

Questions & Answers – May 19, 2023 to June 15, 2023

1. What is the match percentage of the total cost on this grant?

Please review the Scoring Criteria on our website:

<https://www.miplace.org/49b770/globalassets/documents/cdbg/guidelines--applications/infrastructure-program-scoring-criteria-medc-final-508.pdf>

“Budget and Leveraged Funding (10 points): Project budgets should include the sources and uses of available funding. MEDC will score higher projects that are able to leverage other sources of funding.”

There is not a “required” match, but applicants can receive points as stated above.

2. Where is the MEDC HUD LMI list of the census data located?

The information has been posted on our website under “APPLICATION” section.

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

3. Are grant administrators available to help administer the grant?

There will be grant administrators who will be available to help administer the grant. A list of the Certified Grant Administrators eligible for this funding round will be posted on the website.

4. Can Disaster Recovery funds help pay for an individual to write the application(s)?

Disaster Recovery funds cannot pay for individuals to complete an application. A community can utilize who they wish to write the application, but it cannot be paid by Disaster Recovery funds.

5. Is there a limit to how many projects can be submitted by a Community or entity?

No, however funds are made available for the eligible defined area, with the intent that funds are distributed throughout the area. It is strongly recommended that a community or entity prioritize which projects are more important to the community.

6. If a community has multiple projects does each project have to have its own public hearing?

The suggestion is to announce the public hearing in such a way as to state that multiple projects will be discussed. At the public hearing, project #1 should be discussed, questions, comments etc. Then move on to project #2 and so on.

7. A community indicated that there were several local street projects which were being funded by MDOT. Can CDBG-DR funds be utilized for these projects?

This type of project would need to tie back to the flooding disaster and meet a national objective. The documentation needed would be which agency is doing what and what is being paid for by whom.

8. Can CDBG-DR funding be used to expand an existing landfill?

An example would be: If the existing landfill became obsolete before the end of its life expectancy due to the amount of debris attributed to the disaster. This type of project may be considered if there is proper documentation identifying the amount of extra capacity that was utilized due to the flooding disaster. This project would have to tie back to the disaster and meet a national objective.

9. A farmer's market located in a floodplain was destroyed by the flooding disaster.

Can a new farmer's market facility, owned and operated by a non-profit, be an eligible project for this funding?

Yes, the community would be responsible for submitting the application and would also be responsible for the monitoring the project. There would need to be a subgrantee agreement in place. Additionally, there should be no program income generated by the project. This project would have to tie back to the disaster and meet a national objective.

10. The majority of flooding in a community occurred in a non LMI community. However, infrastructure mitigation activities are very important to stop or curtail future flooding. Can "urgent need" national objective be utilized?

Urgent need is an option. However, this should be a discussion for the next "office hours" since there are numerous considerations.