



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
**COMMISSIONER SID MILLER**

**Texas Community Development Block Grant Program**

**2025 Application Updates**



# Application Process

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## **Community Application**

- Community requests to participate in the CDBG Application, acknowledges CDBG program requirements
- Scoring and Ranking

## **Project Application**

- Project development for applicants invited to continue



# Community Application (Phase 1)

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## **Commitments for scoring purposes**

- Match amount
- Commitment to activity category of future project as needed for scoring (regional priorities)
- Resolution to apply
- Community needs list



# Community Application Scoring & Review

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- TDA staff to score applications and post preliminary and final scores
- Commissioner announces applications in funding range within a few weeks of the Community Application deadline
- Project Development for selected applications only
- All Project Applications that meet established deadlines **and** identifying an eligible project **will be funded.**



## Project Application (Phase 2)

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### **Project development and documentation**

- Identify project team (admin and engineer)
- Public hearing
- Select and develop project(s)
  - Document beneficiaries
  - Cost estimate
  - Technical assistance from TDA
- Application finalized and available for public review



# Upcoming Application Cycles

Fund	Community Application	Project Application
2025-2026 Community Development Fund	Sept – Dec 9, 2024	January – June 2025
2025 Colonia Fund Construction	Sept – Dec 9, 2024	January – June 2025
2025 Downtown Revitalization Program	Approx. Jan – March 2025	Spring-Summer 2025



# Community Application Steps

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1. Create application in TDA-GO
2. Confirm eligibility status
3. Develop community needs list
4. Select project activity category
5. Adopt local resolution
6. Submit



# Create Application in TDA-GO

- AO or PD initiate application in system
- Request TDA assistance using Support Ticket

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## Dashboard

### My Tasks

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Name	Document Type	Organization	Status	Status Date	Due Date
<a href="#">CDA22-0037</a>	CDBG - Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program - 2022	<a href="#">Test Grantee Organization</a>	Application in Process	6/17/2022 1:06:10 PM	5/20/2022 11:59:00 PM
<a href="#">CDM2021028-ENV-01</a>	Performance Report	<a href="#">Test Grantee Organization</a>	Performance Report In Process	4/11/2022 1:32:38 PM	

### Initiate New Application

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Name	Provider	Availability	Description
<a href="#">CDBG - Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program - 2022</a>	TXDOA Provider	1/12/2022 12:00:00 AM - 12/31/2023 11:59:00 PM	
<a href="#">CDBG - Colonia Fund - Construction - 2022</a>	TXDOA Provider	1/12/2022 7:00:00 AM - 12/31/2023 11:59:00 PM	
<a href="#">CDBG - Colonia Fund -</a>	TXDOA Provider	12/1/2020 8:00:00 AM -	





# Confirm Eligibility of Applicant

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- Unit of general local government
- Non-entitlement community
- Levy property and/or sales tax
- Meet TxCDBG progress thresholds for existing grant agreements



# More on Progress Thresholds

- Check status of open grants in TDA-GO

<b>Fund Category</b>	<b>Mid- Point Progress Threshold</b> applies if Grant Start Date is at least:	<b>Final Progress Threshold</b> applies if Grant Start Date is at least:
Community Development Fund (CDV)	12 months prior to due date (12/9/2023)	24 months prior to due date (12/9/2022)
Downtown Revitalization Program (CDM)	12 months prior to due date (12/9/2023)	24 months prior to due date (12/9/2022)
Colonia Fund (CFC and CEDAP, excluding CSH)	12 months prior to due date (12/9/2023)	24 months prior to due date (12/9/2022)
FAST Fund (CFA)	9 months prior to due date (3/9/2024)	18 months prior to due date (6/9/2023)
State Urgent Need Fund (CSU)	9 months prior to due date (3/9/2024)	12 months prior to due date (12/9/2023)
Pilot Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rural Economic Development</li><li>• FAST Rural Outreach &amp; Wellness Program</li></ul>	n/a	n/a



# Develop Community Needs List

- Local officials and leaders identify 10-15 community needs and complete this section of the application
- Public hearing not required for Phase 1

**Community Needs Information**

Provide a list of all the applicant's identified community development and housing needs, not just those addressed in the application. List the needs in order of importance - providing a short description and location of the project that addresses the indicated need. Also choose the relevant HUD activity code from the dropdown menu. Click [here](#) for a detailed list of HUD codes.

