

2026 Fall GA Update

Welcome, Grant Administrators!

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- ▶ You will not be able to use your audio or video.
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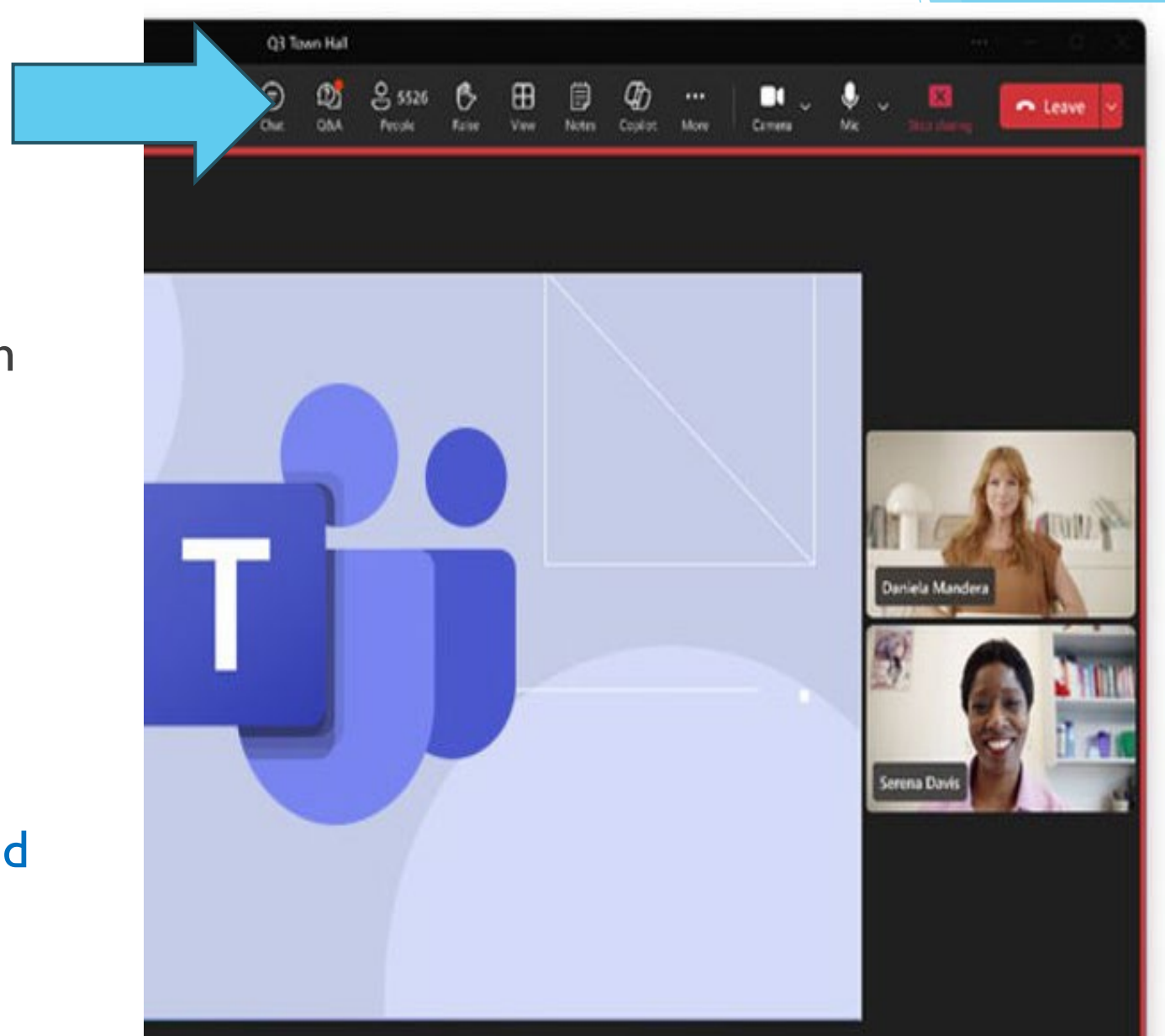
There is a lot to
cover today!

Q&A Function

If you have any questions during the presentation, please use the Q&A function located at the top of your screen.

A panelist will respond to your inquiry as soon as possible or we will provide answers during the session.

