



**Orange County CDBG-DR
Public Services Program Request for Applications (RFA)
Evaluation Criteria for Non-Profit Agencies**

NOTE: 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 LMI persons, 2) prevents or eliminates slums or blight, or 3) addresses an urgent need. (NOTE: Benefiting LMI persons is the CDBG national objectives most likely to be used for the CDBG-DR Public Services Program)
2. The proposed project is an eligible activity and addresses the unmet public services needs identified in the approved Orange County CDBG-DR Action Plan, to include one of the following:
 - Self-sufficiency services (i.e. financial literacy, housing search and counseling, legal assistance);
 - Health services/mental health services;
 - Job training/job placement services; and
 - Other economic recovery related services.
3. Proposed project/activity must demonstrate a direct or indirect tie-back to the Hurricane Ian event.

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 |
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| 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) • Applicant demonstrates extensive programmatic knowledge and understanding of the proposed project/activity (5 points) | 15 |
| Organizational Experience and Capacity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant is experienced in implementing an accountable and responsible project/activity that is similar to the proposal in scope and nature, and in administering grant funds (10 points) • Applicant has organizational (staff) and financial (resources) capacity to implement the project, and do so on a reimbursement basis (10 points) | 20 |



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| Fiscal Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant provides sufficient evidence of its financial capacity and a proven track record in managing and completing similar projects/activities (10 points) • Application demonstrates good internal controls and an adequate oversight in managing finances (10 points) | 20 |
| Program Approach and Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant describes a well-designed project/activity, which is clearly aligned with CDBG national objectives and funding priorities identified in the CDBG-DR Action Plan (15 points) • Applicant identifies clearly measured program outcomes and outputs that demonstrate positive impact on persons and households affected by the Hurricane Ian event (10 points) | 25 |
| Implementation Plan and Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant provides a complete, accurate, and reasonable budget for the proposed project/activity, to include line items and the budget narrative (10 points) • Applicant lists additional funding sources/leverage for the proposed project/activity (10 points) | 20 |
| Total Maximum Points Available | | 100 |