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**Texas Community Development Block Grant Program
2021 Application Guidance Updates**

Good afternoon and thanks for joining us for today's 2021 Application Updates. I'm Aubrey-Ann Gilmore and I work with the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Also joining me on the line are my fellow program specialists: Crystal Ortegon, Michelle Phares, and Eva Cruz.

A couple housekeeping items before we get started.

Please mute your lines and feel free to use the chat feature to ask questions. We'll also take general questions after the presentation, but if you have project- or community-specific questions, please reach out via email.

Alright let's get started!



Agenda

- Introduction to the TxCDBG Program
- 2021 Application Information
 - Updates in PY 2021
 - TDA-Go! Preview
 - Next steps & best practices
- Program Specifics & Updates
 - CD
 - CFC
 - DRP

Today we'll start with an overview of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

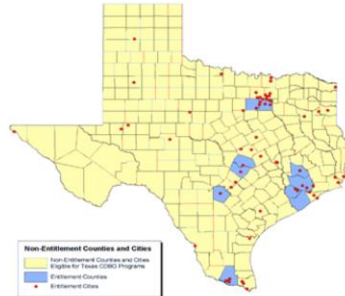
Next we'll discuss application updates, share exciting news about the grant management system development, and best practices to adopt.

Then we'll dive into each program, highlighting program specific changes in the application cycles recently announced.



Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program

- Texas Department of Agriculture administers CDBG funds for non-entitlement cities and counties in Texas
- Serves 861 cities and 244 counties
- Largest state CDBG allocation in the nation



Here are a few highlights of our program...

Larger cities and counties receive their funding directly from the Dept of Housing and Urban Development.

For smaller communities in Texas, which are predominately rural in nature, the Texas Department of Agriculture Administers the non-entitlement allocation of CDBG funds.

For reference, cities with populations under 50K and counties with a non-metropolitan population under 200K are eligible for our program.

Texas receives the largest non-entitlement CDBG allocation in the nation and our program serves over 850 cities and 244 counties.

In PY 2020, TxCDBG program received a little over \$68M



TxCDBG Fund Categories

- **Community Development (CD)**
- **Colonia Fund – Construction (CFC)**
- Colonia Fund – Planning (CFP)
- **Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP)**
- Fire, Ambulance, and Service Truck (FAST)
- Planning and Capacity Building (PCB)
- State Urgent Need (SUN)
- Rural Economic Development (RED)
Programs

The annual allocation is then broken down into multiple fund categories (or sometimes called “programs”)

Today we’ll talk about the 2021-2022 application cycles for Community Development Fund, Colonia Fund; Construction, and the 2021 application cycle for Downtown Revitalization.



CDBG Objectives

- Development of viable communities by providing:
 - Decent Housing
 - A suitable living environment; and
 - Expanding economic opportunities
- National Program Objectives:
 - Benefit to **low- and moderate-income persons**;
 - Elimination of slums or blighted conditions
 - Meet other community development needs of particular urgency which represent an **immediate threat** to the health and safety of residents.



Every CDBG project within every fund category must meet at least one National Program Objective designated by HUD – these are:

- The benefit to low- to moderate income persons
- Elimination of Slum and blighted conditions
- Urgent Need

Colonia Fund and CD address the NPO of benefitting low and moderate income persons, whereas DRP addresses the elimination of slum and blighted conditions, and SUN fund addresses urgent needs of the community.



Application Deadlines

Fund Category	Application Due Date
Community Development (CD)	May 3, 2021
Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP)	May 3, 2021
Colonia Fund: Construction (CFC)	May 3, 2021
State Urgent Need (SUN) Fund	Open/As needed – first-come first-serve basis

CD, CFC, and DRP applications will be due Monday, May 3, 2021 at 11:59 PM. Technical assistance from TDA staff however will cease at 5PM.



Fund History

Recent Funding History	
2019-2020 Community Development (CD)	\$90M
2020 Downtown Revitalization (DRP/MS)	\$7M + remaining funds from TCF
2019-2020 Colonia Fund (CFC)	\$13.6M

Note: Approximate funding amounts only based off PY 2019 and 2020 Allocation figures. Actual funding levels vary due to budget changes and additional funding resources.

