



Community Development Block Grant

WATER-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

For eligible activities administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)
on behalf of the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF)

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Community Development Block Grant
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PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Community Development Block Grant Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) program is designed to assist Units of General Local Government (UGLGs) in making necessary improvements to existing public infrastructure systems. Eligible activities include upgrading existing public infrastructure systems either by replacing deteriorating or obsolete systems or by adding needed capacity to existing, but burdened systems.

For this funding round, examples of eligible CDBG public infrastructure activities could include:

- Replacement and/or improvement to water lines and related facilities;
- Replacement and/or improvement to sanitary and storm sewer lines and related facilities;
- Replacement and/or improvement to wastewater treatment plants and related activities;
- Activities directly related to and completed in association with eligible infrastructure replacement and/or improvement (i.e. Roads, sidewalks, streetscape, etc.);
- Replacement of lead and galvanized water service lines as required by the State's Lead and Copper Rule (LCR); and
- Engineering costs related to the above activities.

For this funding round, examples of ineligible activities include:

- Repairing, operating, and maintaining public facilities (filling potholes in streets, repairing cracks in sidewalks and repairing pavement of roadways without reconstruction);
- Water meters;
- Individual private utility hookups;
- Non-LCR related water/sewer laterals that cross onto private property and provide a direct benefit to the private property owner;
- Extending or upsizing existing utilities for future growth;
- Streetscape projects not directly related to and completed in association with eligible infrastructure replacement and/or improvement; and
- Transportation/road activities not directly related to and completed in association with eligible infrastructure improvements.

INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

The following counties and their respective UGLGs are not eligible to directly apply or directly receive CDBG Funds unless they can provide documentation that they have opted out of their direct HUD allocation and were accounted for in the State's current formula allocation: Genesee County, Kent County, Macomb County, Oakland County, Washtenaw County and Wayne County.

The following Michigan cities are not eligible to directly apply or directly receive CDBG Funds: Battle Creek, Bay City, Benton Harbor, East Lansing, Holland, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Midland, Monroe, Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, Niles, Norton Shores, Portage, Port Huron and Saginaw.

TIMELINE

March 31, 2025	WRI Announced
April 4, 2025 – May 23, 2025	Question and Answer Period <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Questions should be directed to CDBG@michigan.org.▪ Answers will be posted weekly online at https://www.miplace.org/programs/community-development-block-grant/

	Please note: Only questions posted by 5 p.m. on May 23, 2025 will be answered prior to the May 30, 2025 Application due date.
April 30, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. EST	Conference Call/Virtual Meeting for Q & A scheduled. MEDC Representatives will be available to answer Application Questions.
May 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. EST	Applications are due - electronically. DO NOT MAIL APPLICATIONS TO MEDC. Communities will receive an email notification indicating the application has been received.
June 20, 2025	An Offer Letter, along with the environment review requirements, will be emailed to applicants selected to move on in the application process.
June 20, 2025-November 28, 2025	CDBG Environmental Review to be completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CDBG Program Specialist to provide project-specific Environmental Review direction
August 26, 2025	Projects recommended to the MSF Board for consideration.
December 31, 2025	Deadline for complete and stamped plans and specifications and ready for the publication of the advertisement for construction bids.
May 31, 2026	Last day for Construction to begin.
December 31, 2027	Last day for Construction to be complete.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The 2025 WRI Application must be submitted NO LATER THAN **May 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. EST.**

Email Application and all required attachments in submission order in ONE pdf, if possible, to CDBG@michigan.org

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

This guidance is intended to aid in the understanding and completion of the WRI Application. The review of the proposed project will be based solely on the UGLG's responses and attachments. The MEDC will not seek clarifications. The numbered sections below provide additional detail to assist with completing the corresponding numbered sections of the WRI Application.

1. UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT (UGLG) IDENTIFICATION SUMMARY. Complete all fields.

Identification of UGLG. UGLG refers to the County, City, Township, or Village applying for the funding. An eligible Applicant is one listed on the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) HUD Low-Moderate Income-ACS 2020 list published on the MEDC website with Application materials

A. HUD Low-Moderate Income -ACS 2020 List. Surveys not approved at the time of this announcement will not be allowed.

I. Application Types. Eligible applicants may submit one of two types of applications:

1. *An Individual Application* may be submitted by an eligible applicant for a project located within its corporate limits and benefitting only those residents within its corporate limits;
2. On behalf of multiple UGLGs or on behalf of an Authority serving multiple UGLGs, a *Joint Application* may be submitted by an eligible Lead Applicant for a mutual need of multiple UGLGs. To consider a Joint Application, a resolution will be required from each UGLG outlining which UGLG will be the Lead Applicant and outlining the responsibilities of all UGLGs. The Lead Applicant needs to be listed as the UGLG and be on the HUD Low-Moderate Income ACS 2020 List. The Applicant must be able to clearly show how the proposed project benefits the

residents of all UGLGs and that at least 51% of all beneficiaries (the aggregate of all UGLGs involved) are low- and moderate-income persons.

B. Funding Source Totals. These amounts must be based on one independent third party cost estimate. Amounts must match Attachment A (Budget) to these Instructions.

- I. CDBG – Amount requested from the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) through this application
- II. UGLG – Amount of Committed Cash Match from local resources. The UGLG is not required to provide a cash amount but can receive additional points in scoring if a commitment of at least 11% of the Total Project Cost is provided. For examples, please refer to section 5(A) of these Instructions.
 1. UGLG Committed Cash Match are funds that are available at the time of this application and the UGLG has committed the funds to this project through the required Authorizing Resolution to be requested later in the Application (Section 12, Attachment B)
 2. Examples of local resources include:
 - a. General Fund
 - b. Road, Water, and/or Sewer Funds
 - c. DDA or other like district Funds
 - d. Bonds – must be immediately available**Special Assessments are not allowed.**
- III. Other – Amount of Committed Cash Match from resources other than listed above
 1. “Other” Committed Cash Match are funds that are available at the time of this application and provided by “Other” resources. The UGLG must have written evidence from the “Other” resource.
 2. Examples of “Other” resources include:
 - a. Other grants and/or loans with agreements in place – Must be supported by a grant/loan agreement signed by the person authorized to make such a commitment for that agency
 - b. Act 51 Funds – Must be supported by a letter signed by the person authorized to make such a commitment.
 - c. Other public and/or private committed funds - Must be supported by a letter signed by the person authorized by that entity to make such a commitment.
- IV. Total – Total of CDBG Request, Local Committed Resources and Other Committed Resources

NOTE: For CDBG purposes, costs are considered to be obligated/incurred once a purchase order, contract, etc. has been signed. If a purchase order, contract, etc. has already been signed, both the expended and unexpended costs associated with that particular purchase order, contract, etc. cannot be counted as match nor can the costs be included in the CDBG budget.

The UGLG must receive written authorization from the CDBG Program prior to entering into any contracts or incurring project related costs. Failure to receive written authorization could jeopardize CDBG funding.

The budget must:

- a. Include ONLY those costs that have not yet been obligated/incurred.
- b. Not include costs for preparing the application;
- c. Not include costs for in-house administration. However, Certified Grant Administrator costs are allowable (Refer to Section 7 of these Instructions for additional information on Administration).
- d. Include ONLY committed sources of matching funds

C. UGLG's SAM Unique Entity ID Number. This number is required by HUD and is needed by the MEDC when requesting the CDBG funds from HUD. A Unique Entity ID can be obtained for free at sam.gov.

D. UGLG's Federal Tax Identification Number. This number is also needed for disbursing the CDBG funds.

E. UGLG's Fiscal Year End. This is the month and day of the UGLG's Fiscal Year End.

2. **STATE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION.** Enter the information for the Senator and State Representative representing the UGLG.
3. **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION.** Enter the information for the Member of Congress representing the UGLG.
4. **AUTHORIZED UGLG OFFICIAL.** This Authorized UGLG Official must be designated in the required Authorizing Resolution to be requested later in the Application (Section 12, Attachment B).
5. **OPTIONAL: UGLG CASH MATCH.** The UGLG is not required to provide a cash match amount but can receive additional points in scoring if a commitment of at least 11% of the Total Project Cost is provided.
 - A. **Additional Scoring Criteria: UGLG 11+% Cash Match.** The UGLG Cash Match must be equal to at least 11% of the Total Project Costs, not 11% of the CDBG Amount. Refer to Section 1(B)(II) of these Instructions for additional information on UGLG Match.

