



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Texas Community Development Block Grant Program
2026 DRP Application Updates



Application Process

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)

Commitments for scoring purposes

- Match amount
- Resolution to apply
- Identify downtown area boundaries and area designation method
- Community needs list



Community Application Scoring & Review

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



Project Application (Phase 2)

Project development and documentation

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



Upcoming Application Cycle

Fund	Community Application	Project Application
2026 Downtown Revitalization Program	Jan 23 – April 3, 2026	May – Aug 14, 2026



Community Application Steps

1. Create application in TDA-GO
2. Confirm eligibility status
3. Develop community needs list
4. Select program 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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Name	Document Type	Organization	Status	Status Date	Due Date
CDA22-0037	CDBG - Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program - 2022	Test Grantee Organization	Application in Process	6/17/2022 1:06:10 PM	5/20/2022 11:59:00 PM
CDM2021028-ENV-01	Performance Report	Test Grantee Organization	Performance Report In Process	4/11/2022 1:32:38 PM	

Initiate New Application

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



Confirm Eligibility of Applicant

- Incorporated municipality
- 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

Fund Category	Mid- Point Progress Threshold applies if Grant Start Date is on or before:	Final Progress Threshold applies if Grant Start Date is on or before:
Community Development Fund (CDV)	12 months prior to due date (April 3, 2026)	24 months prior to due date (April 3, 2024)
Downtown Revitalization Program (CDM)	12 months prior to due date (April 3, 2026)	24 months prior to due date (April 3, 2024)
Colonia Fund (CFC and CEDAP, excluding CSH)	12 months prior to due date (April 3, 2026)	24 months prior to due date (April 3, 2024)
FAST Fund (CFA)	12 months prior to due date (April 3, 2026)	24 months prior to due date (April 3, 2024)
State Urgent Need Fund (CSU)	9 months prior to due date (July 3, 2026)	12 months prior to due date (April 3, 2026)
Pilot & Special Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural Economic Development• FAST Rural Outreach & Wellness Program• Colonia Fund Planning	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	+	-



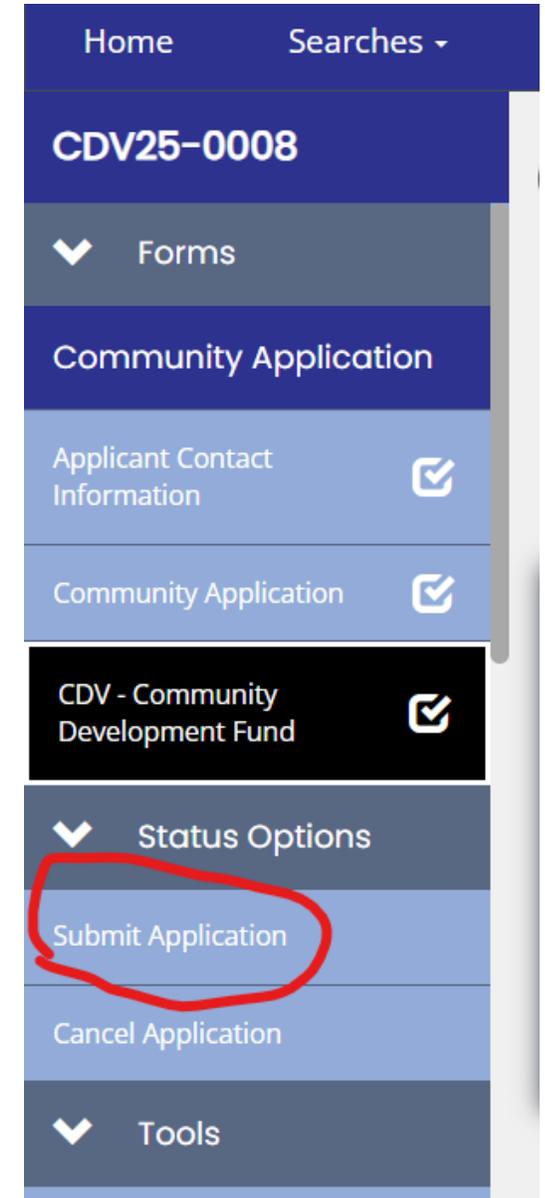
Local Resolution

- 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
 - Optional: Designate the boundaries of the Downtown District
- Required resolution format in App Guide, Appendix A



Submit Application

- Complete application forms in TDA-GO
- AO to submit application
 - No certification page for Community Application





Additional Program Information

- 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

- 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.
- The Community Application does not comply with the requirement to document the Downtown District.

