



**Orange County CDBG-DR
Planning Program Request for Applications (RFA)
Evaluation Criteria for County Departments & Divisions and Local Municipalities**

NOTE: The application questions are grouped by scoring categories on Zoom Grants (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. The proposed project is a planning eligible activity.
 - Planning activities must benefit programs, services, or communities in Orange County. According to 24 CFR 570.205, activities such as general planning to support recovery and resiliency, identifying community needs, or creating comprehensive plans are all considered eligible activities for the Planning Program.
 - Planning activities should consist of data gathering, studies, analysis, plan preparation, and the identification of actions that will implement such plans.
2. The proposed project has a tie-back to the disaster events that occurred in September 2022, including a direct or indirect impact of the result of Hurricane Ian, OR the proposed project is a mitigation-only and/or resiliency project.

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"> • 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) • Address a direct or indirect impact of Hurricane Ian or is a mitigation project (5 points) 	15
Agency Competency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant is experienced in carrying out planning projects (10 points) • Applicant has demonstrated experience and familiarity with implementation of federally funded projects (5 points) • Applicant has organizational (staff) and financial (resources) capacity to implement the project, and do so on a reimbursement basis (10 points) 	25
Budget Justification and Cost Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant shows that other funding sources (federal, state, local grants, FEMA, etc.) were unavailable to fund the project (10 points) • Application demonstrates an overall cost effectiveness of the project, based on the proposed budget and ability to complete/manage (10 points) 	20



Project Feasibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is ready to proceed and can be completed within a reasonable timeframe (10 points) • Project demonstrates a reasonable cost benefit analysis that is proportional to the requested amount (10 points) 	20
Implementation and Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • Applicant shows how the proposed project can positively impact or complement other projects/activities being implemented under the CDBG-DR Program to support long-term hurricane recovery efforts (10 points) 	20
Total Maximum Points Available		100