



**Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources
Notice of Funding Availability
Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Assistance
(CDBG-DR)**

****ROUND TWO****

I. Funding Opportunity: CDBG-DR Overview

With this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Guidance, the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR) is announcing that \$5,610,850 of Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant – DR (CDBG-DR) funds are available to eligible municipalities to respond to loss of housing as an impact of the disaster events occurring in 2018.

CDBG-DR funds were appropriated through the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2018 for disaster relief of unmet needs resulting from severe storms, tornadoes, flooding that occurred August 17-September 14, 2018 in the State. These funds have been awarded to DEHCR by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This NOFA should be read in conjunction with the 2018 State of Wisconsin Action Plan for CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds. The Action Plan for CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds is available on the DEHCR website at https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/AboutDOA/CDBG_Disaster-Recovery.aspx

1. **Eligible Municipalities:** Round Two CDBG-DR funds are available to local units of government located in the Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) area to include: Dane and Vernon Counties.
2. **National Objective Compliance:** All activities funded with Round Two CDBG-DR funds must meet the following CDBG National Objective:
 - a. Benefitting low and moderate income (LMI) persons (\leq 80% county median income (CMI) as adjusted for household size),
3. **Award and Distribution:** 100% or \$5,610,850 of the available funding will be awarded to units of general local government (UGLG) in the MID counties of Dane and Vernon.

DEHCR reserves the right to reallocate CDBG-DR funds among activities and municipalities to best address the needs and requirements of municipalities to respond to the disaster. Additionally, DEHCR reserves the right to award all or only part of the funds requested in any proposal in whole or in part, or to reject any and all proposals received. Maximum award amount is \$3,000,000 per eligible project. Local units of government may submit more than one application.

DEHCR reserves the right at any time and without notice to cancel or recommence this NOFA, narrow or amend its scope, or reject any and all responses if DEHCR determines that a fair and open competitive procurement has been compromised or that doing so is in the best interest of the State. DEHCR reserves the right to use this NOFA and responsive applications to allocate future CDBG-DR awards without further notice.

II. CDBG-DR Eligible Activities

The use of the CDBG-DR funds may be used to address the following activities, with primary emphasis and preference to the construction of new housing units.

1. Construct new housing units
2. Convert underutilized buildings to new housing units
3. Acquisition and demolition

Housing development requires meeting minimum green building standards and an affordability period. See our website for additional information.

III. Application Requirements and Process

Municipalities wishing to apply for funding of any of the eligible activities described in this notice should submit only one application for each activity/project. CDBG-DR funds are awarded through a competitive process. For each Grant Application received on or before the Application Submission Deadline, DEHCR reviews, scores, & ranks the Applications based on a pre-approved list of scoring criteria. Successful Applications must meet a CDBG National Objective (in accordance with HUD program regulations).

Final funding decisions are at the sole discretion of the State of Wisconsin and may not be reflective of the rankings.

On April 30, 2021 Application Forms and Instructions will be available at:

https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/AboutDOA/CDBG_Disaster-Recovery.aspx

IV. Evaluation:

DEHCR will evaluate all applications according to the following criteria. Total possible points 145.

Unmet Need: 35 possible points.

Applicants must quantify and document the unmet need in the identified project area. Examples may include number of housing units lost due to the 2018 disaster, amount of tax base lost, document demand for replacement housing, number of units waiting for FEMA buyout assistance and proposed use of CDBG as local match.

Scale and Impact: 25 possible points.

The extent to which application activities will directly address unmet need. Applications that document the most severe needs will be awarded the most points.

- Severe Need = 12-25 points will be awarded to projects needed to alleviate a significant existing problem. Severe need is determined where applicant has shown devastating economic, social and physical impacts of the disaster. Documentation examples may include the loss of housing units, destruction of infrastructure, loss of tax base, loss of essential services.
- Moderate Need = 6-11 points will be awarded to projects needed to alleviate a moderately serious problem.
- Slight Need = 0 to 5 points will be awarded to projects needed to address a less serious problem.

Project Readiness: 25 possible points.

The extent to which applicants have completed pre-project planning activities and projects are “shovel ready”. Project readiness may include the following: site control, proper zoning, conceptual site plan and elevations, if applicable preliminary engineering plan. Higher scoring applications will document availability of matching funds if appropriate, developer commitments without contingency other than

CDBG funding, or other funding sources are committed without contingencies. Applicant must show evidence for how proposed program or project will mobilize and operate in a timely manner.

Community Distress: 20 possible points

- Median Household Income (MHI) - UGLGs will be awarded up to 5 points based on their community's MHI in comparison to the statewide median.
- UGLGs will be awarded up to 5 points based on their community's level of unemployment rates in comparison to the statewide median.
- Per Capita Property Value - UGLGs will be awarded up to 5 points based on their community's per capita property value in comparison to the statewide median.
- Property Tax Rate - UGLGs will be awarded up to 5 points based on their community's property tax rate in comparison to the statewide average.

Capacity to Deliver: 20 possible points

Taking into consideration the applicant's and partner's demonstrated ability to deliver services and perform activities, while also complying with CDBG requirements. Each project must be capable of being undertaken (design and construction) immediately to provide outcomes to intended beneficiaries affected by the disaster. For new housing units developers and staff must have completed at least one housing development equal to at least half the size of the intended project. Consideration will also be given to applicants past performance with CDBG projects including outstanding monitoring findings, ineligible project repayments, and timeliness in completing past projects.

Proposes Cost Reasonable Budget: 20 possible points

Proposal budgets reflect cost reasonableness and affirmative efforts to leverage CDBG-DR funds with additional funding to address unmet needs. Budget narrative reflects research, quotes and/or contracted pricing.

V. CDBG-DR Round Two Application Timeline

NOFA posted:	April 30, 2021
Application available:	April 30, 2021
Applications due:	November 19, 2021
Anticipated Award date:	December 17, 2021

Applications must be submitted by email to doabcd@wisconsin.gov Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 19, 2021. Applications received late or incomplete will not be considered.