

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2026 INCOME GUIDELINES FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)****PAGE: 1 OF 2****TO: PARTICIPATING CITIES
COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
LACDA DIVISIONS**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 income guidelines in the table below are for use in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program effective June 1, 2026. These guidelines should be used to determine compliance with each program's objective of providing benefit to income-eligible persons. They are also used in determining eligibility for the Public Housing and Section 8 Programs and are effective until a new schedule is issued.

The CDBG Program defines annual income according to the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program, thus we are subject to the definition of "Extremely Low-Income," per the 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act. Since the 30% Average Median Income (AMI) limits are not the same as the "Extremely Low-Income" limits, the CDBG Program must use the income guidelines, as outlined below:

2026 INCOME LIMITS

Number of Persons	Extremely Low-Income	Very Low-Income	Low-Income
1	\$35,000	\$58,300	\$93,300
2	\$40,000	\$66,650	\$106,600
3	\$45,000	\$74,950	\$119,950
4	\$50,000	\$83,300	\$133,250
5	\$54,000	\$89,950	\$143,900
6	\$58,000	\$96,600	\$154,600
7	\$62,000	\$103,250	\$165,250
8	\$66,000	\$110,000	\$175,900

*The 2026 median household income for Los Angeles County is \$108,100.

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These guidelines refer to the terms in determining income levels for the above-mentioned programs. To clarify any misunderstanding of the differences in terms between the Public Housing, Section 8, and CDBG programs, the following is provided for your information:

COMPARISON OF TERMS IN DETERMINING INCOME LEVELS		
CDBG	SECTION 8	% OF MEDIAN
Extremely Low-Income	Extremely Low-Income	Equal to or less than 30%
Low-Income	Very Low-Income	31% to 50%
Moderate-Income	Low-Income	51% to 80%

For CDBG-funded agencies approved by the Los Angeles County Development Authority to utilize the Public Service Self-Certification Form as income documentation for your program participants, please be sure to incorporate these income guidelines into your forms immediately. Forms in English, Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin transmitted with this bulletin are also available for your use.

Should you have any questions, please contact your CDBG Management Analyst.

Sincerely,

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Attachments