

Memo

2023/2024 CDBG Grant

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will open the 2023/2024 CDBG grants in October 2022. There have been major changes to the program this year compared to previous cycles:

- Maximum grant request of \$500,000
- Required match between 2% and 15%, depending upon population (Glen Rose is expected to have a 5% match)
- Simplified scoring results in communities that have not received a grant in the last 6 years will be extremely competitive
 - Communities that have received a grant in the last 6 years will be significantly less likely to receive a CD grant in 2023 or 2024
- FY 2021 Audit will be required with grant submission in early 2023
- Glen Rose can apply for water, sewer, street, drainage and other eligible improvements
- Glen Rose will most likely have to complete a beneficiary survey to qualify any project
- Applications must be submitted in online TDA-Go system
- Communities are still required to procure administration and engineering vendors prior to beginning detailed work on the application

In reviewing the preliminary grant scoring, it appears Glen Rose will fall in the “second tier” of applicants that have received 1 CDBG grant in the last 6 years. While there is a possibility Glen Rose may ultimately receive a CDBG grant, I would estimate the likelihood of a grant award at around 10% this year (an award would require a significantly low number of applications be submitted and a significantly high number of disqualifications to occur, which is possible). With that said, it is understandable if the City does want to submit a grant application this year. If that is the case, I would recommend the City consider a street project as this project type has shown to be the most likely type of project to be funded under the current programmatic rules and restrictions.

If the City wants to pursue this grant opportunity, you should begin administrative and engineering procurement very soon so these professional vendors can assist you with the TDA-Go system, conducting the public hearing, and advising on any required beneficiary survey.