TxCDBG Program

Downtown Revitalization Program (CDM)



Eligible Project Activities

- \$1,000,000 maximum grant award
- Project supports/promotes pedestrian-centered economic activity within a community's designated downtown district
- Activities meet either S/B Area or LMI Area National Program Objective



Eligible Project Activities – Slum/Blight Removal

Eligible Activities – Elimination of Slum & Blighted Conditions

Activity Code	Activity Description
03L	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sidewalk Rehabilitation (including related lighting improvements, ramps, curb and gutter)- Pedestrian Walkway Improvements (other than traditional sidewalks) *- Pedestrian Lighting Improvements (standard pole lights)
03K	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Street Reconstruction- Street Drainage Improvements (including curb and gutter to address known lack of drainage)
04	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Demolition of blighted structures (Contact TDA for Activity Code verification)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excludes historic or residential structures• Requires identified CDBG-eligible use for cleared location, to be completed within five years of demolition
n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Permanently Installed Streetscape<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Includes benches, trash cans, planters, murals, landscaping, signage, decorative/string lights and similar incidental items to improve pedestrian comfort• Must be associated with primary construction activity and located on public property• Limited to Matching Funds

*With TDA approval, TDA reserves the right to negotiate final design during project development.



Eligible Project Activities – LMI Community

- Most recent LMISD Place data must be 51.00% or above

Eligible Activities – Benefit to Low- to Moderate Income Communities

Activity Code	Activity Description
	All activities eligible in the Elimination of Slum & Blighted Conditions table
03J	- Water / Sewer Improvements in support of the Downtown District - Public Restroom Improvements
03G	- Public Parking Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited to \$250,000
03F	- Public Park Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Includes green spaces, sports fields, and playgrounds• Minimum project size of one city lot• Limited to \$250,000 - Outdoor Public Event Space Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Area/plaza for events of significant size and regularity that promote economic development to downtown businesses such as farmers' markets, festivals, fairs, amphitheaters, other large events. - Acquisition and demolition are eligible under 03F activities
03Z	- Public Wi-Fi Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be available throughout Downtown area• Must not charge a fee for access by users



Ineligible Project Activities

Activity Description
Construction of buildings and facilities used for the general conduct of government (e.g., city halls and courthouses). The only exception is for improvements made to these buildings solely to provide complete access for elderly persons and persons with severe disabilities;
Financing of political activities;
Purchase of construction equipment;
Income payments, such as housing allowances;
Activities in a floodway may be ineligible; see Implementation Manual, Chapter 3 for specific guidance;
New housing construction; and
Operation and maintenance expenses of public facilities, improvements and services, including activities identified through the environmental review as maintenance activities.

Downtown Revitalization Program-Specific ineligible activities include:

Activity Description
Demolition of a historic building and/or housing units;
Demolition of blighted structures with no new use identified for the property;
Building improvements, rehabilitation, new construction or façade improvements, *excluding public restrooms;
Improvements on private property
Improvements that do not improve function and solely address beautification or visual appeal;
Drainage structure improvements, other than street drains or storm sewers;
Agreements to grant, loan, or otherwise transfer TxCDBG monies to a business;
Machinery, equipment or working capital;
Excess/speculative improvements, extra connections or excessive looping;
Operation and maintenance activities, such as re-striping or sealcoating;
Refinancing or to repay the applicant, a local related economic development entity, a benefiting business or its owners and related parties for expenditures;
Otherwise eligible activities that will generate program income;
Otherwise eligible activities that will significantly benefit residential structures; or
Otherwise eligible activities that will provide benefit beyond the identified project area.



