



# CDBG & HOME HOUSING ELIGIBILITY FAQ's

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is one of the most flexible forms of financial assistance available to the City. HUD provides a block grant to the City in an effort to assist with a wide range of housing and community development activities, which are directed toward housing, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and public services. The ranges of creative approaches to Community Development efforts employed by the City are broad. The approaches incorporate efforts such as revitalizing declining neighborhoods, preserving the existing housing stock, and supporting non-profit organizations. The Community Development Division seeks to ensure a better quality of life for its low-income residents.

## What are the housing eligibility requirements?

- Must meet HUD Income Requirements
- Applicant must be the legal property owner
- The home must be your principal residence
- Must reside in the City Limits of Monroe, Louisiana

## Preferences and Priorities will be given to the following applicants:

- Families with small children
- Families with individuals that have a disability
- Families or individuals with less than 30% of the area median income
- Homes built before 1978

## What is the application process?

- Interested applicants must fill out a preliminary application to be considered in the full application process. The Preliminary Application can be accessed online at [Housing Rehabilitation Preliminary Application](#) or contact our office at (318) 329.2256.
- The full application process for eligibility is taken twice a year, in October and April.
- The average processing time to qualify applicants for eligibility & meet all of the program requirements can take up to three (3) months.
- When the homeowner's application has been deemed eligible by the housing staff, the construction process will begin.

Additional information about the housing programs can be found at <https://monroela.us/government/departments-divisions/planning-urban-development/community-development> or contacting the Community Development Division at (318)329.2256.