CDBG Matrix Codes by Category

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Definitions of the matrix codes are provided in the table that follows.

MATRIX CODE DEFINITIONS

Matrix codes are used to indicate—but do not establish—activity eligibility. An activity must be eligible in accordance with the regulations at 570.201–570.207. Grantees need to refer to the regulations to determine an activity's eligibility; the codes defined below are used in IDIS OnLine chiefly to categorize activities for reporting purposes.

Code	Definition
01	Acquisition of Real Property
	Acquisition of real property that will be developed for a public purpose. Use code 01 for the CDBG-funded purchase of real property on which, for example, a public facility or housing will be constructed.
	When CDBG funds are used to:
	 acquire a public facility that will be rehabilitated with CDBG funds and continue to be used as a public facility, assign the appropriate 03* code.
	• acquire housing that will be rehabilitated, use code 14G.
02	Disposition of Real Property
	Costs related to the sale, lease, or donation of real property acquired with CDBG funds or under urban renewal. These include the costs of temporarily maintaining property pending disposition and costs incidental to disposition of the property.
03A	Senior Centers
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of facilities (except permanent housing) for seniors.
	03A may be used for a facility serving both the elderly and the handicapped provided it is not intended primarily to serve persons with handicaps. If it is, use 03B instead.
	For the construction of permanent housing for the elderly, use code 12; for the rehabilitation of such housing, use the appropriate 14* code.
03B	Handicapped Centers
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of centers, group homes, and other facilities (except permanent housing) for the handicapped.
	03B may be used for a facility serving both the handicapped and the elderly provided it is not intended primarily to serve the elderly. If it is, use 03A instead.
	For the construction of permanent housing for the handicapped, use code 12; for the rehabilitation of such housing, use the appropriate 14* code.
03C	Homeless Facilities (not operating costs)
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of temporary shelters and transitional housing for the homeless, including battered spouses, disaster victims, runaway children, drug offenders, and parolees.
	For the construction of permanent housing for the homeless, use code 12; for the rehabilitation of such housing, use the appropriate 14* code.

Code	Definition
03D	Youth Centers
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of facilities intended primarily for young people age 13 to 19. These include playground and recreational facilities that are part of a youth center.
	For the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of facilities intended primarily for children age 12 and under, use 03M; for facilities for abused and neglected children, use 03Q.
03E	Neighborhood Facilities
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of facilities that are principally designed to serve a neighborhood and that will be used for social services or for multiple purposes (including recreation). Such facilities may include libraries and community centers.
03F	Parks, Recreational Facilities
	Development of open space areas or facilities intended primarily for recreational use.
03G	Parking Facilities
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of parking lots and parking garages. Also use 03G if the primary purpose of rehabilitating a public facility or carrying out a street improvement activity is to improve parking.
	If parking improvements are only part of a larger street improvement activity, use 03K.
03H	Solid Waste Disposal Improvements
	Acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of solid waste disposal facilities.
031	Flood Drainage Improvements
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of flood drainage facilities, such as retention ponds or catch basins. Do not use 031 for construction/rehabilitation of storm sewers, street drains, or storm drains.
	Use 03J for storm sewers and 03K for street and storm drains.
03J	Water/Sewer Improvements
	Installation or replacement of water lines, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, and fire hydrants. Costs of street repairs (usually repaving) made necessary by water/sewer improvement activities are included under 03J.
	For water/sewer improvements that are part of:
	 more extensive street improvements, use 03K (assign 03K, for example, to an activity that involves paving six blocks of Main Street and installing 100 feet of new water lines in one of those blocks).
	• a housing rehabilitation activity, use the appropriate 14* matrix code.
	For construction or rehabilitation of flood drainage facilities, use 031.

