

Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant Program Income Eligibility Standards

To be eligible, a CDBG activity must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons as defined by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Benefit to low- and moderate-income (L/M) persons may be demonstrated in one of three ways:

1. **L/M Area Benefit** - Dutchess County was deemed an “[exception grantee](#)”¹ in 2023; therefore, if the activity serves an area where 44.89% of the households are low- and moderate-income, instead of the normally required 51%; OR
2. **L/M Housing Benefit** - Activity serves households who document their income is at or below the below income limits; OR

2023 Low/Moderate Income Limits	
Family Size	Income (80% AMI)
1	\$66,300
2	\$75,750
3	\$85,200
4	\$94,650
5	\$102,250
6	\$109,800

3. **L/M Limited Clientele** - Activity serves persons that HUD presumes are low and moderate-income. These include:
 - Abused children
 - Victims of domestic violence
 - Elderly persons
 - Severely disabled adults
 - Homeless persons
 - Illiterate adults
 - Persons living with AIDS
 - Migrant farm workers

¹ It is important to note that the upper quartile percentage provides an exception to the general rule of 51% *only* with respect to area benefit activities. Activities qualifying under L/M housing and L/M limited clientele *cannot* qualify under the upper quartile “exception criteria.” For example, a limited clientele activity might provide services to persons in a certain area such as a senior center in a particular neighborhood. The activity must meet the 51% L/M income benefit requirement for limited clientele and not the upper quartile percentage applicable to area benefit activities within an “exception” community like Dutchess County.