

CDBG Construction Programs

2025 Round 2 Updates

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Goal 1-Improve
community water,
wastewater, and
stormwater

Goal 2-Support
community
revitalization and
historic preservation

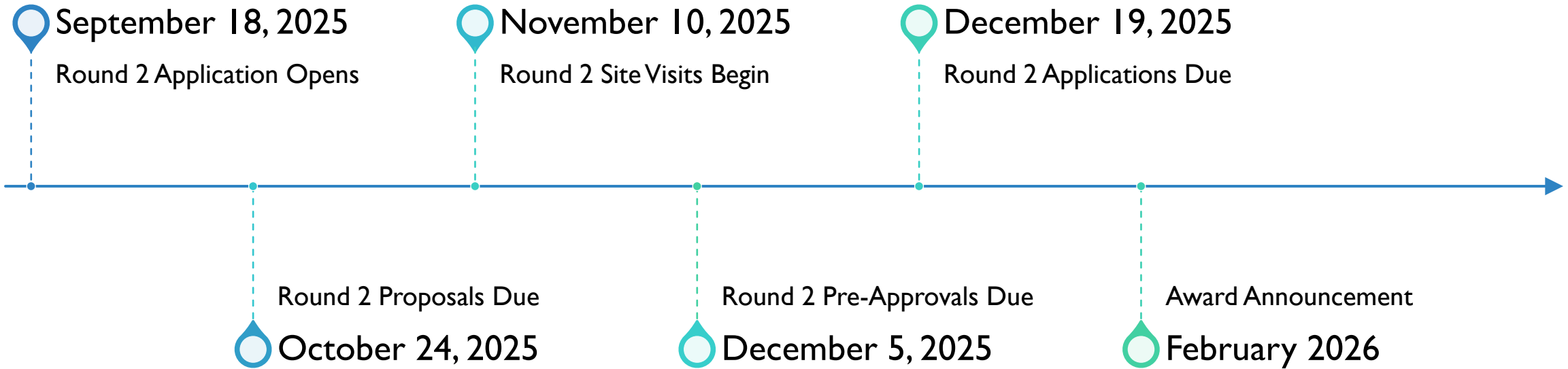


Goal 3-Provide
planning grants to
local governments

Goal 4-Preserve
owner occupied
homes



Goal 5-Foster
community resilience
through grant
programs



2025 Round 2 Timeline



Revised Application Requirements

- ▶ The applicant must have an active SAM registration by the application deadline.
- ▶ At the time of application submission, an applicant must not have more than three open CDBG grants or pending awards (for cities and incorporated towns) or four open CDBG grants or pending awards (for counties).
- ▶ **NEW:** For applicants with open PreservINg, Stellar, or any other capacity building program as stipulated by OCRA must have achieved closeout of the grant successfully before the deadline set by OCRA for receiving funding applications.
- ▶ At the time of application submission, the applicant must not have any overdue or outstanding semi-annual reports, closeout reports, State Board of Accounts audit findings, or unresolved monitoring issues from OCRA/IHCDA.
 - ▶ **NEW:** Applicants can now view their overdue status in the CDBG Project Timeliness Report on the CDBG webpage, which is updated monthly.

Revised: General Selection Criteria

A **proposal** is a document submitted by a **non-entitlement unit of local government** that provides a comprehensive overview of a proposed CDBG project.

It must include:

- A description of the project and its objectives
- Identification of the principal parties involved
- A detailed project budget
- An explanation of how the project aligns with the goals of the **Federal Act**

The proposal must constitute at least **95% completion** of all required documentation and information intended for the final application submission.



Please note: OCRA reserves the right to **invite or exclude** any applicant from proceeding to the final application stage, based on the proposal submitted.

