

Q&A
2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY
FUNDING ROUNDS

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

- 1. Our community would like to apply for a Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities grant but will only have draft Plans & Specs completed by the due date. Is this acceptable?**

A: Yes. The application requires the submission of a Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate (Sealed & Signed by a Licensed Engineer or Architect). If awarded, the community will work with an Engineer to complete Final Plans and Specs for bidding.

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

- 1. If a community is in Ingham County, is that community eligible to apply for both a Public Facilities & Public Infrastructure grant and a Planning grant?**

A: Yes. Within the application documents, applicants will be asked to rank the priority of submitted projects.

- 2. Is Ingham County designated as a HUD Most Impacted and Distressed area?**

A: No. Ingham County is a State Most Impacted and Distressed area.

- 3. Would a project that can be tied to documented tornado impacts affecting public infrastructure and industrial property be eligible for CDBG-DR funding?**

A: A project that demonstrates public infrastructure damage can be considered for funding. Please see the Program Guidelines for more information about project eligibility: [2023-cdbg-dr-public-infrastructure-and-public-facilities-program-guidelines.pdf](#)

- 4. What documentation is required to establish disaster related unmet need?**

A: All required documentation is listed within the Program Application. Please review page 11, which lists documentation that should be submitted with the Application. [2023-cdbg-dr-public-infrastructure-and-public-facilities-application.docx](#)

- 5. Are matching funds required for the Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities grant?**

A: Matching funds are not required. However, communities that commit matching funds will be awarded points as shown on the Score Sheet: [2023-cdbg-dr-public-infrastructure-and-public-facilities-score-sheet.pdf](#)

- 6. Are matching funds required for the Planning grant?**

A: No.

7. Are any types of project activities prioritized?

A: All eligible grant activities are listed within the Program Guidelines.

[2023-cdbg-dr-public-infrastructure-and-public-facilities-program-guidelines.pdf](#)

8. What are the anticipated application timelines and deadlines?

A: The 2023 Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities application is due on May 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Grant terms are two years from the time of the executed grant agreement.

The 2023 Planning applications do not have a due date. Applications will be reviewed and awarded on a first-come-first serve basis. Planning grant agreement terms are two years but often require less time.

9. Are pre-application consultations or technical assistance meetings recommended or required?

A: Consultations and technical assistance meetings are not required. Attendance at Virtual Office Hours is recommended as staff can provide technical assistance during those times.

10. Would a community's participation in the MEDC 2023 Action Plan public hearing meet the threshold of the required public hearing for submitting a Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities or Planning grant application?

A: No. Applicants should hold public hearings during a unit of local government meeting.

11. Can individuals apply for and receive CDBG-DR funds, if housing was damaged during the 2023 storm?

A: No. Only units of general local government are eligible to apply for CDBG funds. MSHDA may be a helpful resource for individual housing needs: [MI State Housing Development Authority](#)

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

1. 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.

2. A community has an existing contract with an Engineering firm and would like to continue to work with the same firm if awarded the CDBG-DR project. Is that allowed?

A: If the previous procurement followed federal or similar procurement requirements, then the same Engineering firm may be able to be used. Consulting with CDBG-DR program staff would be necessary after the LOI is executed between the MEDC and community for the CDBG-DR project.

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

1. Should applicants submit an Environmental Review in HEROS?

A: No. Applicants should not begin work on an Environmental Review until a Letter of Interest (LOI) is executed. CDBG-DR funding will not be using HEROS for environmental reviews

2. 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.

3. 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.

The following are questions received as of 2/12/2026:

1. Is there a typical range of awards for this program?

A: Application requests for CDBG-DR funding for the Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities projects must be between \$1,000,000-\$5,000,000 each. For the Planning program, applications can range from \$20,000 to \$500,000 each.

2. As the funding rounds have now opened, how would a community ask questions about proposed applications?

A: Communities 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:

<https://www.miplace.org/programs/community-development-block-grant/disaster-relief-2023-2024/>

Second, a community can submit all questions via email to: 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.

3. Our community is interested in applying for a Planning grant and would like to present an accurate timeline. Is there a general grant term for Planning activities?

A: MEDC grant terms are generally executed for two years. Historically, Planning grants have been completed in less time.

4. Is a Master Plan update an eligible activity for the 2023 CDBG-DR Planning round?

A: Yes, a community would need to incorporate mitigation and resiliency components into the Plan. For a complete list of eligible planning activities, please see the Planning Application and Planning Guidelines documents.

5. Our community has a HUD LMI percentage of under 51%. However, a proposed Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities project includes a service area with a neighboring community of over 51%. Could this project be considered for funding?

A: Applicants need to demonstrate that the project is either located in or includes a service area, at or above the HUD LMI percentage of 51%. In this case, the LMI percentage of the neighboring community and your community could be averaged as it is assisting both communities.

The following are questions received as of 2/5/2026:

Is there a typical range of awards for this program

1. Are all applicants required to serve the MID areas of Eaton, Ingham, Macomb, Monroe, and Oakland counties?

A: Yes

2. Will all the funding available through this program be allocated to the identified MID areas?

A: Yes

3. There is a community with existing debris in a waterway. The community is considering applying for both a Planning grant and Public Infrastructure and Public Facilities grant. Would a Hydrologic & Hydraulic (H&H) be an eligible activity for a Planning grant?

A: A Hydrologic and Hydraulic study would be eligible for funding consideration as part of the Planning funding round.

4. How far can Planning activities go?

A: A proposed Planning project needs to stop short of designing a project that can be bid.

5. If a community has an Engineering firm under retainer, can the community utilize the same engineering firm for the proposed CDBG-DR project?

A: If the previous procurement followed federal or similar procurement requirements, then the same Engineering firm may be used. Consulting with CDBG-DR program staff would be necessary.

- 6. A community located in a MID has two questions related to a PIPF (public infrastructure) grant application. They are:**
- i. Would a community that is over 51% LMI be eligible to receive a CDBG-DR grant?**
A: Yes
 - ii. Would a community also need to demonstrate that the service area of the project is 51% LMI?**
A: No. A public infrastructure project proposed in a 51% or more LMI community is considered to provide a benefit for all residents.