Please be mindful of tone and choice of words



During this meeting, you will receive updates from:



OCRA CDBG Team



Grant Services Team



Special Guest: **Camille Meiners**, Indiana SRF



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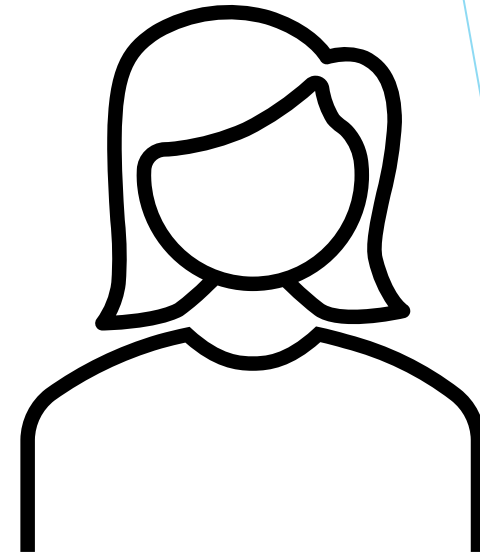
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SRF Updates

2026



Staff/Role Updates



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FAQs:

Is this project AIS or BABA? Brandi Rodriguez

Wage, compliance, waiver question? Amy Henninger

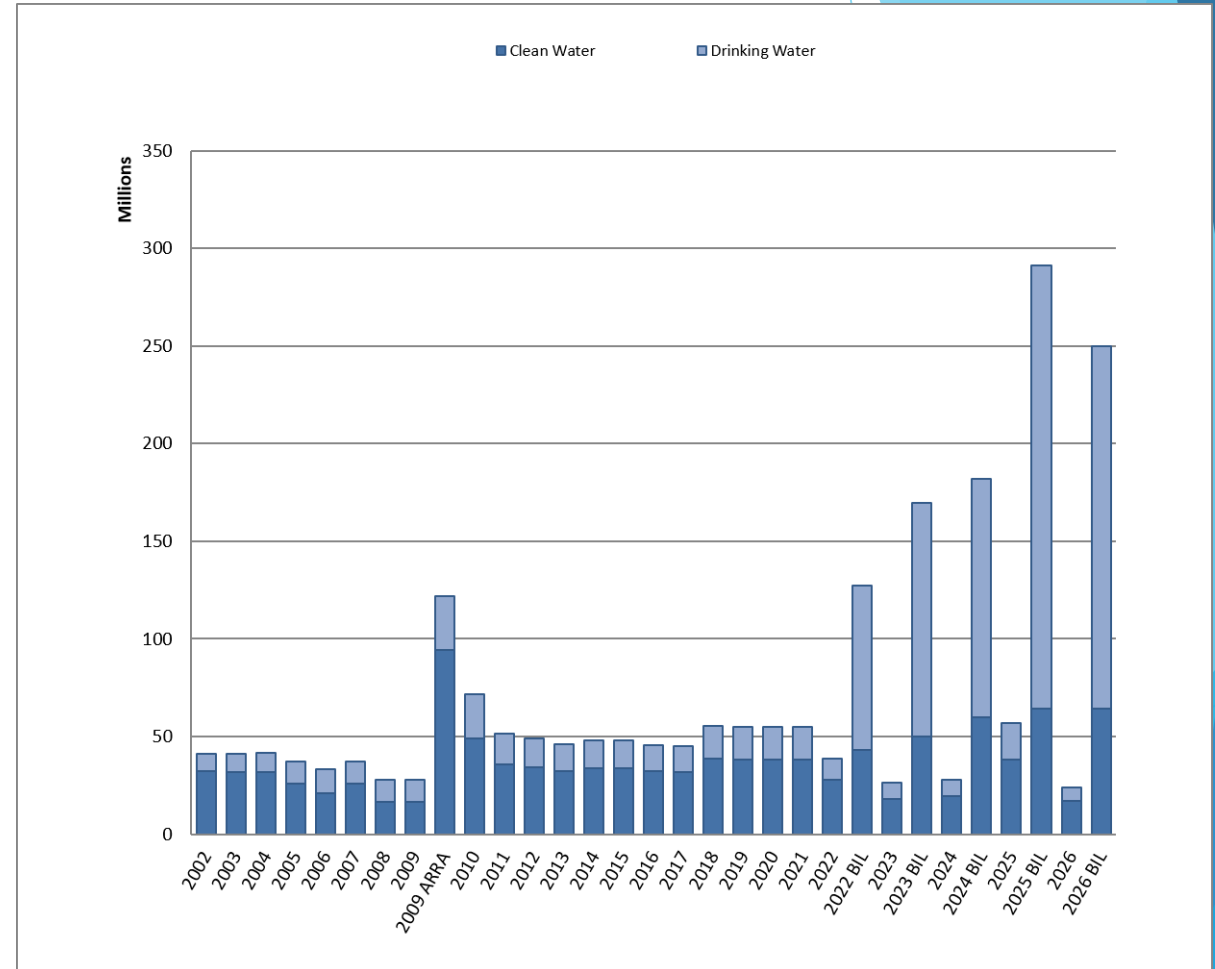
**When will comments be issued? Is this a CE? PAL?
Jenni Curry**

