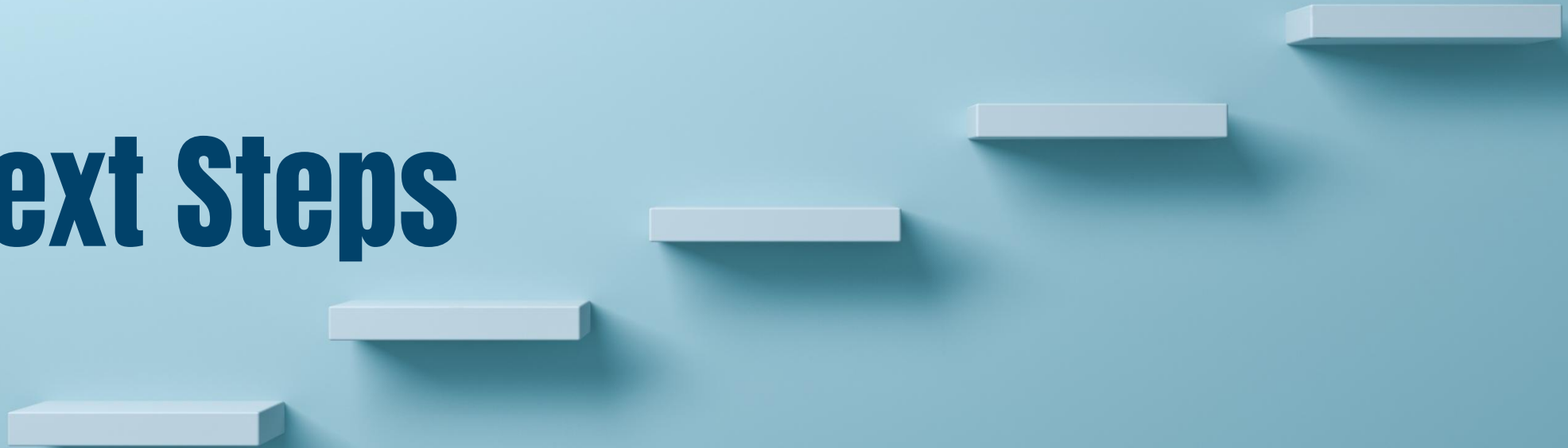
- Use top-of-page download link to download application and all attachments
- Prepare your answers outside of the system, then cut and paste them in to avoid system time-out
- Remember your performance measures
- The budget spreadsheet has locked formulas to calculate maximum available for indirect costs (15% de minimis)
 - Take care not to change those formulas, especially if using Google Sheets
- Check county vs. city eligibility



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Next Steps



Key Dates and Deadlines

- **Applications Due:**
 - September 30, 2026
- **Award Notifications:**
 - *(tentative)* October 31, 2026
- **Environmental Reviews:**
 - November 2026 to February 2027
- **Contract Term:**
 - *(tentative)* April 1, 2027 to March 31, 2028



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Q & A



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Thank you!

Contact the Franklin County Economic Development and
Planning Department

communitydevelopment@franklincountyohio.gov



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