IMPORTANT: If the project includes Lead and Copper Rule required lead and/or galvanized service line replacement that occurs on private property, the Community is responsible for 100% of that cost. The costs may be considered by the Community to be counted towards its 11% cash match requirement.

Examples of the UGLG Committed 11% Cash Match (Figures used are for illustrative purposes only):

CORRECT

Total Project Cost of \$550,000

UGLG Committed 11% Cash Match ($\$550,000 \times .11 = \$60,500$):

UGLG has a MEDC CGA on staff who will administer the proposed project itself (this is not an eligible expense for match or CDBG reimbursement) or the MEDC will be pay for a CGA.

Total Project Cost	\$550,000
Local Match	\$ 60,500
CDBG Request	\$489,500

*If the UGLG is selected to proceed in the application process and an UGLG CGA staff person will administer the proposed project, the CDBG Request will remain the same.

INCORRECT

Total Project Cost of \$550,000

UGLG Committed 11% Cash Match ($\$550,000 \times .110 = \$60,500$...not CDBG amount of $\$500,000 \times .11 = \$55,000$)

Total Project Cost	\$550,000
Local Match	\$ 55,000 (WRONG)
CDBG Request	\$495,000

B. Maintenance Plan. This plan does not need to be elaborate. Please describe how the improvements will be maintained once construction has been completed. Include the description as Attachment E.

C. Plans and Specifications. The UGLG will meet this eligibility requirement if a set of preliminary project plans and specifications is included as Attachment L.

6. PRIORITIES. All eligible Applications will be reviewed and scored based on the following priorities:

A. Project Need(s). The review of this priority will be based solely on the UGLG's Application and Attachments. **The MEDC will not seek clarifications.** Ensure that Question 10(C) has been clearly answered and supporting evidence is included as Attachment K. Refer to Question 10(C) of these Instructions for further information.

7. ADMINISTRATION

A. A MEDC Certified Grant Administrator (CGA) must administer the project. The UGLG must select one of the two options below. Administrative contracts cannot be signed until written authorization has been provided by the MEDC.

I. A MEDC CGA will administer the project. The CGA has not yet been selected and the contract amount is unknown. The contract has not yet been signed, the MSF will fund the costs, and the administration line item on the CDBG budget (Attachment A) has been left blank.

II. A MEDC CGA on the staff of the UGLG will administer the project. These costs are not eligible as match or CDBG reimbursement. The administration line item on the CDBG budget (Attachment A) has been left blank. Provide the name and contact information for the MEDC CGA person at the UGLG who will be responsible for administering the proposed project:

Name:

Business Address:

Phone #:

E-mail:

8. UGLG CAPACITY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A. Capacity. If applicable, provide an explanation of any issues and/or findings with regard to open CDBG grants.

B. Conflict of Interest. Conflict of Interest is addressed in Chapter 1 of our Grant Administration Manual. ([Link](#)),

I. UGLG Officials, UGLG Staff and UGLG family members/partners cannot receive a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG assisted activity.

II. UGLG Officials, UGLG Staff and UGLG family members/partners cannot participate in the selection or decision-making process associated with a CDBG assisted activity.