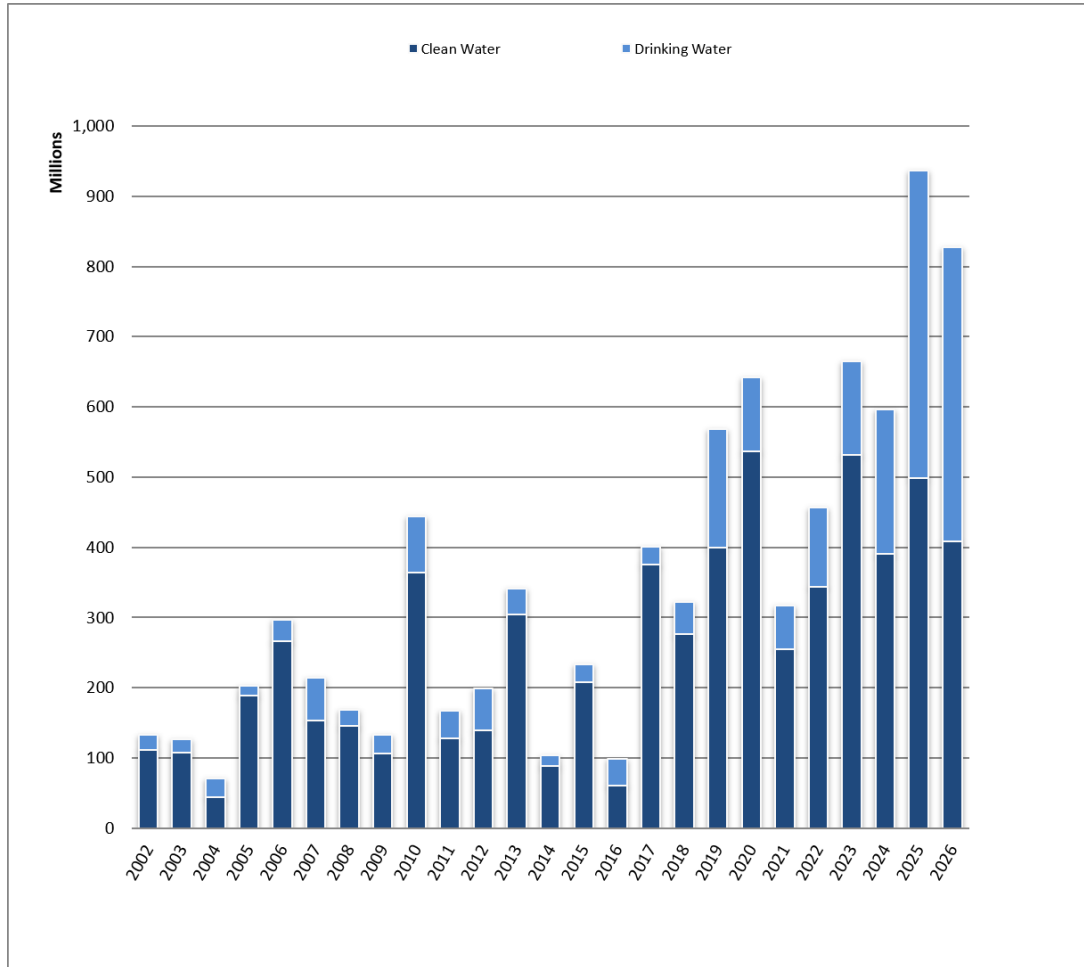
Discuss score/rank/PPL? Jenn Pence

Bidding/CO/PSA approval letters? Abbi Kuhn

Disbursement on hold? Gayle Hicks/SRF engineer

Capitilization Grant History





Volume Closed

Program Results

- ▶ 754 Clean Water loans closed
- ▶ 452 Drinking Water loans closed
- ▶ Over 620 Communities served¹
- ▶ Over \$9.61 Billion in loan closings
- ▶ Estimated \$1.96B in interest savings to borrowers in the last 4 years (as compared to market)

