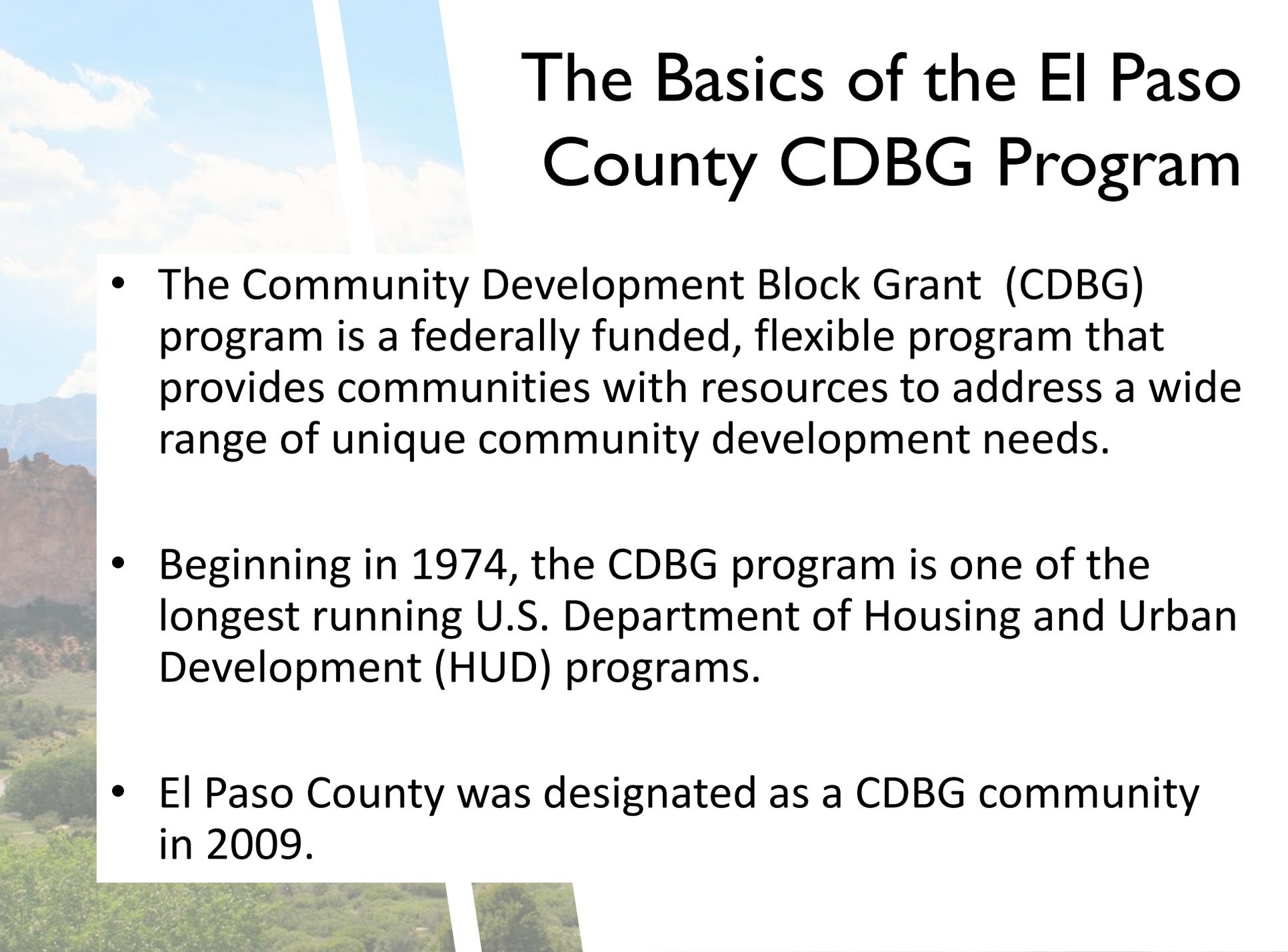




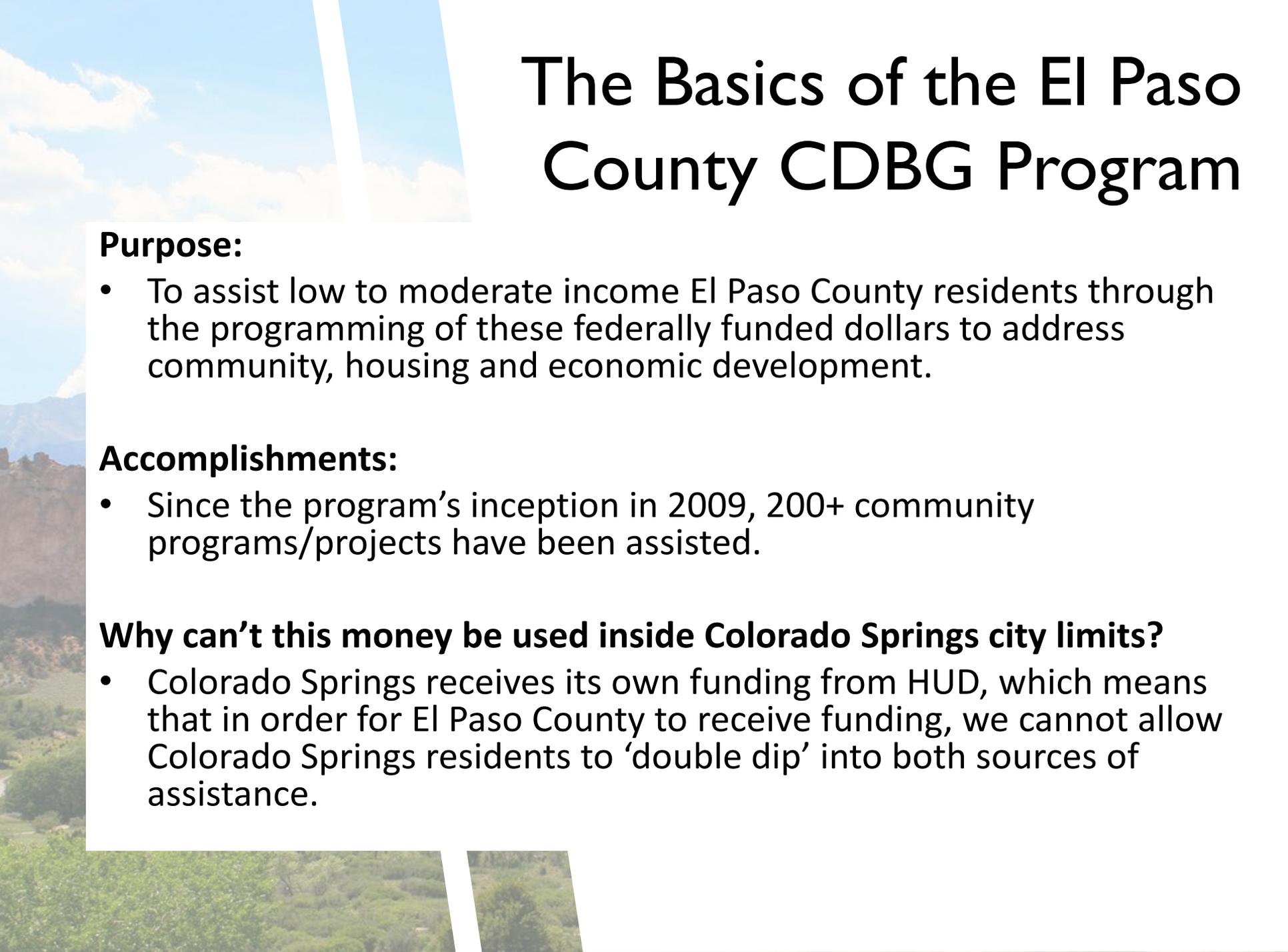
El Paso County CDBG Program

CDBG-CV Funding
(Coronavirus relief)
2021 Application Cycle



The Basics of the El Paso County CDBG Program

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a federally funded, flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.
- Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest running U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs.
- El Paso County was designated as a CDBG community in 2009.



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Purpose:

- To assist low to moderate income El Paso County residents through the programming of these federally funded dollars to address community, housing and economic development.

