

SUMMARY OF MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE 2007 CDBG PROGRAM

Proposed Change	Driven By/Problem Solved	Commentors	Response
New for 2007 —Inclusion of combination public/community facility projects.	Driven by: Local requests for optimizing projects, allowing for one construction project to address multiple issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Vernonia, • AOCDO 	Commentors were in favor of this change —In 2007 under special circumstances OECDD may consider funding combination facilities, if an applicant demonstrates a past history of successfully administering CDBG projects and the facility must house only eligible community facility activities, identified within the <i>2007 Method of Distribution</i> . These grants will only be awarded at OECDD's discretion.
New for 2007 —Reduced age and expenditure requirements for multi year grants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay in state grant contract issuance to recipients. • OHCS Regional Housing Rehabilitation application submission timeline moved up by 6 months. <p>Problem Solved: Grantees with 2005 grants will not be able to meet the 75% expenditure requirement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORHS • Sherman County • CAT 	Commentors are in favor of this change —The age and expenditure requirement for 2005 multi-year grants, has been reduced from 75% to 60%.
New for 2007 —The off-site infrastructure category is added back into the 2007 program.	Driven by: Response to the Governor's priority for affordable housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OECDD • CWCOG • AOCDO • OHCS 	Commentors were both in support of and opposed to this change —The off-site infrastructure category will be added to the <i>2007 Method of Distribution</i> . However the category has been revised slightly to assist in meeting the numerous federal requirements.
New for 2007 —Senior centers will be eligible for 50 points in the rating and ranking process.	Problem Solved: Senior centers were not recognized in the prior ranking system as providing essential services to shut-in senior and five meals per week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAT • AOCDO • City of Vernonia 	Commentors were in favor of this change —Senior centers will now qualify for 50 points rather than 25 points.
New for 2007 —Reduced age and expenditure requirements for Microenterprise projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay in sState grant contract issuance to recipients. <p>Problem Solved: Due to the delay in state grant contract issuance grantee will not be able to meet the 90% expenditure requirements for 2006 projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OMEN • OCCC 	Commentors were in favor of this change —The age and expenditure requirement for 2006 Microenterprise projects has been reduced from 90% to 70%.
New for 2007 —The Microenterprise category allocation will increase 1%.	Driven by: Requests from Microenterprise organizations have demonstrated demand and good grantee performance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OMEN • OCCC 	Commentors were in favor of this change —This category will increase by 1% (an estimated \$137,083) in 2007.
New for 2007 —Increase in maximum grant administration allowance to \$25,000.	Problem Solved: Adjusting allowance to meet inflation and increased costs to provide these services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWCOG • MWVCOG 	Commentors were in favor of this change —This maximum grant administration allowance will be increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000.
New for 2007 —Housing rehabilitation application submission timeline moved.	Problem Solved: To allow housing rehabilitation grantees the greatest advantage in utilizing the summer construction season.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHCS 	Commentors were in favor of this change —The new application timeline will be January 8 through March 1.
New for 2007 —Microenterprise Assistance Category converted to a public service activity.	Problem Solved: Reduction of federal reporting requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OECDD 	Commentors were in favor of this change —Microenterprise Assistance projects will no longer have to meet the 100% LMI requirement.