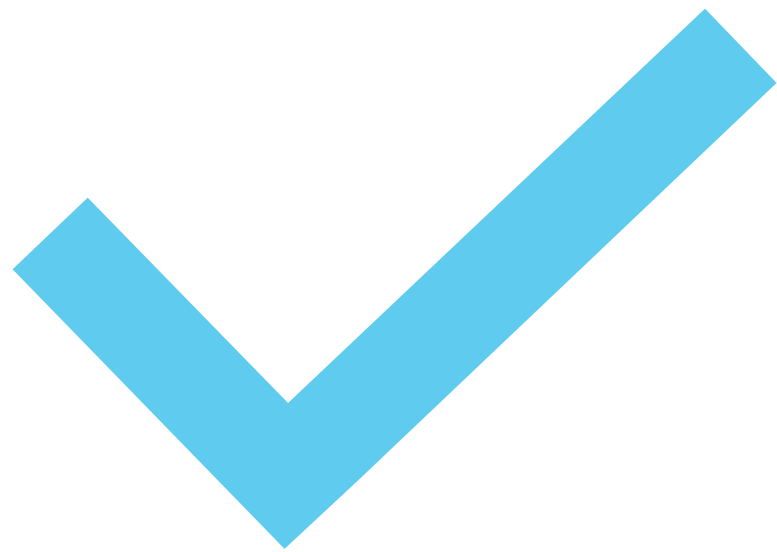
Revised Proposal Parameters

Revised Instruction Format

- ▶ The format of the application instructions is currently being updated to ensure that key dates and important information are clearly highlighted. These revisions are intended to make the document more user-friendly and easier to navigate.

Project Design Factors Updates

	2025 Construction Program: Project Design Factors
	Total Possible: 300 points
	PROJECT DESCRIPTION 50 points
4.1	Project Description
4.1.a	Provide a detailed description of the program without the use of technical language. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give an overview of the project in two to three sentences.
4.1.b	Write at least three clear, specific, and objectively measurable outcomes for the proposed program. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This section should include a baseline, a specific desired outcome, and how each of these are or will be measured.• Note, the completion of the project itself is not considered an outcome.
4.2	Scope of Work
4.2.a	Write a scope of work that is clear and logical for the type of project. Note any ineligible items.
4.2.b	Correlate the scope of work with the detailed budget. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include per item costs in the detailed budget.• Be specific about soft costs in the detailed budget.• Double check calculations before submitting detailed budget.• Detailed budget should be uploaded as an excel document.
4.3	Project Development and Support
	Provide description and documentation of the project development process spanning at least three to six months. Project development should include evidence of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research and identification of issues and solutions for this specific project• Evaluation of multiple alternatives• Multiple methods of public input• Provide timeline showing milestones of development process



Community Development Block Grant 2025 Round 2: Program Changes

National Objective=

Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight

Blight Clearance
Program:
Demolition or
Clearance Activities

Demolition or Clearance:

- Applicant has a Slum/Blight Resolution for the project area that is no more than 10 years old (50 pts)
- The project site is a brownfield (25 pts)
- The building or site has completed a Phase I ESA (15 pts)
- The building received a condemnation order that its at least 3 years old (10 pts)

Blight Clearance Program

Address residential and non-residential buildings that pose significant health and safety concerns in the communities and meet the definition of blight.



Note: Eligible properties have changed. Eligible activities remain the same.

- ▶ **National Objective:** Prevention of Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight
- ▶ **Eligible Activity:**
 - ▶ Acquisition
 - ▶ Clearance
 - ▶ Demolition
 - ▶ Remediation Activities
- ▶ **Eligible Property Types:**
 - ▶ Non-Residential Properties
 - ▶ **New:** Residential Properties
 - ▶ Vacant single-family homes or residential buildings with up to four units
 - ▶ Must have been condemned at least 3 years prior to the submission of the application
 - ▶ Ownership by local unit of government or eligible subrecipient
 - ▶ Must submit a site evaluation matrix
 - ▶ ER Section 106 Consultation must be completed prior to submission of the application.

Maximum Grant Award	Maximum Per Beneficiary
\$500,000	Limited to \$5,000 cost per project beneficiary

National Objective=

Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight



Facilities Program

Historical Preservation Activities

- Applicant has Slum/Blight Resolution for the project area that is no more than 10 years old. (50 pts.)
- The building is historical building (10 pts).
- The project site is a brownfield (10pts)
- The building or district is listed on or is eligible for listing on the Indiana or National Register of Historic Places (10 pts)
- The building is on the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana's "10 Most Endangered List" (20 pts)

National Objective=

Benefit to Low- and Moderate-Income

Facilities
Program

Benefit to Low- and Moderate-Income: Area Basis

- 100 points maximum awarded according to the percentage of low- and moderate-income individuals to be served by the project. The total points given are computed as follows:
 - **NO = % Low/Mod Beneficiaries x 1**

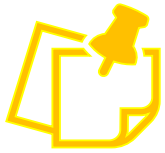
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Benefit to Low- and Moderate-Limited Clientele

- 51 points minimum awarded according to the percentage of low- and moderate-income individuals to be served by the project

Facilities Program

Updated to support the rehabilitation and restoration of historic buildings and public facilities.