9. UGLG FUNDING SOURCES

A. UGLG Match. Refer to Sections 1(B) and 5(A) of these Instructions.

B. Other Match. Refer to Section 1(B) of these Instructions.

10. PROJECT SCOPE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. Compliance Requirements.

- I. Environmental Review requirements, including historic properties, wetlands, floodplains, coastal zones, and permitting, are addressed in Chapter 5 of our Grant Administration Manual ([Link](#));
- II. Acquisition (Easements) is addressed in Chapter 6 of our Grant Administration Manual ([Link](#));
- III. Relocation and demolition and/or conversion of residential Dwelling Units are addressed in Chapter 7 of our Grant Administration Manual ([Link](#)); and
- IV. Special Fees – Special Assessments are not allowed. For purposes of the CDBG program, special assessment means the recovery of the capital costs of a public improvement, such as streets, water or sewer lines, curbs and gutters, through:
 1. A fee or charge levied or filed as a lien against a parcel of real estate as a direct result of benefit derived from the installation of a public improvement, or;
 2. A one-time charge made as a condition of access to the public improvement.

B. Project description. Provide a clear and concise description of the overall proposed project and required activities.

C. Project Need(s). Based on the priority selected in Section 6(A) of the Application, clearly and completely describe the need for the proposed project. **All information that the applicant wishes to be considered for scoring purposes need to be included in this section. Any information provided outside of this narrative section will not be considered for scoring purposes, but instead will be viewed as back-up documentation used to substantiate anything identified in this narrative section. Include references to any letters of support, etc.** Projects will be reviewed based on three categories of need:

- I. Health, Sanitation, and Security. Describe concerns and include relevant regulations and correspondence from/to federal and state regulatory agencies and/or engineering opinion of need. Describe any/all existing safety concerns.

D. Lead and Copper Rule. In addition to the immediate water/sewer infrastructure needs already identified above, any/all lead and galvanized service line replacements required by the LCR should be included in the project activities and in the project budget. Please seek guidance from your engineering firm and/or from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy if you do not understand if/how LCR requirements impact your project. https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_3675_3691-9677--,00.html

IMPORTANT: If the project includes Lead and Copper Rule required lead and/or galvanized service line replacement that occurs on private property, the Community is responsible for 100% of that cost. The costs may be considered by the Community to be counted towards a local match.

- E. Square footage.** This is a required field that must be reported as square feet. Convert linear feet to square feet when appropriate.
- F. Timeline.** Provide a timeline for the requested activities. When completing the timeline, please refer to the anticipated Timeline on pages 2-3 of these Instructions and the below information with regard to obligating/incurred costs:
- I. Soft Costs (i.e. Administration, engineering, legal, etc.)**
 - 1. At the risk of the UGLG, soft costs may be obligated/incurred (meaning the contract can be signed) after letter of intent and prior to the execution of the grant agreement BUT ONLY with the prior written authorization from the MEDC.
 - II. Hard Costs (i.e. Easement Agreements, ordering Supplies/Materials, construction, etc.)**
 - 1. *Non-CDBG funded* – At the risk of the UGLG, hard costs to be paid with 100% non-CDBG funds may be obligated/incurred (meaning agreements/purchase orders, etc. can be signed) prior to the execution of the grant agreement BUT ONLY with the prior written authorization from the MEDC. Federal requirements may apply.
 - 2. *CDBG Funded* – Hard costs to be paid in whole or in part with CDBG, can be obligated/ incurred (meaning agreements/purchase orders, etc. can be signed) once the grant agreement has been executed BUT ONLY with the prior written authorization from the MEDC. Federal requirements will apply.
- NOTE: Incurring costs prior to written authorization may jeopardize possible CDBG funding.

11. NATIONAL OBJECTIVE

- A.** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandates that CDBG projects benefit all residents of an UGLG where at least 51% of the residents are low- and moderate-income persons.
- I.** Use the HUD Low- and Moderate-Income ACS 2020 List to identify the percentage of the UGLG comprised of low and moderate income persons. The list is posted on the MEDC website with other Application materials. .
 - II.** Benefit to Low- and Moderate-Income Persons:
 - 1. When explaining how an Individual Application benefits the entire UGLG, keep in mind that the project activities can benefit only the residents of the UGLG (no more and no less).
 - 2. Refer to Section (1)(A)(I)(2) of these instructions when completing the National Objective for Joint Applications.

12. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS – Must be labeled and attached in order.

