

CDBG Best Practices Template

Definition of a best practice: A best practice is a method or technique that, through experience or research, has consistently shown results superior to those achieved with other means, and that is used as a benchmark.

Criteria

Effectiveness: the degree to which the program or initiative has achieved targeted tangible results

To what degree does the program or initiative respond to the needs of a well-defined group?

Does the program or initiative demonstrate its effectiveness in meeting its stated goals and objectives quantitatively and qualitatively?

Does the program or initiative produce unintended benefits for its clients?

Significance: the degree to which the program or initiative successfully addresses an important problem or concern

To what degree does the program or initiative address a problem of national scope and import?

To what degree does the program or initiative make substantial progress in diminishing the problem within its jurisdiction?

To what degree does the program or initiative change the organizational culture or the traditional approach to management or problem solving?

Transferability: the degree to which the program or initiative, or aspects of it, shows promise of inspiring successful replication by other governmental entities

To what extent can this program or initiative be replicated in other jurisdictions?

To what extent can this program or initiative serve as a model that other jurisdictions will seek to replicate?

To what extent are program or initiative components, concepts, principles, or insights transferable to other disciplines or policy areas?

What Best Practices Must Demonstrate

- Collaboration
- Cost Effectiveness
- Benefits to low- and moderate-income residents and neighborhoods
- Leveraging
- Replicability

- Sustainability
- Consistent results over time

Program Areas

- Program Design
- Program Planning
- Program Administration
- Public Engagement/Citizen Participation
- Creative Use of Entitlement Funding
- Process for Evaluation of Program Effectiveness

CDBG Best Practices

NCDA and NACCED are seeking nominations for CDBG best practices to help demonstrate the effectiveness of the program. Using the template information above, please complete the following:

Name of Jurisdictions: _____

Contact: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Program Area: _____

Description of Proposed Best Practice: Please attach

Utilizing the criteria in the template, describe why you believe this is a best practice: Please attach