

## **ES-05 Executive Summary – 24 CFR 91.300(c), 91.320(b)**

### **Introduction**

The State of Iowa Five-Year Consolidated Plan (“Consolidated Plan”) is mandated by federal law and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the state to receive federal funding for affordable housing and community development initiatives benefiting primarily low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. The plan also includes the first year (2025) Annual Action Plan for the State of Iowa, which describes the planned investment of federal resources to implement specific activities that meet the year’s strategic goals. HUD approved the State of Iowa’s Consolidated Plan, including the Year 1 Annual Action Plan in September 2025.

In December 2025, the State of Iowa submitted a minor amendment to the Consolidated Plan and Year 1 Action Plan. The State’s Citizen Participation Plan does not require changes to the method of distribution including but not limited to allocation of funds in previous years or minor changes to investment strategies to be subjected to a public comment period. Minor changes will be reviewed and approved by staff at IEDA and/or IFA. With this minor amendment, the state is making and documenting the following changes:

- Adding the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and allocating CDBG funds from a previous year
- Removing mention of scoring preferences for Housing First and Recovery Housing models for HTF
- Adding existing projects to AP-35 Project table for Year 1 Action Plan

## **AP-25 Allocation Priorities – 24 CFR 91.320 (d)**

## **AP-30 Methods of Distribution—24 CFR 91.320 (d) & (k)**

### **Introduction**

The Methods of Distribution (MOD) was developed based on both stakeholder comments and the tracking of specific eligible activities over the past five years.

*Table 71—Distribution Methods by State Program*

<b>State Program Name:</b>	<b>CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Fund</b>
Funding Sources:	CDBG
Describe the state program addressed by the MOD.	The Neighborhood Revitalization Fund offers grants to assist community leaders with neighborhood revitalization.
Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.	<p>Applicants for CDBG funds must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show the project addresses at least one of the three national objectives (primarily benefit LMI persons, prevent or eliminate slum and blight, or alleviate conditions that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of a community’s residents).</li> <li>Show project funds will only be used for eligible activities.</li> <li>Provide evidence of local capacity to administer the grant (past experience with state or federal grants, staff qualifications, or plans to contract for grant administration).</li> <li>Show acceptable past performance in administering a CDBG project.</li> <li>Show the feasibility of completing the project with the funds requested.</li> <li>Identify and describe any other sources of funding for proposed activities (to the greatest extent feasible, CDBG funds are to be used as gap financing).</li> <li>Identify community development and housing needs.</li> <li>Satisfy the Iowa Citizen Participation Plan requirements.</li> <li>Present signed certifications as required.</li> </ul>

State Program Name:	CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Fund
<p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria (CDBG only)?</p>	<p>Applications for CDBG programs can be found on the state’s online grant application platform at <a href="https://www.iowagrants.gov/index.do">https://www.iowagrants.gov/index.do</a>.</p> <p>Information on applying for and implementing a CDBG-funded program, including management guides, presentations, and templates, is available at the IEDA’s website: <a href="#">Community Development Block Grant - CDBG   Iowa Economic Development Authority</a>. Since 2017, applicants have been required to have initial environmental investigations, site control demonstrated by either an option on the parcel secured with money (if necessary) or ownership if it is purchased prior to the application submission date, and final architectural plans completed or at least underway (this cost is ineligible for CDBG reimbursement).</p>
<p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government and nonprofit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations (ESG only).</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors, including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations (HOPWA only).</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>

<b>State Program Name:</b>	<b>CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Fund</b>
Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.	Neighborhood Revitalization Grants will be awarded utilizing funding from a prior CDBG year.
Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.	The maximum grant award is capped at <b>\$1.75 Million</b>
What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the MOD?	The state anticipates approximately <b>three</b> awards will be funded in 2025.

## AP-35 Projects – (Optional)

### Introduction

IEDA and IFA have allocated funds via the approved Methods of Distribution. The below projects were entered using the projects submenu in IDIS and must now be associated with the Year 1 Action plan.

*Table 72– Project Information*

Project Name
HOME Homebuyer
HOME Rental
HOME TBRA
ESG-25 (IOWA)
NHTF
2023-2025 Siouxland Community Health Center IAH24F999 (SCHC)
2023-2025 Cedar Valley Hospice IAH25F999 (CASS)
2023-2025 The Project of the Quad Cities IAH25F999 (TPQC)
2023-2025 University of Iowa IAH25F999 (U of I)
2023-2025 Primary Health Care IAH25F999 (PHC)
2023-2025 Institute for Community Alliances IAH25F999 (ICA)
2023-2025 Iowa Finance Authority IAH25F999 (IFA)
CDBG Community Development and Facilities
CDBG Downtown Revitalization and Economic Development
CDBG Housing Rehabilitation/Upper Story Conversion Programs
CDBG Opportunities, Threats, and Sustainability Fund (Urgent Need)
CDBG Planning Grants
CDBG Public Service Program
CDBG Water Sewer and Storm Water

CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Fund
CDBG Admin 2025
CDBG Technical Assistance

### **Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs**

Allocation priorities are aligned with the MOD. Allocation priorities have been made based on planning efforts associated with the Consolidated Plan. One obstacle the state faces in addressing underserved needs is the lack of financial resources to award all projects.