



**TDA Working Summary - Consolidated Plan Stakeholder Engagement
Assistance to Disaster-Impacted Communities
(revising current Disaster Relief Fund)**

As part of the Consolidated Plan process (5-year plan), TDA is assessing the existing Texas CDBG program.

To make TDA’s disaster-related assistance more effective, some adjustments are necessary for the current environment. The following scenario is used to begin this discussion:

	Current Disaster Relief Fund	Potential State / Local Event Support Program
Event to make funds available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential declaration of disaster • Declaration of disaster by the Governor (or designee) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of disaster by the Governor (or designee)
National Program Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent Need • Assistance to Low- to Moderate-Income (LMI) Persons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent Need • Assistance to Low- to Moderate-Income (LMI) Persons
Eligible Use of Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair or replace housing or public infrastructure damaged by a natural disaster • New infrastructure for drought disasters only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address health and safety issues by repair, replace, or improve infrastructure damaged by the event, including mitigation efforts • Specific rules as needed to address drought impact
Application Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No later than 12 months after declaration of disaster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No later than 12 months after declaration of disaster
Implementation Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 month grant contract 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 month grant contract
Maximum Grant Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$350,000 per application (single or joint applications) • Actual amount determined by FEMA/TDEM cost estimate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single applicant: \$350,000 • Joint application: \$250,000 per applicant, up to \$1 million total • Actual amount determined by project engineer cost estimate
Selection Process	<p>First Come First Serve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities for basic human needs • Additional priorities as announced • Application LMI beneficiary rate used as tie-breaker (applications submitted on the same day) 	<p>First Come First Serve by Priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only First Priority projects (drinking water and wastewater infrastructure) considered for funding in the 3 months following any eligible disaster declaration • Second Priority projects (other utilities, damaged buildings, paved roads) considered in addition to First Priority projects after the initial 3 month application period • Third Priority projects (unpaved roads) considered if funds are available after 6 months following the disaster declaration • All applications due no later than 12 months after the disaster declaration • Application LMI beneficiary rate used as tie-breaker (applications submitted on the same day)

<p>Other HUD / Program requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other funding not available (other agencies, unrestricted balance in current audit) • May request and demonstrate need for waiver of competitive procurement requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other funding not available (other agencies, unrestricted balance in current audit) • For applications prepared (resolution passed by local government) within 3 months of the declaration of disaster, TDA may presume exigent circumstances necessary to waive competitive procurement requirements – applications submitted more than 3 months after the declaration must follow all procurement requirement • Environmental review partially complete – FONSI (or determination of exemption) required with application
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