Note: Eligible Activities have NOT changed. Explicitly allows for the rehab of Historical Properties under the Facilities Program.

Maximum Grant Award	Maximum Per Beneficiary
\$750,000	Limited to \$5,000 cost per project beneficiary

- ▶ **National Objective: Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight or Benefit to Low- to Moderate Income Persons**
- ▶ **Two Types of Facilities : (End use of the facility)**
 - ▶ Public Facilities
 - ▶ **Historical Facilities Preservation**
- ▶ **Eligible Activities Remain the Same**
- ▶ **Program Specific Points**
 - ▶ Public Facilities
 - ▶ Philanthropic Contributions (20 pts)
 - ▶ Project Sustainability (20 pts)
 - ▶ **Green Infrastructure (10 points)**
 - ▶ **Program Specific Points: Historical Facilities Preservation**
 - ▶ **Local Government Incentives (25 pts)**-A maximum of 25 points will be awarded for local governments that have established and documented their own incentives, such as property tax abatements or reductions for historic properties, to encourage homeowners and businesses to maintain and restore historic structures.
 - ▶ **Local Grant Funding (25 pts)**-A maximum of 25 points will be awarded for local historical preservation grant programs that are made available to support local restoration and preservation projects.

National Objective=

Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight

Mainstreet Revitalization Program

Historical Preservation Activities

- Applicant has Slum/Blight Resolution for the project area that is no more than 10 years old. (50 pts.)
- The building is historical building (10 pts)
- The project site is a brownfield (10pts)
- The building or district is listed on or is eligible for listing on the Indiana or National Register of Historic Places (10 pts)
- The building is on the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana's "10 Most Endangered List" (20 pts)

Main Street Revitalization Program

The program will allow streetscape and ally activation as eligible activities.



Note: Green infrastructure added to program specific points. Ensure to utilized the correct National Objective. No other changes to this program.

- ▶ **National Objective: Prevention or Elimination of Slums**
- ▶ Program Specific Points
 - ▶ Community is designated as a Nationally Accredited Main Street Organization (10 pts)
 - ▶ Documentation of active and continued involvement in the application and project by the Main Street Organization (10 pts)
 - ▶ Main Street Organization has provided proof of philanthropic match for the project (10 pts max)
 - ▶ The project has unique design elements or is part of a community branding effort (10 points max)
 - ▶ **Project design includes green infrastructure elements (10 points max)**

Total Project Cost	Maximum Grant Award
Total project cost over \$2 million	\$600,000
Total project cost under \$2 million	\$500,000

National Objective=

Benefit to Low- and Moderate-Income

Wastewater Drinking
Water Program

Stormwater
Improvement
Program

Benefit to Low- and Moderate-Income

- 100 points maximum awarded according to the percentage of low- and moderate-income individuals to be served by the project. The total points given are computed as follows:
 - **NO= % Low/Mod Beneficiaries x**
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Stormwater Improvement Program



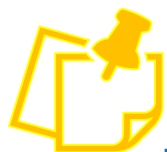
Note: NO changes to this program

Maximum Grant Award	Maximum Per Beneficiary
\$750,000	Limited to \$5,000 cost per project beneficiary

- ▶ **National Objective: Benefit to Low- to Moderate Income Persons**
- ▶ **Program Specific Points**
 - ▶ Financial Gap (10 pts)
 - ▶ Green Infrastructure (15 pts)
 - ▶ Project Sustainability (25 pts)
 - ▶ 0 points – under \$3 monthly Stormwater utility user rate
 - ▶ 10 points – \$3-\$5 monthly stormwater utility user rate
 - ▶ 25 points – \$5 or higher monthly stormwater utility user rate

Wastewater Drinking Water

Adjustments were made to the wastewater drinking water user benchmarks to address legislative taskforce recommendations



Note: Change only applied to rate used in determining sustainability points.

