

Adopted 2026 CD Unified Scoring Criteria

The following factors will be used for all applications submitted for the 2027-2028 Community Development Fund.

What is the poverty rate of the applicant? (20 points)

Methodology: Determined by reviewing the most recent U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate Table S1701 for the applicant.

1. The poverty rate for each applicant is calculated by dividing the total number of persons at or below the designated poverty level by the population from which impoverished persons was determined. Once this has been established, the average poverty rate is determined by dividing the sum of all poverty rate by the number of applicants.
2. A base is calculated by multiplying the average poverty rate by 1.25
3. The poverty rate of each applicant is then divided by the base to determine each applicant's poverty factor
4. The poverty factor for each applicant is multiplied by the total maximum allowable points. Any applicants exceeding the total allowed points will be capped at the maximum.

Note: Cities will be compared to all cities, and counties will be compared to all counties

What is the applicant's match amount? (50 points)

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

See application guide for complete listing of points awarded for match amounts less than the amount listed below.

Match commitment required to receive maximum points		
Category of Applicant(s)	Percent of available grant funds	Dollar Amount
All Counties	2% or more	\$15,000
City applicant population equal to or less than 1,500	1% or more	\$7,500
City applicant population 1501 to 3000	3.5% or more	\$26,250
City applicant population 3001 – 5,000	5% or more	\$37,500
City applicant population 5001 – 10,000	10% or more	\$75,000
City applicant population greater than 10,000	15% or more	\$112,500

Has the applicant been funded in the previous three (3) CD application cycles? (60 points) Methodology:

Data source documentation will be reviewed, and points will be assigned.

The applicant has not received funding during the previous six years (three funding cycles) = 60 points

The applicant has been funded once (1x) during previous six years (three funding cycles) = 40 points

The applicant has been funded twice (2x) during the previous six years (three funding cycles) = 20 points

The applicant has been funded three times (3x) during the previous six years (three funding cycles) = 0 points

Tie Breaker:

In the event of a tie, applicants shall be ranked starting with the lowest median household income. Data

Source: Most recently available ACS 5-Year Estimates, Table DP03