¹ – unique borrowers

Total Additional Subsidy 2010-2026	
Drinking Water	
Base Program	\$ 78,297,100
IIJA Program	242,579,342
<i>Drinking Water Total</i>	320,876,442
Clean Water	
Base Program	\$ 161,536,706
IIJA Program	102,317,835
<i>Clean Water Total</i>	263,854,541
Total	\$ 584,730,983

Additional Subsidization

IIJA Ending

- ▶ Supplemental Cleanwater and Drinking Water
- ▶ Cleanwater and Drinking Water EC
- ▶ LSLR
- ▶ Re-allotments

SRF/OCRA Cofunding

Timing/Submittal

- ▶ OCRA
 - ▶ Submit OCRA's second round
 - ▶ Awarded February
- ▶ SRF
 - ▶ Apply by 4/1
 - ▶ Scored, ranked
 - ▶ Awards made July
- ▶ Close SRF Q1/Q2



If applying to SRF prior to OCRA award, project is scored and unranked



Receive bids, prepare FDD



Complete financing

Disbursements – Cover Sheet

SRF DISBURSEMENT COVER SHEET
BORROWER LOAN NO. REQUEST NO. [X]
EQUIVALENCY PROJECT ¹

FUNDING SOURCES DISBURSED BY SRF

SRF DW Primary Funds ²

Construction Loan (35-year, __%) ³	\$4,833,000
BIL LSLR Loan (35-year, 0%) ⁴	\$7,500,000
BIL DAC Forgivable Loan ⁵	\$5,000,000
BIL LSLR Forgivable Loan ⁶	\$7,500,000
BIL EC Forgivable Loan ⁷	<u>\$2,500,000</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE OF PRIMARY FUNDS	\$27,333,000*

**Use as the beginning balance on Section 2: Funding Information of the Disbursement Request Form*

DISBURSEMENT REQUEST INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

EC-Eligible Scope ⁸	\$ _____
LSLR-Eligible Scope ⁸	\$ _____
GPR-Eligible Scope ⁸	\$ _____
SRF-Ineligible Scope ⁹	\$ _____

SRF DISBURSEMENT COVER SHEET
BORROWER LOAN NO. REQUEST NO. [X]
NON-EQUIVALENCY PROJECT ¹

FUNDING SOURCES DISBURSED BY SRF

SRF DW Primary Funds ²

Pool Draw Loan (20-year, 3.7%) **\$3,092,000***

**Use as the beginning balance on Section 2: Funding Information of the Disbursement Request Form*

FUNDING SOURCES DISBURSED BY OTHER PARTIES ³

OCRA \$700,000

¹ This project is not designated as Equivalency, and funds received are not required to be reported as federal funding. AIS domestic preference requirements apply to the project scope.

² SRF Funds must be spent on SRF-eligible items, approved in a PER Approval Letter.

³ Please provide copies of OCRA draws to SRF, along with supporting documentation (pay applications, invoices, change orders, etc.), so that SRF can maintain a complete project file.

OCRA and Specific SRF Funds

- ❑ Emerging Contaminants (EC)
- ❑ Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR)

Specific items earmarked for these funds. May require coordination with OCRA (draw schedule)

LSLR – 90 day completion from time of disruption

BABA/AIS

- ▶ Determine as early as possible
- ▶ Directly contacted by SRF (Brandi)
- ▶ Any project with EC or LSLR – always BABA
- ▶ P/D waiver sunseting
- ▶ Replace front ends with BABA forms
- ▶ Diminimus List – 5%
- ▶ Review process/assistance

