

Question & Answers – May 12, 2023 to May 18, 2023

1. Can a community set up a time to discuss project specifics with MEDC staff?

MEDC will be conducting office hours once a week beginning first week in June. The date and time for the office hours will be posted on the website: <https://www.miplace.org/programs/community-development-block-grant/disaster-relief/>

2. One of our local jurisdictions has been granted a Hazard Mitigation Grant project from FEMA that requires a local share amount (\$125,000). We would like to apply for the CDBG grant to cover that amount. However, as they have started the project and thus budgeted the share amount, this may be considered supplanting and wouldn't be allowed with the federal grants I am used to.

Can you check to see if this would be allowed?

In this instance the local share would not be eligible because the project has already started and there is already a budgeted amount and funds have been earmarked.

3. As we're working through potential projects, is it preferable for the community to submit a single, multi-faceted application (inclusive of housing, infrastructure/flood impact mitigation and community asset recovery) or for each project to submit independently?

Each project should be submitted on a separate application for each program. Programs are: Infrastructure and Public Facilities, Planning and Multifamily Housing. Open applications for each program is posted on our website: <https://www.miplace.org/programs/community-development-block-grant/disaster-relief/>

4. The City had a stormwater pump station that is not currently backed up with any generator and the increased frequency and intensity of storms in recent years has caused power outages that has led to backups in the stormwater system. The City is working on sizing a generator to handle the capacity of the pumps to keep them going when the power is out during storms, which typically happens when we get a lot of rainwater in the system. It said that equipment is not eligible for this funding, but does that include the cost of a new generator for the pump station?

Yes, the cost is eligible if the generator is permanently affixed and not able to be moved for other purposes or activities.

5. We would like to add river gauges and conduct flood inundation mapping along the Tittabawassee and Saginaw Rivers. I believe the indication was that this would be an eligible expense under the planning portion of the grant, but I want to make sure that is correct.

Depending on the details, it all may fall under Planning regarding just the mapping while the gauges are under Public Infrastructure. Attending an office hour session would be helpful to talk through details of your project specific. Refer to our website for dates and times:

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