

CDBG Application Number:

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CITY OF WAUKESHA

PROGRAM YEAR 2027 (January 1 – December 31, 2027)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM FOR CITY OF WAUKESHA ALLOCATION

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: April 24, 2026, 4:30 pm City Hall – Community Development or email to rgrams@waukesha-wi.gov

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Project Title: Swim and Park Play (Buchner or Horeb)
2. Project Address (if different from Applicant's address): _____
3. Primary Contact Person/Title: Gala Evers, Recreation Supervisor
4. Telephone: 262-524-3715
5. E-Mail: gevers@waukesha-wi.gov
6. Amount of CDBG 2026 Funds Requested: \$4000
7. Total Project Costs: \$8,000
8. National Objective (check all that apply):
 - Benefiting low – and moderate – income persons
 - Preventing or eliminating slums or blight
 - Meeting other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.
9. Check One:
 - New Project
 - Continuing previously funded project
10. Provide a brief description of your experience in managing a similar project.

The mission of the City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department (WPRF) is to be responsive and committed to providing essential park, recreation, and urban forestry services, making our community a desirable place to live, work, and play. WPRF has years of experience with Community Development Block Grants, and various programs are partially supported by these funds—precisely, the Buchner and Horeb Swim and Park Play programs, the Adaptive CDBG, and the Senior CDBG.

WPRF offers 10-week camp programs throughout the city, a longstanding tradition of summer programming for Waukesha youth. The City of Waukesha Park, Recreation, and Forestry Department also operates before- and after-school programs at ten elementary schools within the School District of Waukesha. Two sites were awarded 21st Century Learning Center Grants in 2022, totaling \$975,000.00 in grant funding over the next five years. WPRF is the fiscal agent for this grant, and Gala Evers, Recreation Supervisor, oversees all areas of grant compliance.

11. Describe the role specific staff will have in this project. Who will be responsible for managing the project, reporting to Community Development, preparing invoices, etc.?

The Staff involved in this project include a team comprised of Recreation Supervisor, Gala Evers, Recreation Programmer, Tara Scott, and a team of 100+ staff that complete forty hours of training in the areas of youth development, fun, age-appropriate and engaging curriculum, behavior management, games/activities, and CPR/First AID and Inclusion training throughout the year. The direct supervisor of this program, Recreation Supervisor Gala Evers, has over 29 years of experience as a teacher and program operations director. Gala will directly supervise the project's implementation and management. This includes training and managing staff, gathering and collecting data for outcomes, and ensuring that all aspects of the program come to fruition. Tara Scott will supervise the program staff directly.

12. Provide a concise description of the proposed project.

The City of Waukesha Park, Recreation and Forestry Department (WPRF) offers a comprehensive summer recreation program with a learn-to-swim component at one of our city pools, Buchner or Horeb Pool and Park. This two-week, high-quality program is a significant relief for families, as it is free of charge to children whose families qualify per the HUD income limits. The swim and park play program is offered to youth ages 6-12. The program has two key components: offering students a lifelong, lifesaving skill of swim lessons and an enrichment program, providing fun, engaging learning opportunities to help learning loss over the summer months. The enrichment activities are designed to engage youth and teach lifelong skills such as organization, perseverance, self-confidence, social skills, conflict resolution, and communication. More importantly, they are designed to be fun and engaging, sparking excitement and interest in the participants. In addition, these activities help lessen the impact of summer learning loss that many of our students face each year. The swimming component will teach students life skills like swimming and water safety. Partnering with St. Vincent De Paul, participants will receive a healthy lunch following the swim lesson and enrichment activities for this summer program and each pool location.

If the proposed project is a rehabilitation / ADA / historic rehabilitation of a facility or business, please answer the following:

13. Address of Facility: _____

14. Year it was built _____

15. Is the property on a local or national list and/or registered as a historic property?

- Yes No Don't Know

16. Select how your project will serve Low and Moderate Income People (Choose one if applicable):

Benefit to LMI **individuals** (at least 51% of total beneficiaries of program must be LMI and income information must be gathered from all participants)

Presumed Benefit (all individuals served in the program qualify as low income because of the type of population served, i.e.: Elderly, Severely Disabled Adults , Abused Children, Battered Spouses, Homeless Persons, Illiterate Adults , Persons with AIDS, Migrant Farm Workers. Income information does not have to be collected.)

