

State of Maine  
Community Development  
Block Grant Program  
2026 Downtown Revitalization Program



**Letter of Intent to Apply**

**Due at DECD on or before January 23, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**

Letters of Intent must be submitted via email to: [ocd.loi@maine.gov](mailto:ocd.loi@maine.gov)

Please enter "DR LOI" in the subject line.

All communities wishing to apply for a 2026 Downtown Revitalization Grant must use this Letter of Intent to document compliance with requirements established by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and the State of Maine CDBG program. Applicants who submit a completed Letter of Intent and demonstrate meeting a CDBG National Objective will be notified by OCD that they are eligible to submit a final application. Eligibility to submit a final application does not imply final project approval or funding. **Funds will not be available until after July 1, 2026.**

**A. APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY**

**1. Legal Applicant:**

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|---|--|---|--|
| Applicant:  |  | Phone:  |  |
| Address:  |  | Fax:  |  |
| City, ZIP+ four:  |  | E-Mail:   |  |
| Chief Official:   |  |   |  |
| DPM name and date of Consultation (required):                                 |  |   |  |
| Census Tracts (s) Where Proposed Activities Will Occur:                       |  |   |  |
| Year of Slum & Blight Declaration   |  | Parameters of Slum & Blight area (such as High St. to Green St. to Main St. etc.) |  |
| National Objective (Low/Mod, or S/B)  |  | Percent of blighted buildings in area   |  |
| Applicant UEI (please visit <a href="http://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a> ) #: |  |   |  |

**2. Applying on Behalf of Sub-Grantee (if applicable): (e.g.: Water District, Sewer District, Non-Profit)**

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|--------------|--|---------|--|
| Sub-Grantee: |  | Phone:  |  |
| Address:     |  | Fax:    |  |
| City, ZIP:   |  | E-Mail: |  |
| Agency Rep:  |  | Title   |  |

**3. Engineer/Architect consulted for project & providing cost estimates:**

|            |  |         |  |
|------------|--|---------|--|
| Name:      |  | Phone:  |  |
| Firm:      |  | Fax:    |  |
| Address:   |  | E-Mail: |  |
| City, ZIP: |  |         |  |
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**B. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY CATEGORIES**

Place an "X" to the left of the DR categories for which this Intent to Apply is being made:

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|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>1. Public Facilities (accomplishment type: 01 People)</b>                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>2. Public Infrastructure (accomplishment type: 01 People)</b>             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>3. Housing Assistance</b> (accomplishment type: 10 Housing Units)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>4. Micro-Enterprise</b> (accomplishment type: 01 People or 08 Businesses) |

**C. PROJECT INFORMATION**

Provide a clear, concise description of the proposed project using the space below. The scope of work should be very specific in identifying how the money will be used in meeting a National Objective.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>1. Is any part of the project in a Floodplain? YES NO</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>2. Will the project involve a property on or eligible to be on the historic register? YES NO</b> |

**D. COST ESTIMATES & PROJECT FUNDING**



Provide the estimated project cost, amount of CDBG funds to be requested and sources, amounts and dates secured for all anticipated cash matching funds. **A minimum cash match equivalent to 25% of the grant award** may come from any public or private source.

All construction estimates should be prepared by the Engineer/Architect (from section A-3). Take into account the inflation rate in relation to the anticipated starting date of the project and applicable DAVIS/BACON wage rates as they apply to construction costs.

|                               |    |               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|---------------|----|
| Total Estimated Project Cost: | \$ | CDBG Request: | \$ |
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| Funding Source | Amount | Date Secured |
|----------------|--------|--------------|
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|  | <b>Elimination or Prevention of Slums and Blight on an Area-Wide Basis</b><br> Attach completed Slum & Blight Declaration meeting the requirements of Maine State Statute 30-A, Chapter 205, Section 5202 and regulations set forth by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in 24 CFR Part 570. |
|  | <b>Elimination or Prevention of Slums and Blight on a Spot Basis</b><br> Attach completed Spot Blight Designation form and required attachments which meets regulations set forth by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in 24 CFR Part 570.   |

