

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

The following are questions received as of 3/19/2026:

- 1. Our community is going to submit a Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities grant application. Is there a tentative date for award notifications to applicants?**

A: Yes. A Letter of Intent for selected applicants is expected to be sent no later than June 12, 2026.

- 2. When completing a Capacity Plan for an application, should our community share information on projects that have been completed, or projects that are currently underway?**

A: Applicants should provide information on projects that are currently underway, with their anticipated end dates.

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.