



**Orange County CDBG-DR  
Infrastructure and Public Facilities Request for Applications (RFA)  
Evaluation Criteria for County Departments & Divisions and Local Jurisdictions**

**NOTE:** All applicants for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of CDBG-DR funds for Infrastructure and Public Facilities Program (the 1<sup>st</sup> round of applications is open to County Departments & Divisions and Local Jurisdictions) 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:
  - Flood control and drainage repair and improvements, including the construction or rehabilitation of storm water management system;
  - Restoration of infrastructure (such as water and sewer facilities, streets, provision of permanent generators, bridges, etc.);
  - Demolition, rehabilitation, or construction of programmatically eligible public or semi-public facilities (such as fire stations, shelters, food banks);
  - Acquisition (easement, right-of-way [ROW]) following Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (URA).
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"> <li>• Project need is clearly defined, and it aligns with the County’s CDBG-DR Action Plan (5 points)</li> <li>• Applicant describes the correlation between the identified need and the proposed project/activity (5 points)</li> <li>• Address a direct or indirect impact of Hurricane Ian or is a mitigation project (5 points)</li> </ul>	15
Agency Competency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant is experienced in carrying out capital and/or infrastructure projects (10 points)</li> <li>• Applicant has demonstrated experience and familiarity with implementation of federally-funded projects (5 points)</li> </ul>	25



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant has organizational (staff) and financial (resources) capacity to implement the project, and do so on a reimbursement basis (10 points)</li> </ul>	
Budget Justification and Leverage of Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant shows that other funding sources (capital budget, insurance, FEMA, etc.) were unavailable or insufficient to fund the project (10 points)</li> <li>Application demonstrates a leverage secured and/or available to fund a portion of the project (10 points)</li> </ul>	20
Project Feasibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project is ready to proceed and/or can be completed within five years (10 points)</li> <li>Project demonstrates a reasonable cost benefit analysis that is proportional to the requested amount (10 points)</li> </ul>	20
Implementation Plan and Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> <li>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)</li> </ul>	20
<b>Total Maximum Points Available</b>		<b>100</b>