- ▶ **National Objective: Benefit to Low-to Moderate Income Persons**
- ▶ **Program Specific Points**
 - ▶ Financial Gap (10 pts)
 - ▶ Green Infrastructure (15 pts)
 - ▶ Project Sustainability (25 pts)
 - ▶ 0 points-less than \$55 combined user rates
 - ▶ 10 points-\$55-\$100 combined user rates
 - ▶ 25 points-More than \$100 combined user rates

Maximum Grant Award	Rates for 4,000 gallons		
	Rates over \$50	Rates \$30-\$50	Rates under \$30
Total project cost over \$1 million	\$750,000	\$700,000	\$650,000
Total project cost under \$1 million	\$700,000	\$650,000	\$600,000



CDBG Programmatic Policies Changes



- ▶ The following policies went into effect on September 1, 2025. Prior to their implementation, they were posted for a 30-day public comment period on the CDBG Policies Website.
- ▶ CDBG Policy Notice 2025-002 Project Overdue Policy
- ▶ CDBG Policy Notice 2025-003 Income Survey Policy
- ▶ CDBG Policy Notice 2025-004 In-Kind Contribution Policy

Now available on the CDBG Policies Website

CDBG Policy Notice 2025- 002 Project Overdue Policy

- ▶ This policy revised the established OCRA's overdue policy for CDBG funded projects to ensure timely project completion.
- ▶ Projects listed on the CDBG Project Timeliness Report are ineligible for funding unless the unresolved issue is addressed.
- ▶ To avoid listing on the CDBG Project Timeliness Report:
 - ▶ Submit closeout requests in GMS by the project's assigned completion date (not the grant expiration date).
 - ▶ Address unresolved findings within 30 days of notification.
 - ▶ Submit all required reports (including sub-recipient and semi-annual) on time.
 - ▶ Meet administrative deadlines (e.g., ER, ROF, Pre-ROF) or request extensions before the deadline. Late extension requests will not be accepted.

CDBG Policy Notice 2025-002 Project Overdue Policy

Monthly Reporting Requirements

- ▶ Projects on the CDBG Timeliness Report must submit monthly progress updates via GMS using the Status Report feature.
- ▶ Reporting continues until the overdue status is resolved.
- ▶ Projects become ineligible immediately upon overdue status—even if not yet listed publicly.

Submission Procedures & Communication

- ▶ If progress is lacking, further corrective actions and findings may be issued.
- ▶ Notifications sent to the Chief Elected Official and Grant Administrator detailing overdue status and required actions.
- ▶ The Timeliness Report is publicly accessible and updated monthly on OCRA's website.

CDBG Policy Notice 2025- 003 Income Survey Policy

- ▶ This policy updates the previous CDBG Policy Notice 2024-005 and It outlines new requirements for conducting income surveys, revises documentation standards, and sets a timeline for resubmission if the final LMI percentage is unsuccessful.

Income Survey Process Considerations

- Communities must demonstrate a combined LMI percentage and margin of error (MOE) of at least 40% to be considered. The justification letter must meet the minimum standards in order to be considered for review.
- MOE must not exceed 10%; if lower per ACS data, the lower value must be used.

Requesting an Income Survey Process

- The request must be submitted via GMS and include a justification letter outlining the service area, current LMI %, MOE and a detailed map.
- Denials reasoning is provided via GMS and email

CDBG Policy Notice 2025- 003 Income Survey Policy

► **Step 2 – Pre-Income Survey Data**

The following documentation must be uploaded to GMS: the master population list, the randomized sample list, the Excel sheet calculator (CDBG Income Survey Toolkit), and the income limits used for the assessment