Covered Product	Obligation Date
Iron and Steel	The BAP applies to the purchase of iron and steel for infrastructure projects using CDBG funds obligated on or after November 15, 2022.
Specifically Listed Construction Materials (non-ferrous metals; lumber; and plastic- and polymer-based composite building materials, pipe, and tube)	The BAP will apply to the purchase of specifically listed construction materials beginning with funding obligations from FY2024 CDBG funds, as well as iron and steel.
Not Listed Construction Materials (all other plastic- and polymer-based products, glass, fiber optic cable, optical fiber, engineered wood, and drywall) Manufactured Products	The BAP will apply to the purchase of not listed construction materials and manufactured products beginning with funding obligations from FY2025 CDBG funds, as well as specifically listed construction materials, iron, and steel.

BABA/AIS with OCRA/SRF

- SRF coordinates with Engineer ASAP
- Determine level of OCRA requirement(s)
- Determine cognizant agency
- OCRA's domestic preference meets SRF's minimum (AIS)
- Reviewed at precon
- SFY27 – each SRF cofounded project is OCRA 2024 or older per OCRA

BABA/AIS

SRF PRECON EXAMPLE:

EPA guidance requires that SRF funded projects must, at a minimum, comply with the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirement. It is SRF's understanding that this project is co-funded with Federal monies requiring Build America Buy America Act (BABA) compliance. SRF is not designating this project as Equivalency; OCRA's implementation of BABA will meet SRF minimum requirements with respect to domestic preference. If SRF's understanding of the project's co-funding is incorrect, please notify SRF immediately and updated guidance will be issued.

The SRF loan recipient must keep a copy of all waivers and certifications for review during an on-site inspection. Additionally, upon completion of the project, the SRF loan recipient may be asked to send a copy of all certification/waivers related to the Iron and Steel Products BABA Category to the SRF Compliance Officer.

*SRF has specific diminimus list for this scenario

Disadvantaged Communities (DAC)

- SFY 2027 threshold: \$58,000
- Continue to utilize – LSLR
- Will revise in the spring
- Utilize census data
- Income survey – different than OCRA

Congressionally Directed Spending

- ▶ CDS vs CPF – same
- ▶ General Process
 - ▶ Apply
 - ▶ Allocated
 - ▶ Workplan
 - ▶ Awarded
- ▶ Environmental
- ▶ Full Federal Requirements – Procurement/BABA/DB Wages
- ▶ How is IFA involved?
- ▶ Funds management
- ▶ Cost share waiver
- ▶ Technical Corrections

Flood Control Program

\$250,000

- 2.00% 1-5 years
- 2.50% 5-10 years

Non SRF/no federal requirements

➤ Pair with OCRA?

Reminders

Regional
Meetings

Water Loss
Audits

AMP
Certs/cyber

PPL Release



State Revolving Fund

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Grant Services Updates



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Next Up Is...



Adam Moschell



Director of
Grant Services

Grant Services Updates



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Administration Updates

- ▶ ACH notifications will no longer go out via postal mail
 - ▶ Most communities are already registered to receive them via e-mail
 - ▶ If you know a community receiving postal ACH notices they will be contacted
 - ▶ Always ensure communities have a current e-mail on file with comptroller
- ▶ Modifications
 - ▶ Modifications are always done thru GMS
 - ▶ Any documents that are needed should be uploaded after submission of the Mod.
- ▶ Closing projects prematurely so communities become eligible for a new application round is prohibited and can impact your communities eligibility to apply or be awarded.

Grant Services Updates



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► Income Surveys

- Any income survey that is not in GMS should now be invalid.
- If you have a non-GMS survey you think is valid, check with Grant Services before assuming that it is.

► Planning Grants: be aware of the time needed between submission of draft and final plans. We are still having issues with this.

► Grant Services Trainings

- Environmental Training was completed on 9/22/2026. Any feedback is welcome.
- A recording of the ER training is available.
- An Income Survey training will be held 10/21/2026. Registration is open.

GMS Upgrades

Users with the Grant Administrator profile will now be able to access a communities grant administration page, whether they are the owner of the record or not. Only the owner of the record will be able to submit reports, but now any one from that agency can access the admin page.

- ▶ Step 1: Click Account Details -> Grant Applications
- ▶ Step 2: Click My Client Grant Applications
- ▶ Step 3: Click the Lead Applicant
- ▶ Step 4: Click on View All under Grant Administration



Welcome to Indiana Grants Management!



