

2023/2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program
Texas Department of Agriculture - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Provide infrastructure improvements to address the conditions that contribute to the deterioration in an area having no or inadequate services to meet current standards.

Maximum Award: \$500,000
Applications Due: Estimated Spring '23

Eligible Applicants:

- Incorporated municipality (cities of less than 50,000 population, counties of less than 200,000 population)
- Non-profit utility service providers sponsored by either a County or City (scoring is based on the city or county)
- Municipality must collect either a Sales Tax or Property Tax

Requirements:

- Audit for Fiscal Year 2021 (ARPA funds can be used for this.)
- Current SAM Registration
- Project must Benefit 51% Low to Moderate Income area (by census LMISD or Household surveys)

Eligible Activities IF they benefit a 51% Low to Moderate income (LMI) area:

- Water System Improvements
- Wastewater System Improvements
- Road/Street Improvements
 - The 3 above categories are typically highest scoring. Refer to each COG scoring criteria.
- Drainage Improvements
- Gas System Improvements

Local Match percentage for maximum points:

- 2% - Population less than 1,500
- 5% - Population less than 5,000
- 10% - Population less than 10,000
- 15% - Population over 10,000
 - Please refer to 23-24 scoring sheet for population. TDA requires specific ACS data to be used.

Ineligible activities:

- Construction of buildings and facilities used for the general conduct of government (e.g., city halls and courthouses).
- Financing of political activities;
- Purchase of construction equipment;
- Income payments, such as housing allowances;
- Activities in a floodway;
- New housing construction;
- Operation and maintenance expenses of public facilities, improvements, and services

Selection Criteria:

- Council of Governments (COG) regional priorities will determine project. Community will need to pick 1st priority.

Fees:

- General Administration – up to 16% of funds requested for construction and acquisition activities or \$45,000, whichever is less.
- Engineering Services - up to 25% of funds requested for construction and acquisition activities or \$65,000, whichever is less.