Code	Definition
03K	Street Improvements
	Installation or repair of streets, street drains, storm drains, curbs and gutters, tunnels, bridges, and traffic lights/signs. Also use 03K:
	 for improvements that include landscaping, street lighting, and/or street signs (commonly referred to as "streetscaping").
	 if sidewalk improvements (see code 03L) are part of more extensive street improvements.
03L	Sidewalks
	Improvements to sidewalks. Also use 03L for sidewalk improvements that include the installation of trash receptacles, lighting, benches, and trees.
03M	Child Care Centers
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of facilities intended primarily for children age 12 and under. Examples are daycare centers and Head Start preschool centers.
	For the construction or rehabilitation of facilities for abused and neglected children, use 03Q; for the construction or rehabilitation of facilities for teenagers, use 03D.
03N	Tree Planting
	Activities limited to tree planting (sometimes referred to as "beautification").
	For streetscape activities that include tree planting, use 03K; for sidewalk improvement activities that include tree planting, use 03L.
030	Fire Stations/Equipment
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of fire stations and/or the purchase of fire trucks and emergency rescue equipment.
03P	Health Facilities
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of physical or mental health facilities. Examples of such facilities include neighborhood clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, and convalescent homes.
	Health facilities for a specific client group should use the matrix code for that client group. For example, use 03Q for the construction or rehabilitation of health facilities for abused and neglected children.
03Q	Facilities for Abused and Neglected Children
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of daycare centers, treatment facilities, or temporary housing for abused and neglected children.
03R	Asbestos Removal
	Rehabilitation of any public facility undertaken primarily to remove asbestos.
03S	Facilities for AIDS Patients (not operating costs)
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of facilities for the treatment or temporary housing of people who are HIV positive or who have AIDS.
	For the construction or rehabilitation of facilities for AIDS education and prevention, use 03P.

Code	Definition
03T	Operating Costs of Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs
	Costs associated with the operation of programs for the homeless or for AIDS patients, such as staff costs, utilities, maintenance, and insurance.
	Because payment of operating costs for these programs is a public service under CDBG, all CDBG expenditures for 03T activities are included in the calculation of the Public Services cap.
03	Other Public Facilities and Improvements
	Do not use this code unless an activity does not fall under a more specific 03* code. Also, do not use one activity for multiple facilities and then assign it an 03 because the types of facilities are different.
	One legitimate use of 03 is for activities that assist persons with disabilities by removing architectural barriers from or providing ADA improvements to government buildings (activities that otherwise would not be eligible for CDBG funding).
04	Clearance and Demolition
	Clearance or demolition of buildings/improvements, or the movement of buildings to other sites.
04A	Cleanup of Contaminated Sites
	Activities undertaken primarily to clean toxic/environmental waste or contamination from a site.
05A	Senior Services
	Services for the elderly. 05A may be used for an activity that serves both the elderly and the handicapped provided it is not intended primarily to serve persons with handicaps. If it is, use 05B instead.
05B	Handicapped Services
	Services for the handicapped, regardless of age.
05C	Legal Services
	Services providing legal aid to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.
	If the only legal service provided is for the settlement of tenant/landlord disputes, use 05K.
05D	Youth Services
	Services for young people age 13 to 19 that include, for example, recreational services limited to teenagers and teen counseling programs. Also use 05D for counseling programs that target teens but include counseling for the family as well.
	For services for children age 12 and under, use 05L; for services for abused and neglected children, use 05N.
05E	Transportation Services
	General transportation services.
	Transportation services for a specific client group should use the matrix code for that client group. For example, use 05A for transportation services for the elderly.

Code	Definition
05F	Substance Abuse Services
	Substance abuse recovery programs and substance abuse prevention/education activities. If the services are provided for a specific client group, the matrix code for that client group may be used instead. For example, substance abuse services that target teenagers may be coded either 05D or 05F.
05G	Services for Battered and Abused Spouses
	Services for battered and abused spouses and their families.
	For services limited to abused and neglected children, use 05N.
05H	Employment Training
	Assistance to increase self-sufficiency, including literacy, independent living skills, and job training.
	For activities providing training for permanent jobs with specific businesses, use 18A.
051	Crime Awareness/Prevention
	Promotion of crime awareness and prevention, including crime prevention education programs and paying for security guards.
05J	Fair Housing Activities (subject to Public Services cap)
	Fair housing services (e.g. counseling on housing discrimination) that meet a national objective.
	For fair housing services activities carried out as part of general program administration (and thus not required to meet a national objective), use 21D.
05K	Tenant/Landlord Counseling
	Counseling to help prevent or settle disputes between tenants and landlords.
05L	Child Care Services
	Services that will benefit children (generally under age 13), including parenting skills classes.
	For services exclusively for abused and neglected children, use 05N.
05M	Health Services
	Services addressing the physical health needs of residents of the community.
	For mental health services, use 050.
05N	Services for Abused and Neglected Children
	Daycare and other services exclusively for abused and neglected children.
050	Mental Health Services
	Services addressing the mental health needs of residents of the community.
05P	Screening for Lead Poisoning
	Activities undertaken primarily to provide screening for lead poisoning.
	For lead poisoning testing/abatement activities, use 14I.

