

1. System Requirements

MADHCD CDBG was designed so that the vast majority of computer users will be able to use the system with little or no changes to their computer environment. The four requirements that are mentioned below are common computer elements that should be already present on most machines.

1.a. Operating System

MADHCD was designed for both of the two most common computer operating systems - Windows and Macintosh. It has not been tested and is not supported on other operating systems such as Linux and Unix. Users accessing the system from a Macintosh environment are required to have MacOS 7.5 or higher running on a PowerPC processor. Windows users are required to have an operating system that is Windows 95 or higher.

1.b. World Wide Web Connection

MADHCD CDBG is a web site designed for and accessed via the Internet. The Internet is the more general term that is typically used to refer to the World Wide Web. The World Wide Web consists of a vast array of content that is accessible via a web browser. For the purpose of accessing MADHCD, the standard Internet connection is via a modem connection. A modem is a piece of hardware that connects to the computer to send data through a phone line to and from the computer. Internet connections that are "faster" than a modem connection, such as cable and DSL, will improve the speed at which the system operates, but are not necessary in order to use the system. If you are in an office environment, you may already have an Internet connection, but if you are unsure, please contact your organization's network administrator.

For those using a dial-up connection over a modem, it is highly recommended that you have a modem connection speed of at least 33.6 kbps (kilobits per second).

1.c. Web Browser

This system was designed to be compatible with common up-to-date web browsers including Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, and Opera.

1.d. Adobe Acrobat Reader

Adobe Acrobat Reader is used to view PDF (Portable Document Format) documents. The system will automatically generate grant documents in PDF format using information that has been saved into the various narrative and budget pages. Using Adobe Acrobat Reader you may choose to view, print, or save these documents. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader you can go to www.Adobe.com and download it for free.