Number	Application Status ↑	Lead Applicant	Record Type	Application Year
	Application Draft	Wabash, City Of	CDBG v2	2026
	Application Approved	North Salem, Town of	CDBG Application	2019
	Application Approved	Kingsford Heights, Town of	CDBG Application	2019
	Application Approved	Hagerstown, Town of	CDBG Application	2020

Details

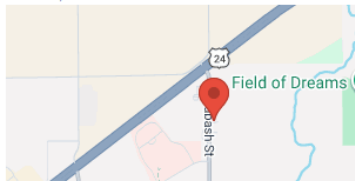
Client Name	Wabash, City Of
Primary Email	mayor@cityofwabash.com
Phone	260-563-4171
Website	
SAM UEI	GPUHK4F8PBK3

Account Summary

DUNS
074332032

Address Information

Billing Address
202 S Wabash St
Wabash, IN 46992



Parent Client	
CAGE Code	69WG3
SAMS Expiration Date	7/20/2027
Shipping Address	

Related

Contacts (6+)

Contact Name	Title	Email	Phone	
Wendy Frazier		wfrazier@cityofwabash....	(260) 563-4171	▼
Keith Gillenwater				▼
Melanie Givens Penn	Clerk-Treasurer	wfrazier@wabashcity.in....	260-563-4171	▼
Scott A Long		cityofwabash@cityofwa...		▼
Scott Long		mayor@cityofwabash.com	260-563-4171	▼
John Stephens		buildingdept@cityofwab...	260-563-4171	▼
View All				

Activities (0)

Income Surveys (0)

New

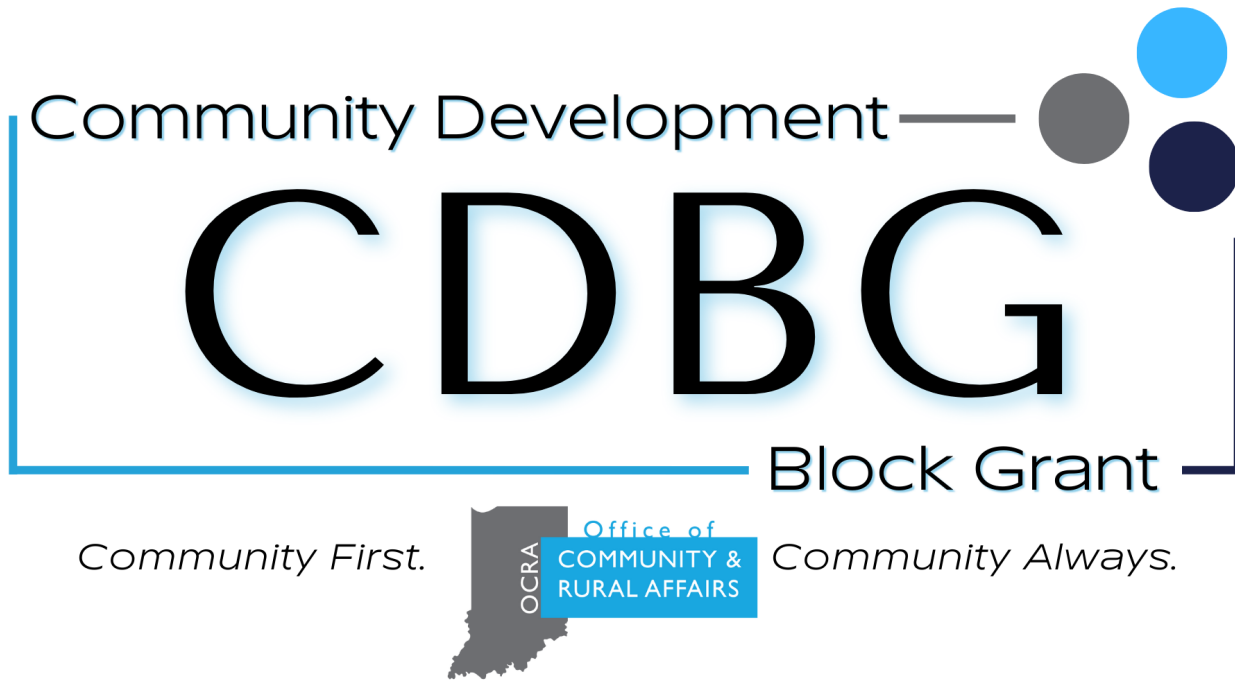
Grant Administration (Account) (2)

Grant ID	Grant Number	
G-00681	ST-13-108	▼
G-01012	CV-19-135	▼
View All		

Questions?