Code	Definition
05Q	Subsistence Payments
	One-time or short-term (no more than three months) emergency payments on behalf of individuals or families, generally for the purpose of preventing homelessness. Examples include utility payments to prevent cutoff of service and rent/mortgage payments to prevent eviction.
05R	Homeownership Assistance (not direct)
	Homeowner downpayment assistance provided as a public service. If housing counseling is provided to those applying for downpayment assistance, the counseling is considered part of the 05R activity.
	Assistance provided under 05R must meet the low/mod housing national objective. Therefore, unless the assistance is provided by a CBDO in an NRSA, it is subject to the public service cap and only low/mod households may be assisted. If the assistance is provided by a CBDO in an NRSA, the housing units for which CDBG funds are obligated in a program year may be aggregated and treated as a single structure for purposes of meeting the housing national objective (that is, only 51% of the units must be occupied by LMI households).
	For more extensive types of homeownership assistance provided under authority of the National Affordable Housing Act, use code 13.
05S	Rental Housing Subsidies
	Tenant subsidies exclusively for rental payments for more than three months. Activities providing this form of assistance must be carried out by CBDOs.
05T	Security Deposits
	Tenant subsidies exclusively for payment of security deposits.
05U	Housing Counseling
	Housing counseling for renters, homeowners, and/or potential new homebuyers that is provided as an independent public service (i.e., not as part of another eligible housing activity).
05V	Neighborhood Cleanups
	One-time or short-term efforts to remove trash and debris from neighborhoods. Examples of legitimate uses of this code include neighborhood cleanup campaigns and graffiti removal.
05W	Food Banks
	Costs associated with the operation of food banks, community kitchens, and food pantries, such as staff costs, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and insurance.
05	Other Public Services
	Do not use this code for public services activities unless an activity does not fall under a more specific 05* code.
	An example of a legitimate use of this code is referrals to social services.

Code	Definition
06	Interim Assistance
	Only for activities undertaken either to:
	 Make limited improvements (e.g., repair of streets, sidewalks, or public buildings) intended solely to arrest further deterioration of physically deteriorated areas prior to making permanent improvements.
	 Alleviate emergency conditions threatening public health and safety, such as removal of tree limbs or other debris after a major storm.
07	Urban Renewal Completion
	Completion of urban renewal projects funded under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949.
	Do not use code 07 for a downtown renewal, downtown development, or urban renewal activity unless the activity will result in the closing out of a federally-approved urban renewal project.
08	Relocation
	Relocation payments and other assistance for permanently or temporarily displaced individuals, families, businesses, non-profit organizations, and farms.
09	Loss of Rental Income
	Payments to owners of housing for loss of rental income due to temporarily holding rental units for persons displaced by CDBG-assisted activities.
11	Privately Owned Utilities
	Acquisition, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of distribution lines and facilities of federally regulated, privately owned utilities. This includes placing new or existing distribution lines/facilities underground.
12	Construction of Housing
	Construction of housing with CDBG funds must be carried out by CBDOs, in accordance with the regulations at 570.204(a).
13	Direct Homeownership Assistance
	Homeownership assistance to LMI households as authorized under 105(a)(24).
	Forms of assistance include subsidizing interest rates and mortgage principal, paying up to 50% of downpayment costs, paying reasonable closing costs, acquiring guarantees for mortgage financing from private lenders, and financing the acquisition by LMI households of the housing they already occupy.
	If housing counseling is provided to households receiving direct homeownership assistance, the counseling is considered part of the code 13 activity.
	All recipients of assistance provided under matrix code 13 must be LMI.
14A	Rehab: Single-Unit Residential
	Rehabilitation of privately owned, single-unit homes.