- A. Project Budget.** Complete the CDBG budget which is included with these Instructions as Attachment A. Include all funding sources and identify all project activities. There must be separate line items for: Architecture and/or Engineering; Easement Acquisition; Construction/Contingency; Demolition/Contingency; and Administration. Refer to Section 1(B)(I-IV) and Section (5)(A) of these Instructions when completing the CDBG budget. Budget totals must match estimate. Use line items listed on Attachment A.
- B. Authorizing Resolution.** An Authorizing Resolution must be adopted by the governing body. A sufficient resolution must be included as Attachment B and must address all bullets in the template labeled as Attachment B to these Instructions.

- C. Cost Estimates.** Cost estimates covering the scope of the project must be included and labeled as Attachment C. The cost estimates must match the CDBG budget. The totals must match Attachment A.
- D. Detailed Map.** Include as Attachment D, a detailed map showing the location of all project activities.
- E. Maintenance Plan.** This plan does not need to be elaborate. Please describe how the improvements will be maintained once construction has been completed. Include the description as Attachment E.
- F. Community Development Narrative.** All UGLGs applying for funds under the CDBG Program are required to identify their community development and housing needs in accordance with the provisions set forth in Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

In order to comply with the requirements outlined in federal legislation, it is not necessary for an UGLG to prepare an elaborate Community Development Plan. It is expected that most UGLGs can satisfy this requirement in a two to three-page narrative summary. The following major elements must be summarized in the narrative and the narrative must be included as Attachment F:

- I.** A statement assessing the needs and problems of the UGLG, including the needs of low- and moderate-income persons. In all applications, the assessment must address both overall community development and housing needs regardless of the category under which funding is being requested.
 - II.** A summary list of possible long-term activities (two years or more) to address the identified needs and problems.
 - III.** A summary of contemplated short-term activities (one to two years) to address the identified needs and problems.
 - IV.** A description of the effect the proposed CDBG project will have on the UGLG.
 - V.** A plan for minimizing the displacement of persons as a result of grant assisted activities and to assist persons actually displaced by such activities.
- G. Public Participation Requirements.** All UGLGs applying for funds under the Michigan CDBG Program are required to adhere to public participation provisions set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. A public hearing on the proposed project is required. The UGLG's Application must be complete and available for review at the public hearing.

In order to document that the public participation requirements are being met, the following attachments are required:

- I.** Certification. Sign and include as Attachment Gi, the UGLG Public Participation Certification Form certifying that the public participation requirements will be accomplished.
 - II.** **Published** Public Hearing Notice. Complete, publish and include as Attachment Gii, a copy of the **published** public hearing notice. A minimum five (5) day notice is required.
 - III.** Brief description of the public hearing (Minutes are allowed but not required). Include as Attachment Giii, a brief description of the public hearing, including the date of the hearing, the number of citizens attending the hearing and a summary description of substantive comments made at the hearing.

- H. Certifications.** All UGLGs applying for CDBG funds, must certify that they will comply with the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, and with other applicable laws. Complete, sign and include as Attachment H, the Certification by the Applicant UGLG Form.
- I. Assurances.** All UGLGs applying for CDBG funds, must assure that they will comply with the provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, and with other applicable laws. Complete, sign and include as Attachment I, the Statement of Assurances Form.
- J. Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.** Prior to receiving CDBG funds, UGLGs are required to have an Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. If the UGLG does not have this plan, use Template Attachment K to draft and adopt the Plan. Include the adopted plan as Attachment K.
- K. Evidence of Need.** Attach supporting evidence of need such as an engineering letter/study or documentation of need from a Federal or State department, such as the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), etc. Include as Attachment L.
- L. Plans and Specifications.** A copy of the preliminary project plans and specifications must be attached and labeled as Attachment M.

13. ATTACHMENTS, IF APPLICABLE – Must be labeled and attached in order.

M. Other Funding Sources including Local Bonds. If using bonds and/or other resources, evidence that the funds are available at the time of the application must be attached and labeled as Attachment O. Refer to Section 1(B) of these Instructions.