Applicant may also use the boxes marked "+" and "-" to add or delete space for additional needs and their corresponding projects to be considered if additional funding is available. \*

Community Need (identified by community leaders)	Action to Address Need (general description of the project)	HUD Activity Code		
Water lines are deteriorated resulting in significant water loss	Replace water lines, primarily in area south of Highway 281	03J	+	-
Wastewater treatment plant has deficiencies identified by TCEQ	Upgrade various components of WWTP	03J	+	-
Poor drainage leads to flooding and deteriorating infrastructure	Install drainage features to direct stormwater away from buildings and infrastructure	03I	+	-
The community lacks a facility for community programs and local events	Construct a community center	03E	+	-



# Select project activity category

- Discuss community needs and regional priorities (CDV) / primary project activities (CFC) with local leadership
- Determine which project priority category is most appropriate

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Forms

Community Application

Applicant Contact Information

Community Application

CDV - Community Development Fund

Status Options

Submit Application

Cancel Application

Tools

## CDV - Community Development Fund

Instructions:  
Please complete this page and press save.  
Required fields are marked with an \*

The TxCDBG Community Application does not require the applicant to identify a specific project or activity. However, the applicant must commit to abide by the Regional Project Priorities in order to receive the associated points.

[Regional Project Priorities by state planning region \(texasagriculture.gov\)](https://www.texasagriculture.gov)

If invited to submit a Project Application, the project that is ultimately selected for the application will be an activity that meets the project priority category selected below: \*

Regional First Priority Activities only

Regional Second Priority (or higher) Activities

Regional Third Priority (or higher) Activities

No Commitment to Regional Priorities



# Local Resolution

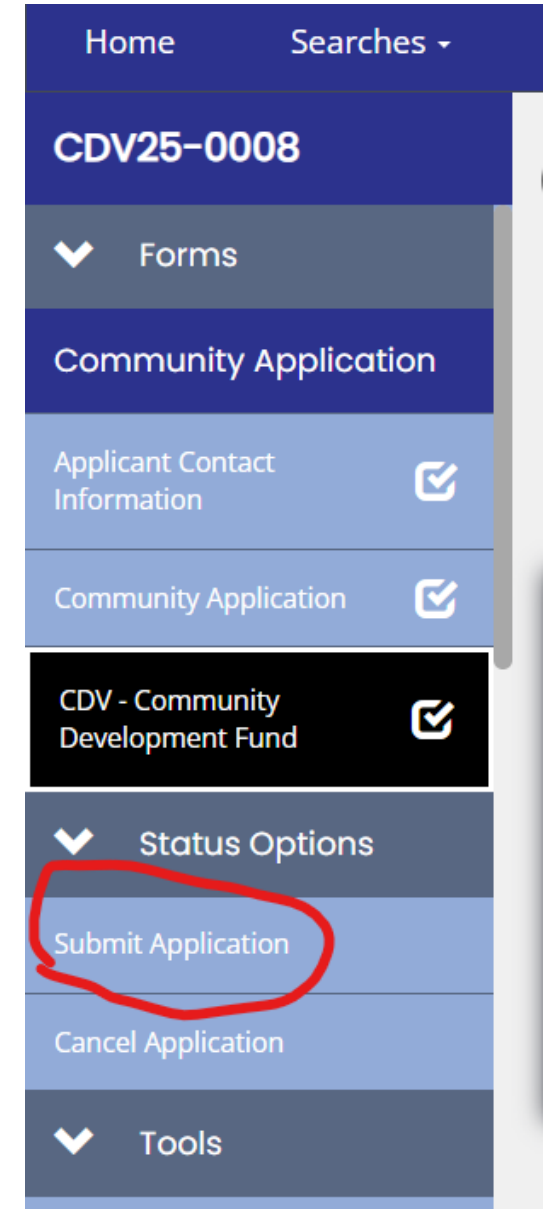
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- Local governing body to adopt/pass resolution:
  - Authorize submission of Community Application
  - Identify fund category to be considered
  - Designate dollar amount of matching funds committed
  - Commit to developing project that meets priorities as identified in Community Application
  - Commit to federal, state, and program requirements
- Required resolution format in App Guide, Appendix A



# Submit Application

- Complete application forms in TDA-GO
  - Step-by-step instructions in App Guide, Appendix C
- AO to submit application
  - No certification page for Community Application