Code	Definition
14B	Rehab: Multi-Unit Residential
	Rehabilitation of privately owned buildings with two or more permanent residential units.
	For the rehabilitation of units that will provide temporary shelter or transitional housing for the homeless, use 03C.
14C	Rehab: Public Housing Modernization
	Rehabilitation of housing units owned/operated by a public housing authority (PHA).
14D	Rehab: Other Publicly Owned Residential Buildings
	Rehabilitation of permanent housing owned by a public entity other than a PHA.
	For the rehabilitation of other publicly owned buildings that will provide temporary shelter or transitional housing for the homeless, use 03C.
14E	Rehab: Publicly or Privately Owned Commercial/Industrial
	Rehabilitation of commercial/industrial property. If the property is privately owned, CDBG-funded rehab is limited to:
	 Exterior improvements (generally referred to as "facade improvements"). Correction of code violations
	For more extensive rehabilitation of privately owned commercial/industrial property, use 17C; for infrastructure developments and improvements at commercial/industrial sites, use 17B.
14F	Rehab: Energy Efficiency Improvements
	Housing rehabilitation with the sole purpose of improving energy efficiency (e.g., a weatherization program).
	For energy efficiency improvements to public housing units, use 14C; for other publicly owned residential buildings, use 14D.
14G	Rehab: Acquisition
	Acquisition of property to be rehabilitated for housing. 14G may be used whether CDBG funds will pay only for acquisition or for both acquisition and rehabilitation.
14H	Rehab: Administration
	All delivery costs (including staff, other direct costs, and service costs) directly related to carrying out housing rehabilitation activities. Examples include appraisal, architectural, engineering, and other professional services; preparation of work specifications and work write-ups; loan processing; survey, site and utility plans; application processing; and other fees.
	Do not use 14H for the costs of actual rehabilitation and do not use it for costs unrelated to running a rehab program (e.g., tenant/landlord counseling).
	For housing rehabilitation administration activities carried out as part of general program administration (and thus not required to meet a national objective), use code 21.
141	Lead-Based Paint/Lead Hazards Testing/Abatement
	Housing rehabilitation activities with the primary goal of evaluating and reducing lead-based paint/lead hazards.
	For lead-based paint/lead hazards screening, use 05P.

Code	Definition
14J	Housing Services
	Housing services in support of the HOME Program, eligible under 570.201(k).
15	Code Enforcement
	Salaries and overhead costs associated with property inspections and follow-up actions (such as legal proceedings) directly related to the enforcement (not correction) of state and local codes.
	For the correction of code violations, use the appropriate rehabilitation code.
16A	Residential Historic Preservation
	Rehabilitation of historic buildings for residential use.
16B	Non-Residential Historic Preservation
	Rehabilitation of historic buildings for non-residential use. Examples include the renovation of an historic building for use as a neighborhood facility, as a museum, or by an historic preservation society.
17A	Commercial/Industrial: Acquisition/Disposition
	Land acquisition, clearance of structures, or packaging of land for the purpose of creating industrial parks or promoting commercial/industrial development. 17A activities must be carried out by the grantee or by non-profits.
17B	Commercial/Industrial: Infrastructure Development
	Street, water, parking, rail transport, or other improvements to commercial/industrial sites. 17B also includes the installation of public improvements, such as the construction of streets to and through commercial/industrial areas. 17B activities must be carried out by the grantee or by non-profits.
17C	Commercial/Industrial: Building Acquisition, Construction, Rehabilitation
	Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of commercial/industrial buildings. 17C activities must be carried out by the grantee or by non-profits.
17D	Commercial/Industrial: Other Improvements
	Commercial/industrial improvements not covered by other 17* codes. 17D activities must be carried out by the grantee or by non-profits.
18A	Economic Development: Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits
	Financial assistance to for-profit businesses to (for example) acquire property, clear structures, build, expand or rehabilitate a building, purchase equipment, or provide operating capital. Forms of assistance include loans, loan guarantees, and grants.
	With one exception, a separate 18A activity must be set up for each business assisted. The exception is an activity carried out under 570.208(a)(4)(vi), for which job aggregation is allowed.
18B	Economic Development: Technical Assistance
	Technical assistance to for-profit businesses, including workshops, marketing, and referrals. Also use 18B for activity delivery costs eligible under 570.203(c).

