

## TxCDBG announcement: Unified Scoring Committee Meeting and related information

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TDA is beginning the first steps in the 2025-2026 Community Development Fund application cycle.

The Community Development Fund is a regional grant application competition within the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) program. Applicants from each State Planning Region area are scored and ranked against other applicants from the same region.

Scoring for the Community Development Fund is assigned in three ways:

- 65% of the points are assigned based on objective criteria adopted by the Unified Scoring Committee;
- 25% of the points are assigned based on the Regional Project Priorities selected by the governing board, or a designated committee, of each state planning region; and
- 10% of the points are assigned based on State Scoring factors adopted by TDA.

### Unified Scoring Committee

The Unified Scoring Committee (USC) is responsible for developing the objective scoring factors used jointly by all regions. USC members will convene a public meeting and accept public input, discuss the available factors, and adopt scoring factors totaling 130 points for the 2025-2026 Community Development Fund application cycle.

**April 10, 2024, 9:00AM (CT)**  
Valero Community Engagement Center  
San Antonio Food Bank  
5200 Historic Old Hwy 90  
San Antonio, TX 78227

USC criteria must be selected from among the scoring factors confirmed by TDA staff as meeting the requirements of objective and verifiable criteria. The draft [Verified Scoring Factors document](#) has been published to TDA's website. To request the inclusion of an additional scoring factor, submit the proposed scoring factor (including the proposed data source and methodology to confirm accurate and consistent scoring) to [CDBGApps@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:CDBGApps@TexasAgriculture.gov) no later than **March 27, 2024**.

The USC consists of [twenty-four \(24\) members](#) appointed by the Commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture. Each state planning region is invited to nominate one USC member for appointment. USC members serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner and serve until replaced. The name of each member will be posted to the TDA website as the representative is confirmed by region and/or appointed by Commissioner Miller.

### Regional Project Priorities

Separately from the USC scoring factors, each state planning region is invited to establish Project Priorities worth a maximum of 50 points. For the 2025-2026 cycle, each region will assign points to various eligible CDBG activities. Applicants in regions opting not to establish their own priorities will be scored based on the [Default Project Priorities](#) developed by TDA.

Regional Project Priorities must be established through a public meeting where public input is accepted. [Meeting dates and adopted priorities](#) will be posted to the TDA website as information is provided by the regions.

**Application Webinars**

In addition to discussion of Community Development Fund 2025-2026 scoring factors, the USC Meeting will include a summary report of the 2024 application cycles. Applications for the 2024 Downtown Revitalization Program and Colonia Fund - Construction Program are currently available and due April 3, 2024. These applications are the first to use the new [Community Application](#) process; see below for opportunities for webinar guidance and technical assistance with the new process.

February 21, 2024	<b>Rerun: 2024 Community / Pre-Application Webinar - Downtown</b> Revitalization Program and Colonia Fund Construction Same topics as original 2/6/24 webinar, additional opportunity for technical assistance and questions	11:00AM
March 25, 2024	<b>Rerun: 2024 Community / Pre-Application Webinar - Downtown</b> Revitalization Program and Colonia Fund Construction Same topics as original 2/6/24 webinar, additional opportunity for technical assistance and questions	2:00PM