# Additional Program Information

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- Competitive Procurement – Administration Services and Engineering Services
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related Environmental Review
- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (URA)
- Competitive Procurement – Construction Services / Materials
- Davis-Bacon Act and related Labor Standards
- Single Audit requirements
- Fair Housing and Civil Rights requirements
- Uniform Administrative Requirements and Cost Principles
- Housing and Community Development Act and related CDBG regulations, including the National Program Objective



# Application Acceptance

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- The Applicant is not a unit of general local government;
- The Applicant is identified as a CDBG Entitlement Program participant;
- The Applicant does not meet the Applicant Threshold Requirements;
- The Community Application does not comply with the requirement to provide a passed/adopted local government resolution authorizing submission of the Community Application;
- The Community Application does not comply with the requirement to fully complete all required forms in the TDA-GO system;
- The Community Application contains false information; or
- The Applicant does not respond, refuses to respond, or does not provide an adequate response to requests for revisions or additional information within the prescribed timeline.



TxCDBG Program

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Community Development Fund (CDV)



## Eligible Project Activities

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- Primarily benefit low- to moderate-income persons
- Primarily benefit residential area(s)
- Project activity priorities as established by region
- App Guide, Appendix D
- \$750,000 maximum grant award



# Scoring

Scoring Element	Maximum Points	Source
Regional Project Priorities	50	Applicant's resolution
Poverty Rate	20	American Community Survey 5-year estimate – See Appendix B Community Application Scoring Elements
Match Ratio	50	Applicant's resolution
Previous Funding	60	TxCDBG Grant History report – See Appendix B Community Application Scoring Elements
Past Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Timeliness of environmental clearance</li><li>• Maximum utilization of grant funds awarded</li><li>• Timeliness of completing projects</li><li>• Timely submission of closeout reports</li></ul>	20	TxCDBG grant management records
Total Points	200	



# Scoring – Regional Project Priorities

- [Regional Project Priorities](#) (weblink)

## Regional Project Priorities

2024 Regional Project Priorities Tracker

Region	USC Committee Member	Adopted Priorities
AACOG	Judge Roby Kelly, Kerry County	<a href="#">Adopted Priorities - AACOG</a>
ATCOG	Mayor Lowell Walker, City of Dekalb	<a href="#">Adopted Priorities - ATCOG</a>
BVCOG	Judge Joe Fauth, Grimes County	<a href="#">Adopted Priorities - BVCOG</a>
CAPCOG	Mayor Stephanie Fisher, Johnson City	<a href="#">Adopted Priorities - CAPCOG</a>
CBCOG	Judge C.H. "Burt" Mills, Jr., Aransas County	<a href="#">Adopted Priorities - CBCOG</a>
CTCOG	Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County	<a href="#">Adopted Priorities - CTCOG</a>
CVCOG	Judge Charles Bradley, Schleicher County	<a href="#">Adopted Priorities - CVCOG</a>

2025-2026 CD REGIONAL PROJECT PRIORITIES		AACOG
<b>Values</b>		
03B Facilities for Persons with Disabilities	30	
03C Homeless Facilities	30	
03A Senior Centers	30	
03D Youth Centers	30	
03E Neighborhood Facilities	30	
03F Parks, Recreational Facilities	30	
03G Parking Facilities	30	
03H Solid Waste Disposal Improvements	30	
03I Flood Drainage Improvements	40	
03J Water/Sewer Improvements	50	
03K Street Improvements	40	
03L Sidewalks	30	
03M Childcare Centers	30	
03O Fire Station/Equipment	30	
03P Health Facilities	30	
03Z Other Eligible CDBG Public Improvements	30	
004 Clearance and Demolition	30	
005 Public Services	30	
120 Construction of New Housing*	30	
140 Rehab; Single-unit Residential	30	
14A Rehab; Single-unit Residential, Utility Connections	30	
14B Rehab; Multi-unit residential	30	
14C Public Housing Modernization	30	
14Z Other Housing Rehab, Relocation, Homeowner Services	30	
150 Code Enforcement	30	
16A Residential Historic Preservation	30	
16B Non-residential Historic Preservation	30	
170 Econ Development - Not-for-Profit Orgs	30	
18A Econ Development - For profit orgs	30	
18C Econ Development - Micro-enterprise	30	
020 Planning	30	

**Region** ☰ ✖

AACOG	ATCOG	BVCOG
CAPCOG	CBCOG	CTCOG
CVCOG	DETCOG	ETCOG
GCRPC	HGAC	HOTCOG
LRGVDC	MRGDC	NCTCOG
NORTEX	PBRPC	PRPC
RGCOG	SETRPC	SPAG
STDC	TEXOMA	WCTCOG