Code	Definition
18C	Economic Development: Micro-Enterprise Assistance
	Financial assistance, technical assistance, or general support services to owners and developers of micro-enterprises. A micro-enterprise is a business with five or fewer employees, including the owner(s).
	With one exception, a separate activity must be set up for each micro-enterprise assisted. The exception is an activity carried out under 570.208(a)(4)(vi), for which job aggregation is allowed.
19A	Obsolete – use code 21H.
19B	Obsolete – use code 21H.
19C	CDBG Non-Profit Organization Capacity Building
	Activities specifically designed to increase the capacity of non-profit organizations to carry out eligible neighborhood revitalization or economic development activities. Such activities may include providing technical assistance and specialized training to staff.
19D	CDBG Assistance to Institutes of Higher Education
	Obsolete. Instead of using this matrix code, set the INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION field to "yes" on the Add/Edit Subordinate Organization screen to indicate that the activity will be carried out by an institution of higher education. Then assign the appropriate matrix code based on the nature of the activity to be undertaken by the institution.
19E	CDBG Operation and Repair of Foreclosed Property
	Activities to prevent the abandonment and deterioration of housing acquired through tax foreclosure. These include making essential repairs to the housing and paying operating expenses to maintain its habitability.
19F	Planned Repayments of Section 108 Loans
	Repayments of principal for Section 108 loan guarantees.
19G	Unplanned Repayments of Section 108 Loans
	Unplanned repayments of principal for Section 108 loan guarantees.
20	Planning
	Program planning activities, including the development of comprehensive plans (e.g., a consolidated plan), community development plans, energy strategies, capacity building, environmental studies, area neighborhood plans, and functional plans.
20A	Program planning activities for when states award grants to units of general local government in which planning is the only activity, or in which planning activities are unrelated to any other activity funded as part of the grant. These are often referred to as "planning only grants" or "planning-only activities."

Code	Definition
21A	General Program Administration
	Overall program administration, including (but not limited to) salaries, wages, and related costs of grantee staff or others engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation.
	Also use 21A to report the use of CDBG funds to administer federally-designated Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities.
	For CDBG funding of HOME admin costs, use 21H; for CDBG funding of HOME CHDO operating expenses, use 211.
21B	Indirect Costs
	Costs charged under an indirect cost allocation plan.
21C	Public Information
	Providing information and other resources to residents and citizen organizations participating in the planning, implementation, or assessment of CDBG-assisted activities.
21D	Fair Housing Activities (subject to Admin cap)
	Fair housing activities carried out as part of general program administration rather than as a public service. They are subject to the Admin cap, but do not have to meet a national objective.
	For fair housing activities carried out as a public service, use 05J.
21E	Submission of Applications for Federal Programs
	Preparation of (1) documents that must be submitted to HUD to receive CDBG funds or (2) applications to other federal programs for community development assistance.
21H	CDBG Funding of HOME Admin
	CDBG funding of administrative costs for HOME Program activities eligible under 570.206(i)(2).
211	CDBG Funding of HOME CHDO Operating Expenses
	CDBG funding of CHDO operating expenses for HOME Program activities eligible under 570.206(i)(2).
21J	State Program administration, including (but not limited to) salaries, wages, and related costs required for overall program management, coordination, monitoring, reporting, and evaluation. This category includes both the state's costs of administering the CDBG program, as well as units of general local governments' (and their subrecipients') costs of administering grants awarded to them by the state.
22	Unprogrammed Funds
	Identification of funds that are not yet programmed for use—e.g., reserve or contingency funds.
23	Tornado Shelters Serving Private Mobile Home Parks
	Construction or improvement of tornado-safe shelters for residents of manufactured housing and the provision of assistance (including loans and grants) to nonprofit and for-profit entities, in accordance with Section 105(a)(24). {Note that two pars. 24 have been enacted.}