



21st Century ROAD to Housing Act

Title I, Section 104: *Database of publicly owned land.*

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SUMMARY

Section 104 creates a new requirement for CDBG grant recipients (*including states*) to maintain a publicly accessible “searchable database that identifies all parcels of undeveloped land owned by the grantee.” There are very few details in the text, which leaves much of the implementation decisions up to HUD.

Section 104 also creates a new eligible activity to allow for the use of CDBG funding to support the creation and maintenance of the required database.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The effective date for this section is October 1, 2026, which is the start of Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27). CDBG recipients may need to verify the existence of their public land databases before signing FY27 grant agreements. However, HUD will need to publish guidance to help grantees understand and implement this new requirement. For example, HUD may need to define exactly which parcels of land are considered “undeveloped land owned by the grantee.”

STATUTORY CHANGES

Section 104(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974

42 USC 5304 – Community Development, Statement of activities and review

(b) Certification of Enumerated Criteria by Grantee to Secretary – Any grant under section 5306 of this title shall be made only if the grantee certifies to the satisfaction of the Secretary that -

(6) the grantee will comply with the other provisions of this chapter and with other applicable laws; **and**

(7) the grantee maintains, on a publicly accessible website, a searchable database that identifies all parcels of undeveloped land owned by the grantee.

Section 105(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974

42 U.S.C. 5305 – Community Development, Activities eligible for assistance

(a) Enumeration of Eligible Activities

(26) lead-based paint hazard evaluation and reduction, as defined in section 4851b of this title; **and**

(27) the creation and maintenance of a database of land as required under section 104(b)(7).