

**2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY  
SECOND FUNDING ROUND FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC  
FACILITIES  
Q&A**

The following are questions received as of 3/12/2026:

- 1. Our community is interested in submitting a Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities grant application for a sewer separation project. The infrastructure is currently owned by one community entity, but once the separation is complete, a portion of the infrastructure will be owned by both community entities. Which entity should hold the public hearing and pass the required Resolution?**

**A:** The communities need to determine which entity will serve as the Lead for the application by a passed resolution or legal means. The Lead entity should hold the public hearing and pass the required Resolution. Documentation should outline the responsibilities of both communities. The Lead Applicant needs to be listed as the UGLG and be on the HUD Low-Moderate Income ACS 2020 List.

- 2. Our community applied for and received funding in the first round of 2020 CDBG-DR Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities (PIPF). Are there substantive differences between the two applications?**

**A:** While some areas of the application remain the same, we strongly recommend that you review both the old and new applications, as well as the PIPF Score Sheet. This application round has specific scoring linked to proposed mitigation and resilience activities. A link to the PIPF Score Sheet is here: [2020 CDBG-DR Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities Score Sheet](#)

- 3. Can communities apply for up to \$3,000,000 in total grant funding, or, up to \$3,000,000 per project?**

**A:** Communities can apply for up to \$3,000,000 per project. Applicants will be asked to rank the priority of the projects submitted.

The following are questions received as of 3/5/2026:

- 1. Our community is interested in submitting a Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities grant application. How do we determine if our community is a HUD Low to Moderate Income community, or, if the service area qualifies?**

**A:** A proposed Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities project must occur in a community that has been identified by HUD as having 51% and above Low-Moderate Income, or, if the proposed service area is in census tract(s) that average 51% of above

LMI. It is recommended that communities interested in pursuing service areas consult with CDBG-DR staff during weekly Office Hours. Please refer to these resources when reviewing HUD LMI data:

- [HUD State of Michigan Low-Moderate Income AMI 2020 List](#)
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/acs-low-mod-summary-data/acs-low-mod-summary-data-local-government/>

**2. If awarded, is the grant administered through the MEDC, or does the community act as a fiduciary?**

**A:** The grant would be awarded to a community. The community will execute all service contracts and construction contracts, and eligible grant expenses will be reimbursed to the community by the MEDC.

**3. Are office hours available for anyone to drop in at any time, or, do we register attendance?**

**A:** Office hours are for everyone. Registration is not required.

**4. What is the anticipated application timeline and grant deadlines?**

**A:** The Second Round of 2020 CDBG-DR Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities applications are due on April 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Grantees will have two years to complete activities after the grant agreement is executed.

**The following are questions received as of 2/26/2026:**

**1. A community is interested in applying for the Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities program. Would a phased infrastructure project for sewer separation be eligible to receive funding?**

**A:** Yes. If awarded, no other phased work can be done on the proposed CDBG-DR project site until the CDBG-DR project is completed.

**2. If awarded, how long do grant recipients have to complete the Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities project?**

**A:** A grantee has two years from the date of the executed grant agreement to complete the project.

**3. A community is interested in applying for a Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities project, focused on demonstrating future mitigation risks (e.g. upgrade to a lift station or CIPP Piping). The community cannot establish a direct tie back to the 2020 disaster but is in a HUD MID. Would this type of application be considered for funding?**

**A:** Yes, this application would be considered for funding. However, there may be other applicants that can demonstrate their community has unmet needs that directly tie

back to the 2020 disaster.

On Page 19 of the PIPF Program Guidelines, it lists Ineligible program costs as “Maintenance, operating, or repairing of maintaining a public facility (e.g., maintenance of publicly owned streets, parks, water and sewer facilities, filling of potholes in streets, repairing cracks in sidewalks, mowing of grass in public parks, etc.)”

All applications will be scored based upon the criteria in this Score Sheet: [2020 CDBG-DR Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities Score Sheet](#)

**4. Our community is concerned that it will not be able to hold a public hearing prior to the April 17<sup>th</sup> submission date. Is a public hearing required to be completed as part of the application packet?**

**A:** Per the Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities Program Guidelines, applicants should hold a public hearing and submit a completed Authorizing Resolution with Application materials. If a community cannot hold a public hearing due to scheduling conflicts, the applicant must provide the MEDC with a copy of the Public Hearing notice and Meeting Agenda.

Before an award can be announced, the UGLG must have completed its public hearing and be able to provide a copy of draft meeting minutes.

**5. Please share the public hearing notification requirements.**

**A:** Applicants should place a public hearing notice in the newspaper or on the community applicant’s webpage. The notice should be published a minimum of 5 days prior to the scheduled public hearing. Applicants should also follow their citizen participation processes when notifying the public about the hearing.

**The following are questions received as of 2/19/2026:**

**5. If a community was granted funding in the first round, would they be eligible for grant funding in the second round too?**

**A:** Yes

**6. Should applicants submit an Environmental Review with application materials?**

**A:** No. Applicants should not begin work on an Environmental Review until a Letter of Interest (LOI) is executed.

**7. At what point can communities begin to incur reimbursable Engineering expenses?**

**A:** A Letter of Interest will need to be executed and the assigned MEDC Program Specialist will message when Engineering costs can be incurred for reimbursement.

**8. Can an applicant be reimbursed for time spent preparing application materials?**

**A:** No, preparation for the submission of application materials is not eligible for reimbursement.

**9. How can a community ask questions about a proposed application?**

**A:** A community can ask questions in two different ways.

First, a community can join weekly Office Hours, held each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. via Teams. Several MEDC staff members participate in these calls and are available to answer questions. Login information can be found here: [Disaster Relief 2020-2021 | MiPlace](#)

Second, a community can submit all questions via email to: [cdbg@michigan.org](mailto:cdbg@michigan.org).

Each Friday, staff will post all Questions and Answers received and publish that information to the Q&A document posted to the CDBG-DR website.