

2025 TxCDBG Application Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What types of awards are considered under the “Previous Funding” scoring criteria?

Only prior awards within the same fund category that is being applied for. So, for 2025-2026 Community Development (CDV) applicants, prior CDV awards received within the prescribed timeline are considered in the scoring determination. For 2025 Downtown Revitalization Program (CDM) applicants, prior CDM awards received within the prescribed timeline are considered in the scoring determination. For 2025 Colonia Fund: Construction (CFC) applicants, prior CFC awards received within the prescribed timeline are considered in the scoring determination.

Q: What date determines if a previously awarded grant falls within the 9/1/2020 – 8/31/2024 period for consideration in the “State Selected Scoring Factors” criteria?

This is based on the date the grant was awarded. This data is not currently published but can be requested by grant applicants.

Q: Should ACS-data be uploaded/entered in the TDA-GO application for scoring purposes?

No. ACS-based scoring data has been compiled by TDA Staff and published in Appendix B.

Q: Is an active System for Award Management (SAM) registration a requirement for submitting a Community Application?

No, grant applicants are not required to have active SAM.gov entity registration for Phase 1 application process. Active registration will be a requirement of the Project (Phase 2) Application process for those invited.

Q: What data source should be used to complete the “Total Applicant Population” field in the Community Application page?

Enter the total population of the Grant Applicant as of the most recently available ACS 5-Year Estimate, Table B01003. Note: this dataset is available in Appendix B for cities, but county applicants should navigate to data.census.gov to find their data.

Q: Can an applicant apply for multiple activities within a regional priority tier/category if invited to Phase 2? For example, can an applicant that selected “1st priority” during Phase 1 develop a CDBG-eligible project that includes multiple activities?

Yes, an applicant may develop a project with multiple activities within the same priority tier. For example, an applicant in Ark-Tex COG region that committed to 1st tier could develop a project that included water/sewer improvements (03J) AND street improvements (03K); both activities were selected by the region as 1st priority tier.

Q: Will there be a “resolution authorizing the submission of the Project Application” required during the Phase 2 application process?

No, this resolution is required for submission of the Community App (Phase 1). However, any Phase 2 applicant that does not have a previously adopted Signatory Resolution in effect should expect to adopt and submit one as part of the Project App process.

Q: What is the anticipated timeline for the project development phase for communities who will not be funded under CDV until 2026?

Applicants likely to be funded in 2026 (often called “second year funded”) should anticipate beginning the project development phase in Dec 2025 and will largely follow the same timeline as published, but in 2026.

Q: Will there be any type of notification to communities that may fall within PY 2026 funding range when the initial awards are announced in 2025?

No formal notification regarding 2026 grant recipients will be made at that point, since the program allocation for that year will not yet be known. Once TDA receives the allocation estimate for PY 2026, staff will begin reaching out to applicants likely to be funded in 2026. In the meantime, TDA staff can provide guidance on the projected funding range for 2026 to applicants inquiring for planning purposes.

Q: Please confirm whether a Certified Administrator is required to prepare the Community Application (Phase 1)?

Individuals completing or assisting with the Community Application (Phase 1) are not required to be TxCDBG Certified Administrators. Please see Chapter 5 of the TxCDBG Implementation Manual for information regarding certification requirements that apply to work completed for project implementation (post-execution of grant agreement).

Q: I'm filling out the Community Needs section of a CD application and noticed that a few codes are missing from the drop-down menu: 14Z, 20A, and 05V. Can you let me know how I should proceed?

The activity codes mentioned are part of truncated groups of uncommon HUD activities, combined for simplicity in the Regional Project Priority lists. HUD activities 20 and 20A are represented by “020 Planning”, 05Z falls under “005 Public Services”, and 14Z describes 14D-Z activities.

Q: If a community wanted to use in-kind contributions as part of their matching funds for a Phase I application, how would this be accomplished via documentation?

Source of match documentation does not need to be finalized for Phase 1. Specific usage and funding sources will be determined prior to award of grant funding in Phase 2.