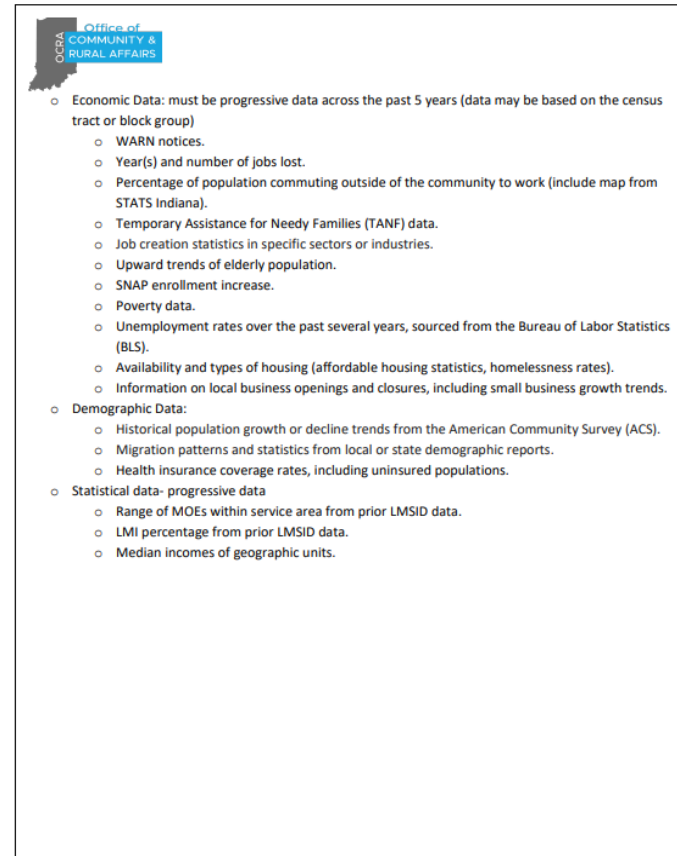
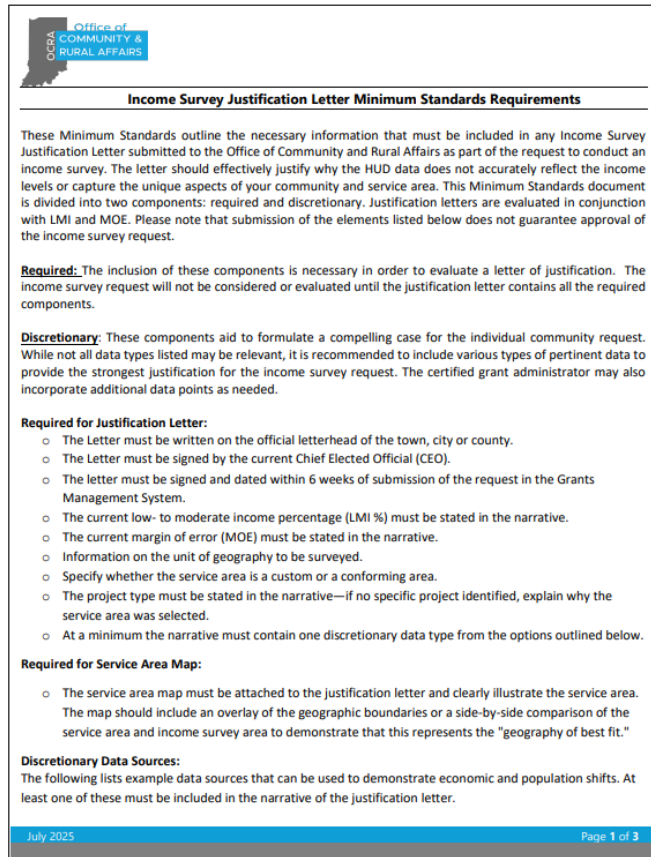
➤ **Step 3- Final Survey Submission**

After the pre-income survey data is approved, the local government must complete the collection of survey data and submit the final survey results within 90 days of OCRA's approval. The survey collection period ends once the final LMI percentage is calculated.

The following documentation must be uploaded to GMS: the final surveys, Appendix D (income survey certifications signed by the Chief Elected Official and the grant administrator), and the list of households that were contacted, regardless of whether they responded or not

CDBG Policy Notice 2025- 003 Income Survey Policy

- ▶ **Resubmission After a Failed Survey**
- ▶ If final LMI percentage is below 51%, resubmission may be allowed with stronger evidence.
- ▶ Must include a new justification letter citing recent changes (e.g., population, economy).
- ▶ Requires:
 - ▶ Larger sample size
 - ▶ 95% confidence level
 - ▶ Updated data supporting the need for a new survey
- ▶ Resubmission allowed only after 180 days) from the date the final income survey results are submitted in GMS.



Income Survey Minimum Standards

- Now available on the CDBG Resources Website : [Income Survey Justification Letter Minimum Standards Requirements](#)

CDBG Policy Notice 2025- 004 In-Kind Contribution Policy

- ▶ This policy establishes procedures for eligible non-entitlement applications to include in-kind contribution as part of their required local match.
- ▶ Defines acceptable in-kind options: **Force Account Work**, **Volunteer Labor**, and **In-Kind Donations** (items or administrative services).
- ▶ Applies to all CDBG programs unless otherwise specified.
- ▶ The **Chief Elected Official (CEO)** must formally request approval from OCRA to use in-kind contributions. In OCRA's required template and form.
- ▶ Approval must be obtained from CDBG Program Manager before including in-kind contributions in the grant application budget.

