

**Community Development Block Grant Funding Recommendations Budget**

**Program Year 2026-27 Community Development Block Grant Funding  
Recommendations \$365,400**

Applicant		Activity Description	Funding Request	OAC Recommendation
<b>Public Services (15%)</b>				
1	Jewish Family of the Desert	Emergency Financial Assistance	\$10,000	\$0
2	Jewish Family Service of San Diego	Street Outreach	\$15,000	\$0
3	Operation Safe House Inc	Youth Homeless Transitional Living Program	\$18,000	\$18,000
4	Food in Need of Distribution	FIND Mobile Market - Palm Desert High School	\$20,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$63,000</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>
<b>Public Facilities and Improvements (No Cap)</b>				
5	The Joslyn Center	Replace (7) Air Condition Units	\$100,000	\$100,000
6	Desert ARC	Replace (7) HVAC Units	\$471,212	\$174,320
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$571,212</b>	<b>\$274,320</b>
<b>Program Administration (20% Cap)</b>				
7	County Grant Administrator	County's shared cost 13%	\$ 47,502	\$47,502
	City Grant Administrator	City's shared cost 7%	\$ 25,578	\$25,578
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 73,080</b>	<b>\$73,080</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 707,292</b>	<b>\$365,400</b>

## Summary of Grant Applications

Below you will find a summary of each grant application for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

County and City CDBG Allocation: **\$365,400**

### 1. Jewish Family Service of the Desert (Public Services)

- Requested Amount: \$10,000
- Funding Recommendation: \$0
- Project Name: Case Management Emergency Financial Assistance for Palm Desert residents
- Program Description:  
Jewish Family Service of the Desert (JFS) – Case Management Program. JFS provides free, year-round bilingual (English/Spanish) case management to residents throughout the Coachella Valley. The program delivers individualized client advocacy and emergency financial assistance to low- and moderate-income households, helping residents cover past-due rent, utilities, food, and medication. JFS anticipates increasing the number of Palm Desert individuals and families receiving emergency financial assistance by approximately 35.

**Denied:** Per the County Grant Administrator, the proposal lacks a clear and focused service delivery plan, includes multiple unfocused purposes, and does not adequately document that at least 51% of beneficiaries are low- to moderate-income Palm Desert residents. Additionally, the requested funding level—\$10,000 for 35 clients (approximately \$286 per client)—raises concerns about the feasibility of delivering meaningful services at the proposed per-client amount.

### 2. Jewish Family Service of San Diego (Public Services)

- Requested Amount: \$15,000
- Funding Recommendation: \$0
- Project Name: Basic Necessities for Individuals Facing Homelessness- Street Outreach
- Program Description:  
Jewish Family Service of the Desert (JFS) – Homeless Support & Street Outreach operates two HUD-funded Permanent Supportive Housing programs that provide safe and affordable housing for up to 207 chronically homeless individuals and families in Riverside County. In alignment with the regional “No Wrong Door” policy, JFS conducts daily outreach to people experiencing homelessness, offering immediate basic needs—food, water, hygiene kits, clean clothing, and backpacks with essential supplies—along with assessments, information, and referrals to appropriate service providers. CDBG funds will support food, hygiene items, and outreach supplies for individuals engaged through street outreach in Palm Desert and Desert Hot Springs.

**Denied:** Per the County Grant Administrator, does not meet the CDBG national objective. These services and activities fall under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, which specifically funds homeless operations.

**3. Operation Safehouse (Public Services)**

- Requested Amount: \$18,000
- Funding Recommendation: \$18,000
- Project Name: Harrison House Transitional Living Program
- Program Description:
  - The agency serves runaway youth, homeless and at-risk youth in the Coachella Valley. The agency requests funds for staffing to continue the operation of the Harrison House (transitional living home), which supports homeless young adults ages 18 to 24 who seek to become independent and self-sufficient adults. The agency proposes to serve 10 young people.

**4. Food in Need of Distribution, Inc. dba: FIND Regional Food Bank (Public Services)**

- Requested Amount: \$20,000
- Funding Recommendation: \$ 0
- Project Name: FIND Mobile Market – Palm Desert High School
- Project Description:

FIND Food Bank operates the Community Mobile Market at Palm Desert High School, providing fresh, nutritious food directly to low- and moderate-income Palm Desert residents. The market distributes fruits and vegetables, proteins, pantry staples, and culturally appropriate items, staffed by trained personnel and volunteers who assist with distribution, safety, and referrals to additional services. Funds will support essential operational needs—including transportation, staffing, and supplies—ensuring the Mobile Market continues to offer reliable, accessible, and high-quality food assistance to the community.

**Denied:** Per the County Grant Administrator, this does not meet HUD Public Service requirements because HUD requires unduplicated client counts for activities that qualify under the Limited Clientele national objective. Total participant counts alone are not sufficient for CDBG compliance.

**5. The Joslyn Center (Public Facilities and Improvements)**

- Requested Amount: \$ 100,000
- Funding Recommendation: \$ 100,000
- Project Name: Joslyn Center Air Conditioning Replacement
- Project Description:

The Joslyn Center seeks funding to replace seven (7) aging HVAC units specifically four (4) 5-ton air conditioning compressors and associated heating units serving the Wellness Center, and three (3) units serving the Arthur Newman Theater. All systems were installed in 2007 and operate with obsolete R-22 refrigerant, making repairs costly and unreliable. These units have

exceeded their useful life and are among the oldest at the facility. Replacement is essential to maintain safe, reliable cooling, especially during the summer months when the Center functions as a community “cooling center.” New units will also improve energy efficiency and reduce operating costs.

Up to 20% of project funds will support required design and project management to ensure full CDBG compliance.

#### **6. Desert ARC (Public Facilities and Improvements)**

- Requested Amount: \$471,212
- Funding Recommendation: \$174,320
- Project Name: Desert ARC Replacement HVAC Units – Building 1
- Program Description:

Desert ARC provides essential day programs, job training, and supportive services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a safe and inclusive environment. To maintain reliable climate control, Desert ARC seeks funding to replace seven (7) aging HVAC units serving in Building 1 of its Palm Desert campus where clients spend the majority of their day. These units have exceeded their useful life, experience frequent failures, and no longer operate efficiently, creating health and safety concerns, especially during extreme summer heat. Replacing the systems will ensure consistent indoor comfort, improve energy efficiency, reduce maintenance costs, and support the well-being of the hundreds of clients who rely on Desert ARC’s programs each day. The new HVAC systems will also provide an estimated 15-year service life for Building 1, ensuring long-term reliability and stability for program operations.

#### **7. City of Palm Desert (Administration)**

- Requested Amount: \$73,080
- Funding Recommendation: \$73,080
- Project Description:

Estimated allocation shared with the County.

JointMetro Cooperating Contract Formula: 13% County and 7% City

County receives  $\$365,400 \times 0.13 = \$47,502$

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