If your community has an eligible project, SUBMIT AN APPLICATION!

Do not be discouraged against applying for TxCDBG funds because of your community's potential score – **MANY** "lower"-scoring and eligible applications have been successfully awarded grant funds.

I know what question comes next... "what's the anticipated level of funding for each program?"

Well, it's still too early in the federal fiscal year to have PY 2021 numbers. BUT, here's some recent funding history. Between PYs 2019 and 2020 CD Fund awarded over \$90M in allocation alone. DRP/MS set a record year in 2020 with a larger than usual amount of funding due to unspent funds in the TCF umbrella. And between PYs 2019 and 2020, CFC had almost \$14M available in allocation for awards. And these figures are low approximations since they do not include other sources of funding such as deobligated funds and program income.

All of this to say.... Please resist the urge to pre-score applications and use preliminary figures as a "guestimate" to the likelihood of an application to be funded. These figures change frequently and as we saw in 2020, funds become available that we did not originally anticipate. So if you have an eligible project, please submit an application.



Application Updates

- Grant Administration – up to 16% of funds requested for construction/acquisition or \$35,000, whichever is less.
- Engineering Services – up to 25% of funds requested for construction/acquisition or \$55,000, whichever is less.
- If actual costs exceed this amount, matching funds will be assigned to these costs.

Let's talk general application updates.... Admin/engineering caps have been updated to include a dollar amount threshold of \$35K and \$55K respectively (Except for CFC, which we'll get to). So If actual costs exceed these caps, matching funds will be assigned.



Application Updates - Resolution

- Authorizes submission of application
- Designates authorized representative to execute application and subsequent contractual documents
- Authorizes appropriate personnel to execute environmental documents
- Authorizes appropriate personnel to request funds to reimburse project costs
- Check out Appendix V for Sample Resolution

The sample resolution in the app guides has been updated to include a few more items; now the resolution can authorize signatories for contract execution, environmental review, and cost reimbursement if an application is funded. Hopefully, this will help streamline some early steps in the contract process and communities can begin their grant projects a little quicker.



Jurisdiction of Applications

Project beneficiaries must reside within applicant's jurisdiction.

If only a portion reside within jurisdiction, application must partner with another eligible unit of local government that has jurisdiction in the remaining portion.

Partnering with an applicant will not prevent the partnering jurisdiction from submitting a separate and unrelated application in the same round, so long as:

- Projects in separate applications do not serve the same (or substantially the same) service/benefit area; and
- Projects in separate locations will not be conducted in the same physical location

TDA will make the final decision for any service/benefit areas or locations determined to be substantially the same.

The language surrounding multi-jurisdictional applications has been clarified in the new guidance. Project beneficiaries must reside within an applicant's jurisdiction. And for single jurisdiction applications, which is the bulk of projects we see, this pretty self-explanatory language. However, if only a portion of the project beneficiaries reside within the jurisdiction of the applicant community, they must partner with another eligible unit of local government that has jurisdiction in the remaining portion of the project.

Partnering does not prevent partnering jurisdiction from submitting a separate and unrelated application in the same round so long as the project do not serve the same benefit area and are in separate locations.



Coming Soon!

- Guide to National Program Objective
 - Subsequent webinar to be hosted
- Instructions for completing TxCDBG applications in [TDA-Go!](#)



TDA-Go!

- TDA is introducing a new online grant management system, called **Texas Department of Agriculture – Grants Online (TDA-GO!)**.
- Anticipated to be launched for public access in January 2021
- Application submissions shall be accepted through TDA-GO! system

Speaking of that, we're excited to announce our new online grant management system, TDA GO! We anticipate a mid-January launch for public access and will be the platform for 2021 TxCDBG application submissions.



TDA-Go!

TDA will set up the “organization” for communities with recent contracts and will confirm contact information with local staff.

Authorized Signatory of the organization (city/county) will begin the application and add consultant role for application preparation assistance.

Authorized Signatory must certify and submit the application on behalf of applicant community.

Each community will have an organizational account, and TDA will set up accounts for recent contracts and confirm contact information with local staff.

Within the organization, each person involved in the application and contract process will have an individual account and login information. The authorized signatory of the organization (city/county) will begin the application and add consultant account(s) for application preparation assistance.