CDBG Policy Notice 2025-004 In-Kind Contribution Policy

▶ **In-Kind Contribution Limits**

Total in-kind contributions (Force Account, Volunteer Labor, and Donations) are capped at:

- ▶ **5% of the grant amount**, or
- ▶ **\$25,000**, whichever is lower.

OCRA approval is required before including these contributions in the budget.

The approval letter must be attached to the grant application.

CDBG Policy Notice 2025-004 In- Kind Contribution Policy

▶ **Types of In-Kind Contribution & Request Process**

1) Force Account Work

Work performed by regular government employees at their standard pay rate.

Must comply with **Indiana Code IC 36-1-12-3**.

Request letter must include:

- ▶ Description of services
 - ▶ Estimated hours and pay rates
 - ▶ Proof of employment
 - ▶ Tracking commitment
 - ▶ Match amount calculation
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- ▶ If approved, grantees must document hours worked in the required format.

CDBG Policy Notice 2025-004 In- Kind Contribution Policy

▶ **Types of In-Kind Contribution & Request Process**

2) **Volunteer Labor**

- ▶ Unpaid professional or technical services by individuals not employed by the project's political subdivision.
- ▶ Valued at **\$15/hour**, regardless of task.
- ▶ Request letter must include:
 - ▶ Type of work
 - ▶ Estimated hours
 - ▶ Tracking commitment
- ▶ Must include a signed volunteer letter detailing:
 - ▶ Work description
 - ▶ Estimated value
 - ▶ No compensation statement
- ▶ Grantees must submit a pre-approved volunteer list before work begins.

CDBG Policy Notice 2025-004 In- Kind Contribution Policy

▶ **Types of In-Kind Contribution & Request Process**

3) In-Kind Donations (Items or Administrative Services)

Donated goods or services valued at cost. (grant administration services are eligible services that can be donated)

- ▶ Request letter must include:
 - ▶ Description and cost of donated items/services
 - ▶ Match amount calculation
 - ▶ Donor commitment letter
- ▶ For land donations:
 - ▶ Must include fair market value appraisal and URA documentation.
 - ▶ Donations from parties with financial or ownership interest in the project are ineligible.

Resources

Program Guidance

To ensure clarity for project development

Two new documents are available for the Blight Clearance Program and the Facilities program.

Facilities Program- Public Facilities and Historical Preservation

- This document outlines the requirements that a project must meet to utilized towards Elimination of Slum or Blight Activities.
- The state may allocate up to 30% of its annual CDBG funding to activities that meet the national objective of preventing or eliminating slums or blight.
- This document outlines all the required components that a property must meet to be considered for CDBG funding.

Program Specific Points Forms



Facilities Program Specific Points Form

FORM #: 001

Instructions

A Facilities Program application for Public Facilities Projects may receive a maximum of 50 program-specific points. The applicant must:

1. Complete this form, providing current information specific to the individual community.
2. Provide a form unique to the quarter for when the application is submitted with current dates, signatures, etc. Previous submissions will not be accepted.
3. Attach documents that support the statement for each section to the completed form and submit as a single uploaded file in GMS. The submission must be titled "[Facilities Program Specific Form](#)".

Refer to the latest Grant Evaluation Criteria for Program Specific Points included in the Application Instructions for further details. The application can be found on our [Facilities Program webpage](#). Submit the completed program-specific points form along with your application through the Indiana Grants Management System (GMS) by the submission deadline. For any questions, please email the CDBG Team.

SECTION 1: Applicant Information		
1. Lead Applicant	2. Application Number	3. Date of Form Submission
4. Grant Administrator Name	5. Grant Administrator Email	

SECTION 2: Philanthropic Contributions (Maximum 20 Points)

Awarded to communities whose projects include philanthropic contributions (match) as a percentage of total project costs

Scoring Criteria:

- Less than 1% of total project costs: 0 points
- 1–1.99% of total project costs: 5 points
- 2–2.99% of total project costs: 10 points
- 3–3.99% of total project costs: 15 points
- 4% or more of total project costs: 20 points

The applicant must:

1. Provide a narrative detailing the sources and amounts of philanthropic contributions.
2. Provide relevant documents, such as commitment letters or financial statements, verifying the contributions.