# Scoring – Poverty Rate

- App Guide, Appendix B (.xlsx file)

City (*Entitlement Cities - not eligible for TxCDBG) (**Community located in Entitlement County - confirm eligibility status with County) If not listed, contact TDA at CDBGApps@texas.agriculture.gov	Poverty Rate	Unemployment Rate	Median Household Income	Total Population	Previous Funding
Burlington CDP, Texas	0.00%	0.00%	-	37	0
Burnet city, Texas	6.43%	3.18%	\$ 77,376.00	6,464	0
Burton city, Texas	20.36%	9.66%	\$ 62,500.00	275	1
Bushland CDP, Texas	5.76%	1.95%	\$ 133,272.00	2,640	0
Butterfield CDP, Texas	75.22%	14.94%	-	226	0
Byers city, Texas	5.96%	3.45%	\$ 54,643.00	319	0
Bynum town, Texas	17.48%	10.74%	\$ 51,000.00	246	1
Cactus city, Texas	12.49%	2.74%	\$ 49,605.00	3,055	1
Caddo Mills city, Texas	5.62%	6.20%	\$ 73,056.00	2,051	1
Cade Lakes CDP, Texas	17.20%	14.52%	\$ 51,094.00	343	0
Caldwell city, Texas	14.67%	0.21%	\$ 57,222.00	4,120	1
Callender Lake CDP, Texas	5.32%	0.00%	\$ 43,717.00	903	0
Callisburg city, Texas	23.84%	1.14%	\$ 49,167.00	302	0
Calvert city, Texas	5.52%	9.83%	\$ 63,750.00	996	1
Camargito CDP, Texas	30.62%	0.00%	-	258	0
Cameron city, Texas	24.34%	5.13%	\$ 57,076.00	5,356	1
Cameron Park CDP, Texas	46.74%	10.21%	\$ 34,248.00	5,830	0
Camp Swift CDP, Texas	14.98%	1.41%	\$ 61,586.00	6,908	0
Camp Wood city, Texas	38.31%	0.00%	\$ 37,083.00	970	1
Campbell city, Texas	12.53%	22.43%	\$ 53,394.00	974	2
Campo Verde CDP, Texas	89.85%	0.00%	-	197	0
Canadian city, Texas	7.85%	3.50%	\$ 54,013.00	2,330	0
Caney City town, Texas	30.20%	0.00%	\$ 52,500.00	149	1
Canton city, Texas	13.37%	2.64%	\$ 52,500.00	4,279	1
Cantu Addition CDP, Texas			-	-	0



# Scoring – Match Ratio

**Match Ratio (50 Points):** Awarded for the commitment of matching funds relative to the maximum amount of CDBG funds as follows:

	Minimum Match Ratio	Matching Funds Committed	Points Awarded
Applicant(s) population equal to or less than 1,500 and ALL county applicants (regardless of population):			
	2%	\$15,000 or more	50 Points
	1.5%	\$11,250 - \$14,999	40 Points
	1%	\$7,500 - \$11,249	30 Points
	0.5%	\$3,750 - \$7,499	20 Points
	Less than 0.5%	\$0 - \$3,749	10 Points
Applicant(s) population equal to or less than 5,000 but over 1,500:			
	5%	\$37,500 or more	50 Points
	4%	\$30,000- \$37,499	40 Points
	3%	\$22,500 - \$29,999	30 Points
	2%	\$15,000 - \$22,499	20 Points
	Less than 2%	\$0 - \$14,999	10 Points
Applicant(s) population equal to or less than 10,000 but over 5,000:			
	10%	\$75,000 or more	50 Points
	7.5%	\$56,250 - \$74,999	40 Points
	5%	\$37,500 - \$56,249	30 Points
	2.5%	\$18,750 - \$37,499	20 Points
	Less than 2.5%	\$0 - \$18,749	10 Points
Applicant(s) population over 10,000:			
	15%	\$112,500 or more	50 Points
	11.5%	\$86,250 - \$112,499	40 Points
	7.5%	\$56,250 - \$86,249	30 Points
	3.5%	\$26,250 - \$56,249	20 Points
	Less than 3.5%	\$0 - \$26,249	10 Points

Match commitments may be cash and/or in-kind. The Applicant must provide a resolution from the city council or county commissioners court authorizing the match expenditure. The resolution must include the commitment amount and the proposed use of the funds. If other eligible sources of funding are injected into the project, a commitment letter from the sources must also be submitted.