Authorized signatory must certify and submit the application.

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s of Purple. Constructions shall include the installation of two new pumps, pond aerator

In tandem with TDA-Go's public launch, more specific instructions on application completion will be published. But for now, here's a sneak peak at some of the features we're most excited about.

Similar to the "Project Summary" narrative section of the paper application, the new "Project Beneficiaries and Locations" area of the online application is broken down by benefit area (which is terminology the program will be transitioning to from "target area" and "service area" language). So in our example, the City is applying for citywide sewer improvements, and sewer improvements and first-time service in the Gilmore Street benefit area. Therefore, the application will generate a "benes and locations" page for citywide 03J, Gilmore Street 03J activities, and Gilmore Street 14A activities.

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Project Beneficiaries and Locations

Please complete this page for each target area and save the page. Use the "Add" button to add a new form for a new target area. Required fields are marked with an *

Please enter your benefit area and the HUD activity code. If you do not know the HUD activity code, click here for a description of each code. *

Benefit Area * Citywide 8 of 30

Activity * 03

1. Summarize the problem(s) to be addressed within the application for this benefit area. *

The City of Purple's wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) has components that are aged and deteriorated, resulting in frequent maintenance issues and unauthorized sewage discharge downstream. The main pump and aerator have been intermittently functional and need replacement. Additionally, the pond liner is aged and prone to leaks.

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2. Identify the action(s) to resolve any problem(s) and their anticipated outcomes. Include specific materials and quantities. *

Example: Contractor shall provide first-time sewer service connections to 25 households in the Addison neighborhood in the southwest portion of the city. Construction shall include the installation of yardlines, tap fees and decommission of existing septic tanks.

Contractor shall replace components at the wastewater treatment plant and rehabilitate the pond liner to reduce threats to public health and provide more reliable service to the residents of Purple. Construction shall include the installation of two new pumps, pond aerator, valves, and rehabilitation of pond liner.

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As you can see in the top right-hand corner, the online system allows for application data to be easily saved and modified later.

Fundamentally, many of the questions and fields from previous paper versions of TxCDBG applications will be included in the online form.

Benefit Area Location

3. Provide a brief description of the location of the work to be performed for this benefit area/activity. *

Example: This water treatment plant is located at 101 County Road 4011, and serves the Smith Water Supply Corporation throughout the southeastern portion of Smith County.

The wastewater treatment facility is located at 123 Aubrey Street and serves the entire community of Purple, Texas.

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For linear projects, identify the location of the work to be performed for this benefit area/activity. List separately each street or line that will be constructed.

Example:
On Main Street - From 1st Avenue - To 5th Avenue
On 5th Avenue - From Main Street - To Oak Lane

On

From

To

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4. Does the applicant or service provider own all real property required for the project site? *

☐ Yes, all required property acquisition is complete

☐ No, property acquisition is in progress

☐ No, acquisition not yet begun

☒ Yes, property acquisition is not necessary

Identify the County, Census Tract, and all blocks within that census tract in which project beneficiaries reside: *

Again, these are fields that should be familiar to most veteran-applicants; a narrative area to describe the benefit area, repeatable street fields to describe linear projects, and questions relating to project site acquisition.

Beneficiary Identification Information

5. Enter the following beneficiary information for this benefit area / activity *

Total Beneficiaries for this Activity	Total Low/Moderate Income Beneficiaries for this Activity	LMI Ratio
<input type="text" value="1,000"/>	<input type="text" value="555"/>	55.50 %

6. Are any of the beneficiaries receiving a direct benefit? (e.g. First-time Service)? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

7. Select a method for identifying beneficiaries: *

☐ TxDBG survey

☒ LMISD information

Select all that apply. *

☒ City-wide Benefit (Place) ☐ County-wide Benefit ☐ Census Designated Place(other than city) ☐ Other Census Designated Unit

☐ Limited Clientele determination (TDA prior approval required)

County Code	Census Tract (6 digit)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Beneficiary support documentation (Press "*" for additional upload fields) *

The Beneficiary Identification Information section captures similar information as the Table 1's beneficiary info section – total / LMI benes in benefit area, direct benefit, method of identifying beneficiaries, and census tract information. This is also the area that beneficiary documentation will be uploaded, by benefit/target area. So in this example, the citywide 03J activity was qualified using LMISD data, so a screenshot of the appropriate data would be uploaded here. And survey questionnaires, tabulation form(s) and address lists would be uploaded here for benefit areas qualifying using income survey method.

