

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LARGO
Federal, State, Local
Housing and Community Development Programs
Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The City of Largo is now accepting applications for FY 2024-2025 public services and public facility capital projects.

Project funding assistance is available through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as outlined below. Estimated FY 2024-2025 available funds are:

\$762,783 CDBG Entitlement and Program Income

Confirmation of FY 2024-2025 federal funding levels have not yet been received. Funding level identified above are subject to change. The City expects federal funding levels to be released on or before October 1, 2024.

Public Services (Supportive Services): Projects must support the City's goal to partner with local agencies to provide, homeless and special needs-related supportive services to help low- and moderate-income residents physically, mentally, and economically thrive in Largo.

- The City estimates **\$92,000** from CDBG to be available for public services in this funding cycle.
- The City is **ONLY** accepting applications for the following public services:
 - Homeless Shelter Services (CDBG)
 - Non-Homeless Special Needs Services (CDBG)
 - Rental Eviction Prevention Services (CDBG)
- **Must have a minimum \$10,000 in funding request.** Services will be awarded for a one-year period from October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025. Contracts will include a renewal clause for up to two additional years.

The application cycle is **NOT** reopening for the following services (existing contracts expected to remain in place):

- HUD Certified Housing Counseling, Homebuyer Education Classes and Financial Fitness Classes
- Legal Services (e.g., fair housing and estate planning)

Public Facility Capital Projects (Supportive Services): Projects must support the City's goal to partner with local agencies to add, expand, or improve public facilities that will provide supportive services predominantly to low-and moderate-income clientele/households/areas that will help Largo residents physically, mentally, and economically thrive in Largo. Priority will be given to projects that expand supportive services. In order to receive this priority, applicants must successfully demonstrate how the project will expand the current capacity of services and provide the additional number of clients that will be served annually by the expansion. Funds may be utilized for one-time capital costs and /or land and/or building acquisition and/or construction costs. The Funder's/Provider's Council has identified families as a priority population. Projects that add/expand of emergency shelter Services for families with minor children experiencing literal homelessness are eligible under this funding source. The cost of placing families temporarily in a motel/hotel **are not allowable costs** for this funding.

Projects that improve energy efficiency to enable service providers to use their operating funds more effectively toward client services, and/or projects that harden such facilities to improve disaster resiliency would also be eligible for funding.

- The City estimates \$150,000 availability from CDBG for public facilities capital projects.
- Must have a **minimum \$40,000 and maximum \$150,000** funding request for public facilities.

Applications: Projects will be evaluated for project eligibility with the funding source. A scoring rubric will also be used to rank applications. A copy of the rubric is available with the application. Factors include: project eligibility; consistency with the City's funding priorities; projects ability to serve Largo residents; project value (continuation, improvement, or expansion of services); and past experience of the applying agency with grant-funded projects.

Services provided outside of the City must be able to demonstrate that no other similar services are available in Largo and that the proposed project serves Largo residents. All projects must benefit low and/or moderate-income residents of Largo (80% of area median income or less). All projects will also be reviewed for eligibility under the applicable funding source guidelines.

TO APPLY: All applications must be submitted electronically through the Neighborly Software Application Portal: <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/largo/Participant>. The City of Largo's website at: www.largo.com/housing, under the "Non-Profit" Section there is a "Subrecipient Guide for Neighborly Software" available for assistance. The Guide provides guidance on accessing the Subrecipient Portal." Interested parties may call or email the City of Largo's Housing Division for assistance with the online application. For assistance, please contact the Housing Division at: phone: (727) 586-7489 ext. 7216 or email: housing@largo.com. **Proposals must be submitted electronically through the City's Neighborly Software online application program no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2024.**

Ongoing Programs and Activities: The City of Largo funds housing programs on an ongoing basis from CDBG, SHIP, HTF, and HOME, funding sources. These programs include: Affordable Housing Development Program, Owner Home Improvement Program, and Downpayment Assistance. Applications for these programs may be submitted at any time during the year.

The Affordable Housing Development program assists with the creation of new affordable rental housing developments, mixed income rental developments and housing developments for homebuyers. Multi-unit developments may also be eligible for affordable housing density bonuses. Contact the City of Largo's Housing Division at: (727) 586-7489 ext. 7212 for more information.

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