

Questions & Answers - June 16, 2023 – June 23, 2023

1. Is the Planning Grant application currently open or does it open in July? Is the Planning Grant a separate grant application from the infrastructure grant?

The Planning Grant-Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is being finalized and should be available in late July. There will be a separate application from the infrastructure grant, and it will have its own set of parameters.

2. Can a USDA grant be matched with CDBG-DR funds?

The MEDC encourages other funding sources combining with CDBG-DR to fund a project. A letter of commitment will be required of other funding sources.

It is important that each funding source be separated in the application budget. The budget reflects funding activities with funding sources.

3. If a FEMA grant has been received, but no engineering or construction has occurred, can a community begin the engineering portion of work to get the project kicked off if there is still an intension to apply for CDBG-DR as match?

The rules for a FEMA grant should be followed since the CDBG-DR funding has not been awarded.

Any activity started prior to CDBG-DR award would not be eligible for reimbursement of CDBG-DR funding.

4. Is more than one quote for any work being proposed needed? For example, zoning, hydrology study or a street project.

Federal requirements under 2 CFR Part 200 will apply for any work completed on a CDBG-DR potential project. Discussion of specifics is encouraged since documentation of procurement will be needed for all projects. (Office Hours)

5. If a grant is approved by MEDC who will handle the administration of the project?

After grant award, the MEDC staff will work with each community to identify the need for grant administrative assistance and procurement of a Certified Grant Administrator (CGA).

Communities/subrecipients will be responsible for administering the grant award.