

CERTIFICATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY (CDBG-R) PROGRAM

The certifications that are required for the regular CDBG program must be also submitted for the CDBG-R program, unless otherwise waived in the CDBG-R Notice. They are listed at 24 CFR 91.225 for entitlement communities, Insular Areas and non-entitlement counties in Hawaii, and 24 CFR 91.325 for states. A list of these certifications may be found on HUD's website at http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/conplan/finalrule_bookview.pdf.

HUD is requiring additional certifications tailored to the CDBG-R program. CDBG-R grantees (entitlement communities, urban counties, states, non-entitlement counties in Hawaii, and Insular Areas) must provide:

1. a certification that the jurisdiction will comply with Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
2. a certification that in selecting projects to be funded, the grantee will give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date the funds are made available to the recipients, and will ensure maximum job creation and economic benefit.
3. a certification that when CDBG-R funds are being used for infrastructure investments, the grantee will give preference to quick-start and finish activities, including a goal to use at least 50 percent of the funds for activities within 120 days of enactment of the Recovery Act.
4. a certification that all iron, steel and manufactured goods used in construction, alteration, repair, or maintenance of a public building or public work project assisted with CDBG-R funds under the Recovery Act must be produced in the United States unless the Secretary finds that: (1) the requirement is inconsistent with public interest; (2) those goods are not reasonably available or produced in sufficient quantity in the U.S.; or (3) the use of the goods will increase the project cost by more than 25 percent.
5. A certification from the Governor, mayor, or other chief executive, as appropriate, that any infrastructure investments have received the full review and vetting required by law and that the chief executive accepts responsibility that the infrastructure investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Alternatively, a grantee's chief elected official may certify that infrastructure investments will receive the full review and vetting required by law and that the chief executive accepts responsibility that the infrastructure investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.
6. A certification that, for activities carried out with CDBG-R funds using the urgent need national objective where the urgent need is the current economic conditions, the activity is alleviating current economic conditions which pose a threat to the economic welfare of the community where the activity is being carried out, the recipient is unable to finance the activity on its own, and other sources of funding are not available.