For applications submitted by cities, the total city population is used. Data Source: Most recently available ACS 5-year Estimate, Table B01003



# Scoring – Previous Funding

## Previous Funding (60 Points):

Awarded based on TxCDBG records of awards issued for the Community Development Fund (CDV).

Applicant has received 0 CDV awards in the previous three fund cycles	60 Points
Applicant has received 1 CDV award in the previous three fund cycles	40 Points
Applicant has received 2 CDV awards in the previous three fund cycles	20 Points
Applicant has received 3 CDV awards in the previous three fund cycles	0 Points





## Scoring – Past Performance

- “State Scoring” or “State-selected Scoring Factors”
- Performance on grants awarded 9/1/2020 to 8/31/2024

Closeout (PCR)	5 points
Environmental Clearance (ENV)	5 points
Maximum Utilization of Funds (DEOB)	7 points
Timeliness of Completion (EXT)	3 points

# TxCDBG Program

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Colonia Fund: Construction (CFC)



# Eligible Applicants for CFC

- Counties within 150 miles of the Texas-Mexico border
  - Non-entitlement (with exception to Hidalgo)
  - Not located in Community (MSA) with population greater than 1M
  - Adopted Model Subdivision Rules
  - [Participating in the TxCDBG 2022 Colonia Planning and Needs Assessment](#)

\*County may apply for projects involving water systems, utility districts, etc.

**See App Guide for list of eligible counties and contact TDA for additional guidance.**



# Eligible Project Activities

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- **Public improvements designed for the benefit of colonia residents**
  - Project located within colonia community
  - Primarily benefits colonia residents
- At least **51%** of project must principally address basic infrastructure or housing
  - **Water**
  - **Sewer**
  - **Housing**
- \$1,000,000 maximum grant award



# Eligible Project Areas

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## Colonia Definition:

- Identifiable community
- Unincorporated
- Located within 150 miles of the Texas-Mexico Border
- Existed as a colonia prior to 1990 under the Cranston-Gonzalez Act
- Is defined by a set of criteria:
  - Lack of potable water supply;
  - Lack of adequate sewage systems; and/or
  - Lack of decent, safe and sanitary housing



# Scoring for CFC

- App Guide, Appendix B

	Scoring Element	Maximum Points	Source Data
1.	<b>Previous Funding (2024-26)</b>		TxCDBG Grant History Report
	0 CFC Awards	50	
	1 CFC Awards	0	
2.	<b>Identified Colonia Communities</b>	20	TxCDBG Colonia Inventory
	<b>Total Points:</b>	<b>70</b>	

County	# Colonias		County	# Colonias		County	# Colonias
Hidalgo	937		Midland	15		Culberson	2
El Paso	332		Pecos	14		Terrell	2
Starr	255		Kerr	13		Crane	2
Cameron	206		Presidio	9		Ector	1
Jim Wells	113		Frio	9		Jeff Davis	1
San Patricio	108		Jim Hogg	8		Kenedy	1
Maverick	72		Ward	8		Winkler	1
Webb	60		Dimmit	7		Kimble	0
Zapata	42		Edwards	7		Blanco	0
Nueces	38		La Salle	7		Gillespie	0
Duval	32		Refugio	7		Glasscock	0
Bee	30		Crockett	6		Live Oak	0
Brooks	25		Hudspeth	6		Loving	0
Val Verde	22		Kinney	6		McMullen	0
Kleberg	21		Upton	6		Menard	0
Uvalde	19		Irion	4		Runnels	0
Willacy	17		Schleicher	4		Sterling	0
Real	16		Brewster	3		Sutton	0
Tom Green	16		Concho	3			
Zavala	16		Goliad	3			
						Total Colonias	2,532



# Application Timeline

<b>Task/Step</b>	<b>Date to Complete</b>
<b>Community Application</b>	
TDA releases Community Application	September 18, 2024
Community Application webinar	September 24, 2024 & November 19, 2024
Adopt local governing body resolution(s)	December 9, 2024
Complete and submit TDA-GO Community Application	December 9, 2024
<b>Project Application – key dates</b>	
TDA invites highest scoring communities to complete Project Applications	Approx. January 6, 2025
Conduct public hearing	February 17, 2025
Submit application in TDA-GO	June 30, 2025