Main Street Revitalization Program Specific Points Form

FORM #: 001

Instructions

A Main Street Revitalization Program (MSRP) application may receive a maximum of 50 program specific points. The applicant must:

1. Complete this form, providing current information specific to the individual community.
2. Provide a form unique to the quarter for when the application is submitted with current dates, signatures, etc. Previous submissions will not be accepted.
3. Attach documents that support the statement for each section to the completed form and submit as a single uploaded file in GMS. The submission must be titled "[MSRP Program Specific Form](#)".

Refer to the latest Grant Evaluation Criteria for Program Specific Points included in the Application Instructions for further details. The application can be found on the [Indiana Main Street Program webpage](#). Submit the completed program-specific points form along with your application through the Indiana Grants Management System (GMS) by the submission deadline. For any questions, please email the OCRA Main Street Team.

SECTION 1: Applicant Information		
1. Lead Applicant	2. Application Number	3. Date of Form Submission
4. Grant Administrator Name	5. Grant Administrator Email	

SECTION 2: Nationally Accredited Main Street Organization (Maximum 10 Points)

Awarded to communities designated as a Nationally Accredited Main Street (NAMS) Organization by Main Street America. Points are awarded based on the following:

- Designated as NAMS: 10 Points
- Not designated as NAMS: 0 Points

The applicant must:

1. Provide documentation verifying current NAMS designation status.
2. Attach relevant documents from Main Street America confirming accreditation.

Now available on the CDBG Resources Website: [Facilities Program Specific Points Form](#)

Now available on the CDBG Resources Website: [Main Street Revitalization Program Specific Points Form](#)


Bonus Points- All Programs

Applicants can receive up to 40 additional points for completing the Bonus Points Sections

Community Resilience Index: Grant application will receive a maximum of 25 points for the submission of a community resilience vision plan and their corresponding point awarded value from the Community Resilience Index as provided by Stats Indiana

Designated Disaster Areas: Communities designated as disaster areas with a Presidential Disaster within the last three years from round opening, which have been approved for individual assistance and public assistance categories A-G, are eligible to receive an additional 15 points if documentation is provided.

Bonus Points: Community Resilience Index

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Bonus Points Request Minimum Standards

It is the Office of Community and Rural Affairs' (OCRA) policy to promote and enhance the resilience of rural communities. Applicants who submit a Community Resilience Vision Plan (CRVP) by the announced pre-approval deadline are eligible to receive up to 25 bonus points towards their CDBG application. Each Community Resilience Vision Plan must be tailored to the individual community applying. Bonus points request must be unique to each quarter or round in which a community is applying for. Previous submissions must be updated with accurate dates, signatures and current information to be considered for these points. Below is the required submission process and the minimum standards a CRVP must satisfy for review.

Relevant Definitions

- **Community Resilience Vision Plan (CRVP):** A narrative document outlining how the proposed project will improve CRI metrics over the next five years.
- **Community Resilience Index (CRI):** An annual score calculated by Stats Indiana designed to be more forward looking by focusing on a community's capacity to withstand, adapt to, and recover from economic transitions, population shifts, or disasters <https://www.stats.indiana.edu/topic/cdbg.asp>
- **Chief Elected Official (CEO):** The individual elected and legally empowered to apply for and execute CDBG grants on behalf of the community.

A. Process

- 1) The CEO must schedule a meeting with their respective [Community Liaison](#). This meeting must be scheduled at any time prior to the announced pre-approval deadline.
- 2) The CEO, with assistance from the [Certified Grant Administrator](#), must develop and submit the CRVP to the [CDBG Program Manager](#) at cdbg@ocra.in.gov by the announced pre-approval deadline.
- 3) OCRA verifies receipt and completeness of the CRVP.
- 4) OCRA calculates bonus points
 - a. Applies the predefined formula to the community's current CRI score
- 5) OCRA notifies each applicant of the bonus points awarded.
 - a. Points are added to the application's total score during the application review process.


B. Scheduling a Meeting With an OCRA Community Liaisons

- 1) Identify the respective [Community Liaison](#).
- 2) Draft a meeting request email. This meeting can be in person or virtual
 - a. *Suggested email template*

Subject: "Meeting Request"
Good Morning/ Afternoon [Liaison Name],

The [Community Name] is preparing an application for the upcoming CDBG round/quarter. We are preparing the Community Resilience Vision Plan (CRVP) for the upcoming [CDBG round/quarter] and would appreciate meeting with you to discuss the [proposed project/plan] and how [Community Name] anticipates the project to increase the community's resilience

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e. State the purpose: sharing the Community Resilience Vision Plan.