Benefit to an **area** that is primarily residential and is located in an eligible census tract (at least 30.34% of residents are LMI). See instructions for a list of eligible census tracts.) Provide list of census tracts:

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- Housing units created to benefit LMI individuals or households (every CDBG funded unit must be occupied by and LMI individual or household)
- Jobs created to benefit LMI individuals (1 job must be created for every \$35,000 of CDBG funds invested in project; 51% of all jobs created must be for LMI individuals)
- Project serves residents of a **NRSA** and agency is a certified CBDO. Provide name of NRSA:
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- Project addresses conditions of **Slum and Blight** on an Area or Spot Basis. Must provide designation of Slum and Blighted area from jurisdiction when contract is signed, and addresses of affected properties.
- ADA Rehabilitation of a public facility or public improvement
- Historic Preservation of residential or commercial properties. Must be designated on a spot slum and blight basis or homeowner or business must qualify as low income.

17. Describe the need filled for your program or project.

Research suggests that no child is ever safe in water. The goal of this program is to make children safer in and around water. 79% of children in households with income less than \$50,000 have little to no swimming ability, that is our target population. Research also shows that 64% of African Americans, 45% of Hispanic/Latino, and 40% of Caucasian children have little to no swimming ability. Each day in the United States on average 10 people drown. Formal lessons reduce the likelihood of childhood drownings by 88%.

The neighborhood schools feeding into these pools/parks are Hadfield Elementary, and Hawthorne Elementary schools. Both elementary schools are title 1 improvement schools, with Free/Reduce lunch percentages above 70%, These schools have extremely alarming percentages of students performing below the proficiency level in both reading and math, 89% on average, meaning only 11% of the schools populations are proficient.

18. Describe two anticipated measurable outcomes for your proposed project and activities.

By August of 2027, 40 participants will enroll in this program, and 80% (32 out of 40) will show improvements in water safety and swim skills, as measured by Red Cross swim instructors.

By August of 2027, 40 participants will enroll in this program, and 80% (32 out of 40) will show improvement in organization, perseverance, self-confidence, social skills, conflict resolution and communication, as measured through teacher perception data.

By August of 2027, 40 participants will enroll in this program, and 100% (40 out of 40) participants will be provided with healthy lunch during this program, as measured through attendance records, in partnership with St. Vincent DePaul.

19. Select the appropriate activity category below for your project.

Public Services	
	Homeless shelter and services
X	Meals / Nutrition
	Youth / Childcare / Abused and neglected children
	Seniors and Disabled
	Substance Abuse / Mental Health / Healthcare
	Transportation
	Domestic abuse
X	Education
	Employment training
	HIV / AIDS
	Other (list)
NRSA	

	Employment Training/Job readiness education
	Job creation
	Neighborhood revitalization housing efforts (rehab or new construction)
	Job retention programs
	Transportation to jobs
	Crime prevention
	Public Services
	Neighborhood revitalization non-housing efforts (beautification, parks, streets, etc.)
	Other (list)

Housing	
	Homeowner rehabilitation program loans
	Rental rehabilitation (special needs/transitional or permanent housing for very low income / supportive services and case management attached to units)
	Rental rehabilitation (multi-family projects, general low income population)
	Downpayment assistance
	Housing counseling
	Acquisition / site preparation of land for housing purposes (not construction)
	Residential historic preservation
	Other (list)

Public Facilities and Improvements (Rehab/construction costs--not operating costs) *the rehab may be for ADA compliance OR to benefit low-moderate income people for each activity	
	Homeless facilities
	Youth / Abused children facilities
	Senior / Disabled facilities
	Facilities for AIDS patients
	Neighborhood / Community centers
	Parks / Playgrounds / Recreational facilities
	Streets / Sidewalk improvements
	Water / Sewer improvements
	Flood drainage improvements
	Parking lots
	Other (list)

Economic Development	
	Loans to small/medium businesses for low-moderate income job creation or retention
	Commercial / Industrial infrastructure development or improvements
	Facade improvement loans to businesses
	Non-residential historic preservation
	Other (list)

Administration and Planning	
	Housing rehab program administration
	Revolving Loan Fund administration
	Fair housing activities
	Planning for communities or NRSAs
	Other (list)

Appendix A: Results of Prior Year Projects

20. Was your department able to spend the CDBG allocation awarded within the calendar year? (Provide explanation for any extensions into the next year for 2024-25)

Yes, our department spent the grant and operated a successful program in the summer of 2025.

21. Has your department had any CDBG funds reprogrammed (taken back) by the CDBG Board? (Explain for 2025) No.