

# Use of CDBG Funds in Support of Drug Abuse Programs in Assisted Housing

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**SUBJECT: Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in support of drug abuse programs in assisted housing.**

Many communities receiving CDBG funds are experiencing serious problems of drug abuse in public housing and other assisted housing projects. This Notice is intended to remind local and state officials that CDBG funds may be used for a broad range of activities to address problems of drug abuse in such housing projects.

1. Some examples of eligible activities that may be undertaken to address such problems are:
2. Increasing law enforcement services to stop the sale of illegal drugs in assisted housing, apprehend sellers of such drugs and reduce drug related crime in assisted housing;
3. Educational programs for assisted housing residents related to drug abuse;
4. Drug rehabilitation programs for youth and young adults residing in assisted housing;
5. Day care and after-school care programs for children of working parents residing in assisted housing;
6. Redesigning and modifying public places in assisted housing projects to enhance physical security or to address problems in those places which are difficult to police and which have been used for the sale of illegal drugs or where drug related crime has occurred;

7. Rehabilitation or modernization of assisted housing properties experiencing substantial drug related crime to promote pride and strengthen the resolve of law abiding residents to rid their properties of such crime; and
8. Installation of security devices for elderly, handicapped or other assisted housing residents in need of such devices.

Grantees should note that many activities (e.g., the first five examples above) to address problems of abuse will be in the form of public services and as such are subject to the 15% limitation on such activities. Within the States program, the limit applies to each grant made to a recipient, rather than to the entire state grant. The 15% limitation and other information about the eligibility of public services is found at 24 CFR 570.201 (e) of the CDBG entitlement regulations.

HUD urges each CDBG grantee to carefully consider activities to address problems of drug abuse in the assisted housing projects within its jurisdiction as it establishes its local priorities for use of CDBG funds and program income to be received in the future or when it is considering reprogramming funds previously received.

This notice is intended only to make clear to state and local officials that CDBG resources are available for this purpose. The final decision on setting priorities for use of CDBG funds and whether or not to use them for this purpose is made by grantees.