3) Project Overview

- a. Provide one to two-sentence summary of the project's scope and goals
- b. Include the key community needs the project addresses

4) Vision Statement

- a. Provide three sentences describing the visions for the community over the next five years.
- b. Provide a brief description of how this project will enhance the community's capacity to adapt, recover, and thrive in the face of future challenges.

5) Long Term Project Impact

- a. Describe the strategic impact of this project or another community's project based upon the resiliency metrics. In the following section, outline in two sentences how the project or another community's project will advance the community with the overall goal of improving the community's CRI Score:
 - i. **Structure of local economy:** Describe how this project or another community's project will broaden your local economic base and attract new sectors.
 - ii. **Entrepreneurial Activity:** Demonstrate how this project or another community's project will foster startup activity, small-business growth, or access to capital, etc.
 - iii. **Human capital (Education & workforce participation):** Explain how this project or another community's project will improve educational attainment and increase labor-force engagement.
 - iv. **Social Capital (Active citizen participation in the community's activities):** Describe how this project or another community project will strengthen community networks and civic engagement to enhance citizen participation.
 - v. **Broadband Connectivity:** Detail the efforts made to expand reliable internet service for homes, businesses, and institutions.
 - vi. **Wealth equity (Overall well-being and financial security of individuals):** Describe the efforts made to increase financial security of residents.
 - vii. **Homeownership (Community connectivity):** Explain the strategy to increase stable housing and deepen residents' ties to the community.

6) Funding Utilization Strategy

- a. How will the community achieve these goals? What are the community's phases for implementing these strategies and which funding sources are expected to be used?

7) Closing

- a. Reaffirm commitment to community resilience vision plan

8) Signature

- a. CEO's handwritten signature
- b. Typed name and title

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- Now available on the CDBG Resources Website :[Bonus Points Community Resilience Index Request Minimum Standards](#)

Bonus Points: Designated Disaster Areas

- ▶ To be eligible for these points, applicants must provide documentation from FEMA
- ▶ The following are the available resources to verify and provide the adequate documentation
 - ▶ Step-by-Step Guide to Navigating the FEMA Declarations Portal
 - ▶ Confirming Individual Assistance and Public Assistance Category Designations

Now available on the CDBG Resources Website : [Bonus Points Designated Disaster Areas Step by Step Guide](#)

Disasters & Assistance

Current Disasters

All Disaster Declarations

Arkansas Severe Storms (April)

Kentucky Floods (April)

Kentucky Tornadoes

Missouri Severe Storms

Missouri Tornadoes

New Mexico Floods

Oklahoma Wildfires

Tennessee Severe Storms

Texas Floods (July)

West Virginia Floods

Wildfire Actions

All Disaster Declarations

Indiana Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, And Tornadoes (DR-4704-IN)

Designated Areas

News & Media

Reports & Notices

How a Disaster Gets Declared

Disaster Authorities

Historic Disasters

Volunteer & Donate

Disasters and Other Declarations

Declaration Date

Year (Start)Year (End)

20222025

TIP: Modify the start and end year(s) to broaden search.

Declaration TypeIncident Type

Major Disaster Declaration- Any -


State/Tribe

Indiana

Search and Filter Disasters

Indiana Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes

DR-4704-IN



Incident Period: Mar 31, 2023 - Apr 1, 2023
Declaration Date: Apr 15, 2023

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Now Closed: Period to Apply for Disaster Assistance

Local Resources

Quick Links

Recovery resources: [State & Local](#) | [National](#)

Connect: [Social Media](#) | [Mobile App & Text](#)

24/7 counseling: [Disaster Distress Helpline](#)

Questions and Answers

Will the website be updated to reflect these changes prior to 2025 Round 2 opening?

- Yes! And so will the one pagers for each affected program.

Will the new program specific points require a program specific points form?

- Yes! Forms are available for the Facilities and Blight Clearance programs

Is GMS going to be updated?

- Yes, We will update GMS to the greatest extent possible.
- Application as well as scoresheets are on the docket to be updated.

What are the dates for 2026 rounds?

- Stay tuned! As soon as these are confirmed, the OCRA website calendar will be updated later this year.

Next Steps



- ▶ Watch the webinar reviewing Round 2 updates
- ▶ Review the 2025 Round 2 instructions when they become available
- ▶ Explore the new policies and related materials on our website



- ▶ For any questions, please send them to the cdbg@ocra.in.gov
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