

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

The following are questions received as of 4/30/2026:

- 1. Our community plans to submit a Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities (PIPF) Application. On page 11 of the Application, there is a list of documents that should be attached to the Application. Can we indicate *Not Applicable* for any documents not relevant to the application?**

A: Yes

- 2. Our community's proposed PIPF project will include several streets and does not have an assigned mailing address. How can we demonstrate the location of the proposed project in the application?**

A: Applicants can write the cross streets, or boundary areas of the proposed project. A project location map is also required as Attachment A, which will visually represent the entire project area.

- 3. If awarded, can grantee staff time be reimbursed with CDBG-DR funds?**

No. A third-party administrator can be hired with CDBG-DR funds to assist with grant administration requirements.

- 4. How can we best identify PIPF mitigation activities for the project?**

A: Section 2 of the Application provides examples of mitigation activities.

- 5. Is a public comment period required to be held after the public hearing?**

A: No. An applicant is required to publish a notice about the scheduled public hearing a minimum of five days prior to the public hearing date.

- 6. Our community plans to include a large Master Plan document with our application. Are we required to submit the entire document, or just provide applicable excerpts of the document?**

A: If the full document appears on the community's webpage, applicants can provide excerpts of the applicable page numbers and a hyperlink to the full plan.

- 7. Our community is interested in applying for a Planning grant, but our community is not listed on the [HUD State of Michigan Low-Moderate Income AMI 2020 List](#). Are we ineligible to apply for a Planning grant?**

A: No, your community is not ineligible to apply for a Planning grant. The AMI list is a resource tool for applicants applying for a Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities grant.

The following are questions received as of 4/24/2026:

- 1. Our community is interested in applying for a Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities (PIPF) road reconstruction project. The road flooded in 2023 and continues to flood. What types of materials can we submit to demonstrate a direct tie back to the disaster event?**

A: Sample materials can include News releases, Road Closure notices, and Meeting Minutes from Council/Board meetings.

- 2. Within the PIPF application, it states that mitigation and resiliency metrics should be identified by the grantee. Can you provide more details on what that means?**

A: As you are preparing your application, please include narrative identifying how the proposed engineering and design of the project will help alleviate the continued flooding, water, or wind damage for the applicant community.

- 3. If our applicant community shows a Census Low-Moderate Income average above 51%, and the proposed project will occur entirely within the community boundaries, do we meet the eligibility criteria?**

A: Yes, you meet the eligibility criteria.

- 4. Our application materials are quite large. Do you have any suggestions on how we might submit them to the CDBG mailbox?**

A: There are multiple ways that applicants can submit their information. 1) They send multiple emails with attachments, labeling the Subject line "1 of 3 emails"; 2) Applicants create SharePoint files and send links in the email submission; 3) A separate Shared Folder is created and the login information placed in the text of the email submission.

All application materials must be emailed to cdbg@michigan.org no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 4.

The following are questions received as of 4/16/2026:

- 1. Our community is interested in applying for a Planning Grant. Our downtown district is located entirely within a floodplain. We would like to apply for grant funds for an update to a Planning document and some design engineering. How far can Engineering work extend for a Planning grant?**

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

The following are questions received as of 4/9/2026:

- 1. Would the creation of a Capital Improvement Plan be an eligible activity under the 2023 CDBG-DR Planning Program?**

A: Yes, a Capital Improvement Plan that considers the mitigation and resiliency needs of a community would be an eligible activity.

The following are questions received as of 4/2/2026:

- 1. When submitting a Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities Application, what supplemental documents are required to be submitted with the Application?**

A: A list of required supplemental documents can be found on page 11 of the Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities Application. A direct link to the Application is here: [2023 CDBG-DR Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities Application](#)

- 2. Are there any sample Resolutions or Templates Applicants can reference?**

A: Sample Resolutions and Templates are in the Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities Program Guidelines and the Planning Program Guidelines. Direct links to those documents are below:

[2023 CDBG-DR Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities Program Guidelines](#)
[2023 CDBG-DR Planning Program Guidelines](#)

The following are questions received as of 3/26/2026:

- 1. We are interested in submitting a Planning grant for watershed improvements. Could this be considered for funding?**

A: Yes, this could be considered for funding. An important element of Planning grants is to incorporate mitigation and resiliency into the application narrative.

- 2. When scheduling a public hearing, does our community need to follow its own public notification process? Or, per program guidelines, are we only required to notify the public 5 days prior to the public hearing?**

A: Applicants are only required to meet the qualification written in the program guidelines, which is five days' notice.

- 3. Within the Public Infrastructure & Public Facilities application, Attachment M is listed as the Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, and the same document is listed in Attachment L-CDBG-DR Due Diligence Checklist. Can you please clarify what the community should provide?**

A: For Attachment M, applicants should provide a copy of the Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan. For Attachment L, communities share the status of multiple compliance documents. Per the instructions, if the Anti-Displacement Plan is done, the community would designate it as "Completed".

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 resident