## Applicant Certifications

- a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information in this Letter of Intent and all attached documentation is true and correct
- b. This Letter of Intent complies with all applicable State and federal laws and regulations; and
- c. With the exception of administrative or personnel costs, verify that no person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of state or local government or of any designated public agencies, or sub-recipients which are receiving CDBG funding may obtain a financial interest or benefit, have an interest in or benefit from the activity, or have an interest in any contract, subcontract or agreement with respect to CDBG activities, per 24 CFR part 570.611.
- d. Approval of this Letter of Intent by OCD to submit a final application does not imply final project approval or funding.

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| Signature of Chief Executive Officer | Name of Community | Date: mm/dd/year |

## BENEFICIARY PROFILE

The demographic information is garnered from local survey forms and the Benefit Data Worksheet on Page 24 of the Survey Methodology Handbook or, for HUD listed 51% LMI communities or contiguous census tracts, from U.S. Census Data. You may access this data for your community online at <https://www.maine.gov/dafs/economist/census-information> or at <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/ME>

1. Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of Target Area: \_\_\_\_\_ (If community-wide, state "same as above")
3. Description of Target Area: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Census Tracts (s) contained in Survey Area (whole or partial): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 5. POPULATION

- a. Total Population \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Total Persons at or below 80% of county median income \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Total Persons above 80% of county median income \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. FAMILY RACE (Indicate total estimated persons for each racial group from Benefit Data Worksheet on Page 24; for town-wide surveys or contiguous census tracts use data from U.S. Census website.)

| Racial Group  | At or below 80% | 80% Plus |
|---|-----------------|----------|
| White   |                 |          |
| Black/African American                                  |                 |          |
| Asian   |                 |          |
| Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander                  |                 |          |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native                          |                 |          |
| Asian & White   |                 |          |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native & White                  |                 |          |
| Black/African American & White                          |                 |          |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American |                 |          |
| Other   |                 |          |

## 7. DEMOGRAPHICS (Indicate total estimated persons for each demographic group from Benefit Data Worksheet on Page 24; for town-wide surveys or contiguous census tracts use data from U.S. Census web site listed above.)

| Demographic Group                 | At or below 80% | 80% Plus |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Total Number of Elderly           |                 |          |
| Total Number of Severely Disabled |                 |          |
| Total Female Heads of Households  |                 |          |

8. Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Instructions for completing the Beneficiary Profile**

All page numbers referenced below are from the Survey Methodology Handbook

- Line 1 State name of community.
- Line 2 Give name of target area; state "same as above if community wide.
- Line 3 Give a brief description of target area.
- Line 4 List all Census Tracts contained in the target area
- Line 5a In regard to a target area; use the estimated total number of persons on line 15 of the Low to Moderate Income Worksheet contained on Page 19. Regarding the entire Town or City being the target area, use the latest census information.
- Line 5b In regard to a target area; use the total estimated number of persons at or below 80% of county median income from the CDBG Benefit Data Worksheet on Page 24. Regarding the entire Town/City being the target area, use the latest census information.
- Line 5c In regard to a target area; use the total estimated number of persons above 80% of county median income from the CDBG Benefit Data Worksheet on Page 24. Regarding the entire Town/City being the target area, use the latest census information.

- Line 6 In regard to a target area; use the electronically generated figures for all racial groups from the Low to Moderate Income Worksheet contained on Page 19. Regarding the entire Town/City being the target area, use the latest census information.
- Line 7 In regard to a target area; use the electronically generated figures for all demographic groups from the Low to Moderate Income Worksheet contained on Page 19. Regarding the entire Town/City being the target area, use the latest census information.
- Line 8 Sign, date and indicate the title of the Beneficiary Profile signatory.