N. Joint Application. If applicable, include as Attachment P an Authorizing Resolution from each UGLG benefitting from the proposed project. Refer to Section (1)(A)(I)(2) of these Instructions for more information on Joint Applications.

All supporting documentation to determine scoring must be submitted with the application – please ensure that submittals provide clear information needed to determine points. Additional information will not be requested. Points will be determined based solely on the information submitted.

ATTACHMENT A – PROJECT BUDGET TEMPLATE

PROJECT BUDGET						
ACTIVITY COSTS	CDBG	LOCAL	PRIVATE	OTHER	OTHER	TOTAL
Administrative Services- CGA	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Engineering	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Administrative-3 rd Party Environmental	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Construction/Contingency	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
GRAND TOTAL	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) Competitive Funding Round; and

WHEREAS, the (UGLG) desires to request (\$amount of request) in CDBG funds to (describe the proposed project); and

WHEREAS, the (UGLG) commits local funds from its (Source of funding) in the amount of (\$amount of committed match); and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the local Community Development Plan as described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and (low/mod percentage of UGLG) percent of the residents of the (UGLG) are low and moderate income persons as determined by (census data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development OR an income survey approved by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation); and

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the (UGLG) hereby designates the (Title of authorized local official) as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

Add any other required UGLG language

1. The UGLG has furnished its citizens with information concerning the amount of funds available and being applied for, and the proposed community development and housing activities to be undertaken. This includes the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income and the plans for minimizing displacement of persons.
2. The UGLG has published a public notice in such manner to afford affected citizens an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed application and community development and housing activities.
3. One or more public hearings have been held to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed application and community development and housing needs.
4. Citizens have been provided reasonable access to the proposed application and related information on community development and housing needs.
5. The UGLG will provide its citizens with reasonable notice of, and opportunity to comment on, any substantial change proposed to be made in the use of funds if funds are received.
6. The UGLG provided for and encouraged citizen participation, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low and moderate income, residents of slum and blight areas and of areas in which Section 106 funds are proposed to be used, and in the case of grantees described in Section 106(a), provided for participation of residents in low and moderate income neighborhoods as defined by the local jurisdiction. Opportunities to participate must be made available by advertising in publications, which are distributed in the slum and blight areas and the low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
7. The UGLG provided citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to the applicant's proposed use of funds, as required by regulations of the Secretary, and relating to the actual use of funds under this title.
8. The UGLG provided for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals with the level and type of assistance to be determined by the grantee.
9. The UGLG provided for public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, including at least the development of needs, the review of proposed activities, and review of program performance, which hearings shall be held after adequate notice, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries, and with accommodation for the handicapped. Review of program performance shall apply to previously funded CDBG grants.
10. The UGLG has identified how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be met in the case of public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate. If 51% of the expected participants are non-English speaking, the hearings will be advertised in a non-English publication available to those residents. A person fluent in their language must be available to discuss the project and respond to their questions at the hearings.

Signature and Title of Authorized UGLG

Official Date

**(UGLG) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
FUNDING FOR THE (NAME OF PROPOSED PROJECT)**

(UGLG) will conduct a public hearing on (date of public hearing) at (time of public hearing) at (location of public hearing) for the purpose of affording citizens an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed application for a CDBG grant.

(UGLG) proposes to request (\$amount of proposed grant) in CDBG funds to (specify the purpose of the grant, along with the other local and private activities and funding, including the specified amount to benefit LMI persons) and benefit at least 51% low to moderate income persons. (Number of persons) persons will be displaced as a result of the proposed activities and (describe the benefits to be provided by persons actually displaced).

Further information, including a copy of (UGLG)'s Community Development Plan and CDBG application is available for review. To inspect the documents, please contact (contact person and contact information) or review at (location). Comments may be submitted in writing through (date) or made in person at the public hearing.

(If applicable, the applicant must provide citizens with information regarding the applicant's performance in prior CDBG programs funded by the State.)

Citizen views and comments on the proposed application are welcome.