Eligible Project Area

- Identify downtown district in Community App
- Identify area targeted for removal of slum & blight conditions in the Project App (phase 2)

Downtown District Designation

- Designed to promote pedestrian-centered economic activity; AND
- Does not include more than an incidental number of single-family dwellings.
- Include supporting documentation in submission



Scoring

Scoring Element	Maximum Points	Source
Median Household Income	10	American Community Survey 5-year estimate – See Appendix B
Benefit to Low- to-Moderate Income (LMI) Population	10	Low- to Moderate-Income statistical data (LMISD) – See Appendix B
Match Ratio	20	Applicant's resolution
Previous Funding	30	TxCDBG grant history report – See Appendix B
Past Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Timeliness of environmental clearance• Maximum utilization of grant funds awarded• Timeliness of completing projects• Timely submission of closeout reports	20	TxCDBG grant management records
Total Points – Downtown Revitalization	90	
Main Street Participation	10	Texas Historical Commission shared records
Total Points – Main Street Set-aside	100	



Scoring – Median Household Income

Median Household Income (10 Points): Awarded if the Applicant's median household income is lower than the annual state household income using the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate as follows:

1. Applicant's Median Household Income (MHI) divided by Texas MHI = MHI %
2. Subtract applicant's MHI % from 1 to calculate the applicant's MHI Factor
3. MHI Factor multiplied by 10 = Points Received

Applicants whose Median Household Income is above the statewide median household income shall receive zero (0) points.

- Appendix B – DRP scoring data



Scoring – Benefit to LMI Population

Benefit to Low- to-Moderate Income (LMI) Population (10 Points):

Awarded based on the applicant's citywide LMI population using the most recently available Low to Moderate Income Summary Data (LMISD) PLACE data as follows:

Points Received = LMI % multiplied by 10

For example: The City of Scoresville's LMISD PLACE data indicates its LMI percentage is 67.17%.
= $0.6717 * 10 = 6.7170$ Points Received



Scoring – Match Ratio

Match Ratio (20 Points): A minimum 2% cash match is required. Awarded for the commitment of additional matching funds relative to the amount of CDBG funds requested as follows:

Match equals at least 5% of TxCDBG Request (\$50,000)	20 Points
Match equals at least 4% of TxCDBG Request (\$40,000)	15 Points
Match equals at least 3% of TxCDBG Request (\$30,000)	10 Points
Match minimum requirement of 2% of TxCDBG Request (\$20,000)	0 Points

Additional match may be cash and/or in-kind. The Applicant must provide a resolution from the city council 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.



Scoring – Previous Funding

Awarded based on TxCDBG records of awards issued for the Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP), including the Main Street Set-Aside/Program.

Applicant has received 0 DRP awards in the previous six (6) fund cycles	30 Points
Applicant has received 1 DRP award in the previous six (6) fund cycles	20 Points
Applicant has received 2 DRP awards in the previous six (6) fund cycles	10 Points
Applicant has received 3 or more DRP awards in the previous six (6) fund cycles	0 Points



Scoring – Past Performance

- “State Scoring” or “State-selected Scoring Factors”
- Performance on grants awarded 9/1/2020 to 8/31/2025

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



Scoring – Main Street Set-Aside ONLY

Main Street Application Scoring Criteria (10 Points):

Only applicants participating in Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Main Street Program will be scored on the following criteria.

Applicant's continuous participation in the Texas Main Street Program	1 point for every calendar year of continuous participation in the Main Street program
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Points will not be broken into half points for increments less than one year. If a city leaves the Main Street Program and then returns at a later date, "continuous participation" will be calculated from the year the applicant returned to the program. Applicants will receive the maximum points if they have participated in the program for 10 continuous years.



Application Timeline

Task/Step	Date to Complete
Community Application	
TDA releases Community Application	January 22, 2026
Community Application webinar	February 5, 2026
Adopt local governing body resolution to apply	April 3, 2026
Complete and submit TDA-GO Community Application	April 3, 2026
Project Application – key dates	
TDA invites highest scoring communities to complete Project Applications	Approx. May 1, 2026
Conduct public hearing	May 30, 2026
Adopt Signatory resolution and (if applicable) Slum & Blight resolution	August 14, 2026
Submit application in TDA-GO	August 14, 2026