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Beneficiaries and Locations

Area and save the page.

Create a new target area.

HUD activity code. If you do not know the HUD activity code, click here for a descriptive list of activity codes.

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at the wastewater treatment plant and rehabilitate the pond liner to reduce threats to the surrounding area. Purple. Constructions shall include the installation of two new pumps, pond aerator

So as you begin to conceptualize potential TxCDBG eligible projects, think about them in terms of “benefit area” as you draft project summaries, cost estimates, and compile beneficiary documentation.



Application Steps

- Identify/hire application preparer and application engineer
 - [Professional Services Page](#)
 - [TxCDBG Implementation Manual](#) (Ch 5)
- Citizen Participation
 - Conduct public hearing to solicit feedback regarding community needs
- Begin project design
- Collect beneficiary documentation

While we wait for TDA-Go launch, what should folks do in the meantime?

1. Get started on the procurement process for an application preparer (grant administrator) and application engineering services; both vendors are often essential in the project development process.
2. Begin citizen participation activities; schedule public hearings to receive input from community stakeholders, and begin brainstorming fair housing activities to undertake.
3. Once an app preparer and engineer have been hired, begin discussing public feedback received and feasible projects that will meet stated community needs.
4. With assistance of application preparer and application engineer, identify benefit area(s), cost estimates, LMI beneficiaries, and begin collecting beneficiary data.



Professional Services Procurement

- Communities must procure application preparer and application engineer before the provider(s) conduct any work to prepare the application for TxCDBG funding.
- **Now is the time to procure and award service contracts for TxCDBG programs your community intends to apply for!**
- Check out TxCDBG Training page for link to recorded webinar about procurement processes

The sooner your community awards a service contract for needed professional services, the quicker they can begin working with you to develop a project and application. All TxCDBG applications are a significant coordination effort and have public consultation requirements, so be sure to allow your vendors ample time during the application period.

For more details, check out our training page to view the recorded webinar about the procurement process.



Citizen Participation - Timeline

1. Notification and completion of public hearing to discuss the following

- Public notice must be given at least **72 hours prior** to scheduled hearing
- Public hearing should be scheduled after 5:00PM on weekday or convenient time on Sat/Sun

Public hearing must not occur **after** resolution to authorize the application(s) submission is adopted

2. Notice of availability of a proposed application for public review and comment:

- Public notice must be given at least **5 days prior** to application submittal

First the applicant will notify the public of the upcoming public hearing. This should be done at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing.

Then, after receiving input on the community's needs, the application is drafted.

Then, city council or commissioner's court will adopt a resolution to authorize the submission of the application.

Afterward, the city/county will notify the public of the application's availability for review for at least 5 days prior to the app submittal.



Citizen Participation - Details

1. Notification and completion of public hearing to discuss the following:
 - Housing and community development needs
 - **Each TxCDBG fund category the community is considering applying under and funding available**
 - All eligible activities under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program
 - Community's use of past TxCDBG contract funds, if applicable
 - Estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that will meet the needs of LMI persons
 - Plans the locality will implement to minimize displacement of persons and assistance to those displaced as a result of TxCDBG activities, if applicable
2. Notice of availability of a proposed application for public review and comment:
 - **The TxCDBG fund categories for which applications will be submitted**
 - The amount of TxCDBG funds requested in each application
 - Short description of the proposed project in each application
 - The locations of the project activities in each application
 - The location and hours when the application will be available for review

Here's the process in a little more detail - the public hearing should cover the topics listed in the slide and provide an opportunity for comments and suggestions. Please note that one public hearing can be conducted for applicants submitting in multiple fund categories but should list each fund category to be considered in the public hearing notice and meeting agenda.

Once an application has been developed, an applicant should make efforts to notify the public about the application and project and provide an opportunity for public review. Again, one published notice can be utilized for applicants submitting in multiple fund categories, but should list each application that is available for review in the notice.