Accomplishments:

- Since the program's inception in 2009, 200+ community programs/projects have been assisted.

Why can't this money be used inside Colorado Springs city limits?

- Colorado Springs receives its own funding from HUD, which means that in order for El Paso County to receive funding, we cannot allow Colorado Springs residents to 'double dip' into both sources of assistance.



Geographic Areas Covered

- Calhan
- Fountain
- Green Mountain Falls
- Unincorporated El Paso County
- Palmer Lake
- Ramah
- Manitou Springs
- Monument



National Objectives & Goals

National Objectives:

- Serve persons of low to moderate income
 - This is the goal all CDBG-CV funds must meet
- Urgent Need
- Slum & Blight

National Goals:

- Provide Decent Affordable Housing
- Establish and Maintain Suitable Living Environments
- Expand Economic Opportunities



Five Year Goals

In addition to the national goals, the El Paso County CDBG Program has 13 local goals to address some of the needs identified in our 5-year strategic plan, known as the Consolidated Plan.

Each project funded by our program must meet at least 1 of the 13 goals and must be able to demonstrate measurable success at the conclusion of the project.



Who Can Apply?

- Participating Municipalities
- Non-Profits
- Faith Based Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education

All applicants must be equal opportunity employers and be able to provide proof of status

Note that first-time applicants **must** schedule a meeting with CDBG staff prior to submitting their application.



Application Process

- The application cycle opened on July 6, 2021, and will close on August 6, 2021, at 5:00 pm.
- The Community Development Advisory Board will set application recommendations and the Board of County Commissioners will make the final approval.
- Applicants will be notified of their award/denial status in September.



CDBG-CV Funding

- Approximately \$368,000 is being made available during this application cycle
- Minimum request amount is \$20,000
- All projects must fall within the public service category (direct client services) and serve persons of low to moderate income
- All persons served must also be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic



CDBG-CV Funding

- Successful applicants must be able to document efforts to prevent duplication of benefits
- Duplication of benefits can be defined as when a client receives assistance from multiple sources intended for the same purpose, OR when the amount of assistance exceeds the total identified need.
- Clients should be expected to self-certify that they are not attempting to defraud the agency or the funding source

CDBG-CV Public Service Project Subgroups

Please note your project must serve one of the following subgroups. Highlighted subgroups are considered a higher priority based on local data.

Senior Services	Persons with Disabilities Services	Legal Services	Youth Services	Transportation Services
Substance Abuse Services	Services for Battered and Abused Spouses	Employment Training	Crime Awareness/Prevention	Fair Housing Services
Tenant/Landlord Counseling	Child Care Services	Health Services	Services for Abused and Neglected Children	Mental Health Services
Screening for Lead Poisoning	Subsistence Payments	Homeownership Assistance (not direct)	Rental House Subsidies	Security Deposits
Housing Counseling	Neighborhood Cleanups	Food Banks	Operating Costs of Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs	Other Public Services

CDBG-CV Funding Ineligible Expenses

- Supplies that can be used past the life of the grant program are ineligible (computers, fridges, etc.) Note that supplies used up during the program are eligible (food for food pantries, facemasks for employees while working with clients, etc.)
- Staff time spent with ineligible clients or working on a different project
- General government operations and functions
- Political and religious activities

CDBG-CV Application Tips & Tricks

- You will have 12 months to spend your funding, plan your request around that
- Be sure to include clear, measurable outcomes for your project
- Don't forget to attach backup materials and letters of support as applicable
- Always feel free to reach out when you have a question on a particular section
- Be sure to clearly demonstrate the checks and balances your agency has in place to prevent fraud

Looking Ahead

Upcoming opportunities to participate in our program and provide feedback:

- Upcoming Community Needs Survey
 - Opens July 11, 2021
- County Fair- visit our booth on July 12!
- Initial Assessment of Fair Housing Meetings:
 - Calhan Town Hall, July 16 at 10 am (in person)
 - Fountain Public Library, July 16 at 1 pm (in person)
 - El Paso County Economic Development Downtown Office, July 20 at 9 am and 5 pm (virtual/in person)



Questions? Contact us!

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