



Orange County CDBG-DR
Public Facilities and Housing Projects Request for Applications (RFA)
Evaluation Criteria for Non-Profit Organizations and Public Housing Authorities

NOTE: All applicants for the CDBG-DR funds for Public Facilities and Housing are required to meet the minimum eligibility criteria of the program and to provide information under each of the scoring categories listed below. The application questions are grouped by scoring categories on ZoomGrants (the system that must be used to submit all applications).

Minimum Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet all the minimum eligibility criteria listed below to be considered for CDBG-DR funding.

1. Proposed project addresses one of the following national objectives of the CDBG program:
1) benefits Low-Moderate Income (LMI) persons/areas, 2) prevents or eliminates slums or blight, or 3) addresses an urgent need.
2. The proposed project is an eligible activity. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:
 - Rehabilitation and/or construction of public facilities serving low- to moderate-income persons or limited clientele, or facilities located in low- to moderate income areas
 - Rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing affordable rental units
 - Construction of new affordable housing units specifically for permanent supportive housing and/or housing for individuals with special needs (such as group home facilities)
 - Rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of public housing units
3. The proposed project includes mitigation and/or resiliency measures.

Scoring Criteria

NOTE: Projects will be scored on a scale of 0 to max points available for each evaluation criteria listed in the description section.

Criteria Category	Description	Points Available
Project Description and Need	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project need is clearly defined, and it aligns with the County's CDBG-DR Action Plan (5 points)• Applicant describes the correlation between the identified need and the proposed project/activity (5 points)• Address a direct or indirect impact of Hurricane Ian (5 points)	15
Agency Competency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant is experienced in carrying out public facilities or housing projects (10 points)• Applicant has demonstrated experience and familiarity with implementation of federally-funded projects (5 points)• Applicant has organizational (staff) and financial (resources) capacity to implement the project, and do so on a reimbursement basis (10 points)	25



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Budget Justification and Leverage of Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant shows that other funding sources (capital budget, insurance, FEMA, etc.) were unavailable or insufficient to fund the project (10 points) Application demonstrates a leverage secured and/or available to fund a portion of the project (10 points) 	20
Project Feasibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project is ready to proceed and/or can be completed within three years (10 points) Project demonstrates a reasonable cost benefit analysis that is proportional to the requested amount (10 points) 	20
Implementation Plan and Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant demonstrates how the project will contribute to the sustainability and resiliency of LMI persons and LMI or vulnerable communities, or addresses the needs of historically underserved communities (10 points) Applicant has the capacity to maintain and operate the projects upon completion, at a minimum, for the duration of the project use period (10 points) 	20
Total Maximum Points Available		100