Citizen Participation - Documentation

Public notice documentation for the required public hearing and notice of application availability for public review may be provided in one of the following ways:

1. Full page of newspaper with publication title and date
2. Publishers affidavit and a copy of the notice for the required public hearing
3. Affidavit of posting in public place (see app guide appendices), copy of the notice, **and** screenshot/printout of the publication of notice on applicant's website.

Previously, applicant's had two options in documenting compliance with citizen participation requirements. Now there is an additional option:

Applicants now have the option to post the public notices (for public hearing and application availability) at City Hall/County Courthouse/and other widely accessed locations AND post the public notice on the applicant's website to satisfy this requirement. Both the posting in a public place and publication on the website is required to fully satisfy this element.

If you community does not have a website, please proceed with options 1 or 2.

TxCDBG Program

2021-2022 Community Development (CD) Fund



Application Scoring

Award Maximum: \$350,000

2021-2022 CD Scoring	Points (200)
Regional Project Priorities	50 Points
Unified Scoring Factors	130 Points
State-selected Scoring Factors	20 Points

Relevant Links:

[Regional Project Priorities](#)

[CD Unified Scoring Criteria](#)

[2021-2022 Application Guidance](#)

This spring, each state planning region was tasked with soliciting public input and selecting project priorities for applications submitted from the region. Then on July 9, 2020 the first annual Unified Scoring Committee public hearing was conducted. The 24-member committee, representing each planning region in the state, selected scoring factors for the upcoming 2021-2022 Community Development Fund competition.



Unified Scoring Criteria

Scoring Factor	Points (130)
Match	50 Points
Previous Funding	80 Points

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

Methodology: If the project is for beneficiaries for the entire county, the total population of the county is used. For county applications in unincorporated areas, the population category is based on the actual number of beneficiaries to be served by the project activities. If the project serves beneficiaries for applications submitted by cities, the total city population is used. Data Source: Most recently available ACS 5-year Estimate, Table B01003

Has the applicant been funded in the previous three (3) CD application cycles? (80 Points)

Methodology: Data source documentation will be reviewed and points will be assigned.

The applicant has not received funding during the previous three funding cycles (0x) = 80 points
The applicant has been funded once (1x) during previous three funding cycles = 60 points
The applicant has been funded twice (2x) during the previous three funding cycles = 40 points
The applicant has been funded three times (3x) during the previous three funding cycles = 0 points

The Unified Scoring Committee selected two factors for the 21-22 CD competition; Match and Previous Funding. Match %'s are broken down by population bracket and point breakdowns are listed in the application guide. Previous Funding will consider the previous three fund cycles, so a CD award received any time from 2015-2020 will be considered.



Scoring Updates – TxCDBG Priorities



Early public hearing

- Points shall be received for applicants that conduct the required public hearing at least 90 days prior to application deadline

Fair Housing Activity

Points shall be received for applicants that have conducted at least one activity listed to affirmatively further fair housing between 9/1/2020 and the application deadline

TxCDBG priorities has been updated to include two new factors: Public hearing and Fair Housing.



Best Practices

Utilize available technical assistance!

Email CDBGApps@TexasAgriculture.gov at least 30 days prior to deadline and staff will confirm beneficiary documentation

- Brief project description;
- Description of how residents of the identified service/benefit area will benefit from the proposed improvements;
- Map showing location of proposed improvements AND clear boundaries of the benefit area;
- Supporting documentation for beneficiaries (LMISD or TxCDBG Household Income Survey)



Best Practices

- Include service/benefit area justification
- Project should be included in community needs!
- Revised project scope and/or locations are not accepted after application deadline in response to deficiency email
- If ineligible costs identified and project budget reduced, applicants may not adjust remaining line item's quantity/cost
- If upsizing or downsizing infrastructure, include explanation in application.

TxCDBG Program

2021 Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP)



Updates to Program

Name change: "Downtown Revitalization Program" – but still includes separate Main Street competition!

Award Maximum: \$350,000



Scoring Updates

2020 Score Factors	Points	2021 Scoring	Points
Poverty	10	MHI	10
MHI	10	Unemployment	2
Unemployment	5	Match	15
Match	15	ED Tax	10
ED Tax	5	Priority	10
Priority	5	LMI	5
LMI	10	Previous	17
Previous	15	MS/DRP	10
MS/DRP	10	Citizen Participation	5
App Completeness	10	Past Perf	16
Community Support	5		

There's been some updates to DRP scoring factors – Poverty rate has been removed, unemployment rate and LMI point values reduced, and increased point value for ED tax, project priority, and previous funding. New to scoring this year is Citizen Participation and Past Performance, which are criteria you'll see applied across the competitive programs.



