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| **Memorandum** |
| To: | CDBG Applicants and Grantees |
| From: | Mark Southard, Community Development Manager |
| Subject: | Low and Moderate Income Data and National Objective |
| Date: | March 27, 2019 |
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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has published updated Low and Moderate Income Summary Data (LMISD) based on the American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-year estimates (2015 ACS). This data replaces 2010 ACS data and is effective as of April 1, 2019. The LMISD, provided to the block group level, is used to demonstrate compliance with the CDBG national objective of providing benefit to low and moderate income persons on an area basis (LMA). HUD has described these and other changes on Notice: CPD-19-02. The new LMISD can be found at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/acs-low-mod-summary-data/>.

In addition to the updated LMISD, HUD is publishing margin of error data (MOE) for all geographies in the LMISD and additional guidance regarding confidence intervals and MOE’s that will affect local income surveys. The acceptable method for conducting income surveys is described in CPD Notice 14-013. This is also provided in Appendix C of DHCD’s CDBG Application Guidance. HUD anticipates updating this notice to incorporate the new information in the future.

Please note that this new LMISD **will not** affect any information provided in the 2019 CDBG applications submitted on March 8, 2019. The applications will be evaluated for national objective purposes using the 2010 ACS data that was available at the time. However, should a project change or be modified post award, the 2015 ACS LMISD may be used to establish national objective using LMA.