(UGLG)
(Contact Person and title)
(Phone# for Contact Person)

ADD ANY OTHER LANGUAGE REQUIRED BY THE UGLG

The UGLG hereby certifies that it:

1. Possesses legal authority to submit a grant application;
2. Has in a timely manner:
 - a. furnished its citizens information concerning the amount of funds available and being applied for, and the proposed community development and housing activities to be undertaken, including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income and the plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of proposed activities and for assisting persons actually displaced;
3. published a public notice (a copy of which is attached) in such manner to afford citizens an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed application and community development and housing activities;
4. held one or more public hearings to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed application and community development and housing needs; and
5. made the proposed application available to the public;
6. Will conduct and administer the grant in conformity with Public Law 88-352 and Public Law 90-284, and will affirmatively further fair housing;
7. Has developed the proposed application so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which will benefit low and moderate income families or aid to the prevention or elimination of slum or blight; or to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs;
8. Has developed a community development plan that identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short and long term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective and requirements of the Title I Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;
9. Will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted in whole or in part with Title I funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements, unless (A) Title I funds are used to pay the proportion of such fee or assessment that related to capital costs of such public improvement that are financed from revenue sources other than Title I funds; or (B) for purposes of assessing any amounts against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income who are not persons of very low income, and (name of local unit) certifies that it lacks sufficient Title I funds to comply with the requirements of clause (A);
10. Will adopt a policy of prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations; and enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such nonviolent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdictions;
11. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
12. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;

13. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly;
14. Will comply with other provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, and with other applicable laws.

Signature and Title of Authorized UGLG

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ATTACHMENT I – STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES FORM

The UGLG hereby assures and certifies that it has complied or shall comply with Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301), and related statutes and implementing rules, regulations, and guidelines applicable to projects financed under the Michigan CDBG program. Specific assurances and certifications include but are not limited to the following:

1. Compliance with grant and financial management guidelines in 2 CFR Part 200, et al.; Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Final Rule.
2. Compliance with Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity statutes as set forth in Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352), Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-284), the Michigan Civil Rights Act 453 of 1976, the Michigan Fair Employment Practices Act (MCL 423, 301-423, 311), related statutes and implementing rules and regulations.
3. Compliance with Labor Standards statutes as set forth in the Davis-Bacon Fair Labor Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5), related statutes and implementing rules and regulations.
4. Compliance with Lead Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4831).
5. Compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4630) and implementing regulations.
6. Compliance with OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations and implementing rules and regulations.
7. Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and implementing rules and regulations 24 CFR Part 8.
8. Authorized state officials and representatives will have access to all books, accounts, records, reports, files, and other papers, things, or property pertaining to the project in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts and transcripts; each contract or subcontract also shall provide for such success to relevant data and records pertaining to the development and implementation of the project.

The UGLG agrees to assume all of the responsibilities for environmental review, decision making and action as specified and required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321) and Section 104 (f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act and implementing regulations 24 CFR Part 58.

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Minimize Displacement

Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, the (UGLG) will take the following steps to minimize the displacement of persons from their homes: *(The steps below are examples only, each jurisdiction must determine the actions it will take based on local needs and priorities).*

- A. Coordinate code enforcement with rehabilitation and housing assistance programs.
- B. Evaluate housing codes and rehabilitation standards in reinvestment areas to prevent their placing undue financial burden on long-established owners or tenants of multi-family buildings.
- C. Stage rehabilitation of apartment units to allow tenants to remain during and after rehabilitation by working with empty units or buildings first.
- D. Establish facilities to house persons who must be relocated temporarily during rehabilitation.
- E. Adopt public policies to identify and mitigate displacement resulting from intensive public investment in neighborhoods.
- F. Adopt policies which provide reasonable protections for tenants faced with conversion to a condominium or cooperative.
- G. Adopt tax assessment policies such as deferred tax payment plans to reduce impact or rapidly increasing assessments on low income owner occupants or tenants in revitalizing areas.
- H. Establish counseling centers to provide homeowners and renters with information on the assistance available to help them remain in their neighborhood in the face of revitalization pressures.