Scoring Update – Citizen Participation



- Points shall be received for applicants that conduct the required public hearing at least 90 days prior to application deadline.
- Get started now on citizen participation!



Scoring Updates – Past Performance



- Timely submission of closeout reports
 - Submit within 60 days of contract end date
- Timeliness of environmental review
 - Complete environmental review within 210 days after contract start date
- Maximum utilization of grant funds awarded
 - Deobligate less than \$10,000
- Timeliness of completing projects (i.e. extensions)
 - Avoid contract extensions when possible
 - Smaller point value (1 pt)



What's a Downtown area?

A downtown district will typically meet the following criteria:

1. The city's historic area of commerce or economic center of the community;
2. May be the area around the courthouse or city square, if the improvements will primarily serve non-governmental buildings;
3. The retail area for the community that does not include single-family dwellings

Recommend including map identifying businesses served by proposed improvements.

TDA has clarified the criteria to provide better technical assistance on what it means to be a downtown area.

TxCDBG Program

2021-2022 Colonia Fund: Construction (CFC)



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- Grant Administration – up to 16% of funds requested for construction/acquisition or \$60,000, whichever is less.
- Engineering Services – up to 25% of funds requested for construction/acquisition or \$85,000, whichever is less.
- If actual costs exceed this amount, matching funds will be assigned to these costs.



Colonia Designation

Each activity must provide benefit to residents of a colonia that is eligible under the Cranston Gonzales Act:

- **Documentation of the colonia's existence prior to 1990:**
 - Subdivision platting;
 - Documentation of residential construction, minimum of 25% of current number of units or 11 units, whichever is less;
 - Photos of colonia community;
 - Newspaper articles or similar publications that reference or describe the colonia community
 - Other available documentation, with TDA approval **prior** to the application deadline
- Proximity to the United States-Mexico Border
- Colonia's geographic boundaries
- Summary of colonia's current potable water supply, sewage systems, and inventory of decent, safe, and sanitary housing
- Photos of the proposed project site that illustrate conditions to be addressed by project



Colonia Benefit Map

Each activity must provide benefit to residents of an eligible colonia. A map should be included with the following:

- The project(s) location;
- The colonia's proximity to the U.S.-Mexico Border
- Documentation of the colonia's geographic location and boundaries;
- The applicant County's jurisdictional boundaries



Project Design

If work is proposed outside colonia boundaries, the applicant must demonstrate that:

- The work is necessary to adequately serve colonia residents;
- Non-colonia residents do not exceed ten (10) housing units or 25% of the total beneficiaries, whichever is less; and
- Proposed location and scope of work is the most reasonable and efficient option available

CFC grant or match funding shall not be used for housing rehabilitation or other improvements on private property that is not located within the colonia community.



Project Design

Application must include one or more “stand-alone” projects and cannot depend on work proposed in any other pending TxCDBG application.



Scoring Updates

2020 CFC Scoring Factors			
Poverty	15		
Per Capita Income	10	2021-2022 CFC Scoring	
Plumbing	5	Plumbing	5
Unemployment	5	Median Household Income	10
LMI	49	LMI	49
Project Priorities	195	Project Priorities	195
Cost per Beneficiary	30	Cost per Beneficiary	30
Comprehensive approach	30	Comprehensive approach	30
Project-Specific Design Criteria	10	Project-Specific Design Criteria	65
Application Completeness	16	Citizen Participation	5
Match	20	Match	20
Past Performance	10	Past Performance	16

Poverty, Unemployment, and application completeness have been removed...
New to scoring this cycle is Citizen Participation and Median Household Income has replaced Per Capital Income.



Scoring Update – Citizen Participation



- Points shall be received for applicants that conduct the required public hearing at least 90 days prior to application deadline.
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Same methodology as DRP and CD



Best Practices

- Project must be stand alone
- Utilize available technical assistance



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