- ▶ Use the Q&A in Teams
- ▶ If an answer isn't on-deck, we'll follow-up via email





Office of Community and Rural Affairs

CDBG Team Updates



Welcome Grant Administrators!



Steve St. John



CDBG Program
Director

CDBG Mission Statement

Indiana's state-administered Community Development Block Grant program fosters growth and resilience in rural cities and towns by investing in local initiatives that encourage communities to build, strengthen and thrive.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Small steps today. Better tomorrow. *Together.*



Continuous improvement isn't about perfection. It's about progress—one small step at a time.



Better process. Stronger teams. Better results.



Continuous improvement is how we grow stronger, together. *Better for people. Better for our organization.*

Three–Month CDBG Calendar Highlights

2026 Construction Round 2 is Open: Important Due Dates and Reminders



Proposals are due **Sunday, October 4, 2026**. Submit via eGMS by 11:59 p.m. ET.



Due at Proposal Submission: In-kind Request (use In-kind Form) and Income Survey.
Due at Application Submission: Any bonus considerations via eGMS.



Pre-approval items must be submitted to OCRA by **December 4, 2026**. Please email all requests to our CDBG inbox at cdbg@ocra.in.gov.



The eGMS Program Page will reopen four (4) days after the final site visit is completed.



Applications are due **Sunday, December 13, 2026**. Submitted via eGMS by 11:59 p.m. ET.



Upload or reference documents (in eGMS) using the Application Instructions numbering system.

Upcoming CDBG Dates and Reminders



OOR Cycle 3 opens **October 1, 2026**



OOR Cycle 3 Application deadline is **November 1, 2026**



OOR Cycle 3 Announcement in **January 2027**

Planning Grant Cycle 3 Update

Applications will not be accepted.

Thank you for your patience as we renovate the program to better serve Hoosier Communities.

More details to come in December!

Here's what we're doing instead:

- ▶ Stakeholder Feedback Survey
- ▶ Researching other State's planning grant programs.
- ▶ Refocusing the program to:
 - ▶ Separate evaluation metrics and instructions from construction-related expectations





Next Up Is...



Quinn Kissane



CDBG Program
& Policy Manager



CDBG-Disaster Overview

*“Disaster relief is measured in months;
disaster recovery is measured in years.”*

- ▶ Rely on FEMA and other federal and state assistance for immediate safety concerns
- ▶ IDHS August 2026 Disaster Information Hub:
<https://www.in.gov/dhs/emergency-management-and-preparedness/august-2026-disaster>
- ▶ Funds become available (if any) through supplemental appropriation by Congress
- ▶ Utilize the CDBG Planning Grant program to help plan for recovery efforts
- ▶ CDBG application bonus points for communities with major disaster declarations

Income Survey Manual

We want your feedback!

What it is:

- ▶ Updated instructions and toolkit for completing Income Surveys
 - ▶ Streamline survey process & increase alignment with HUD guidance
 - ▶ Written in part by Econometrica, a leading income survey consultant

What's ahead:

- ▶ Tomorrow (Oct 1), CDBG will send via email:
 - ▶ CDBG Income Survey Manual draft for review
 - ▶ CDBG Income Survey Manual Feedback Form link
- ▶ Oct 21, 1 PM ET: Grant Services training webinar
- ▶ Early Nov: Final publication & process updates in effect

How you can get involved:

- ☒ Read the Manual
- ☒ By Oct 15, use the Feedback Form to provide section-specific feedback:
 - Clarifying updates for final version
 - Topics to address in training webinar
- ☒ Attend Oct 21 training webinar

Updated BABA Forms

BABA-01: Applicability Determination Form

- ▶ Clarifies BABA applicability, cognizant agency determination, & next steps

BABA-02: Self-Certification Form (previously BABA-03)

- ▶ Streamlined: Less duplicative information, resubmit for material modifications

~~**BABA-05: Material Modification Form**~~ (previously BABA-05)

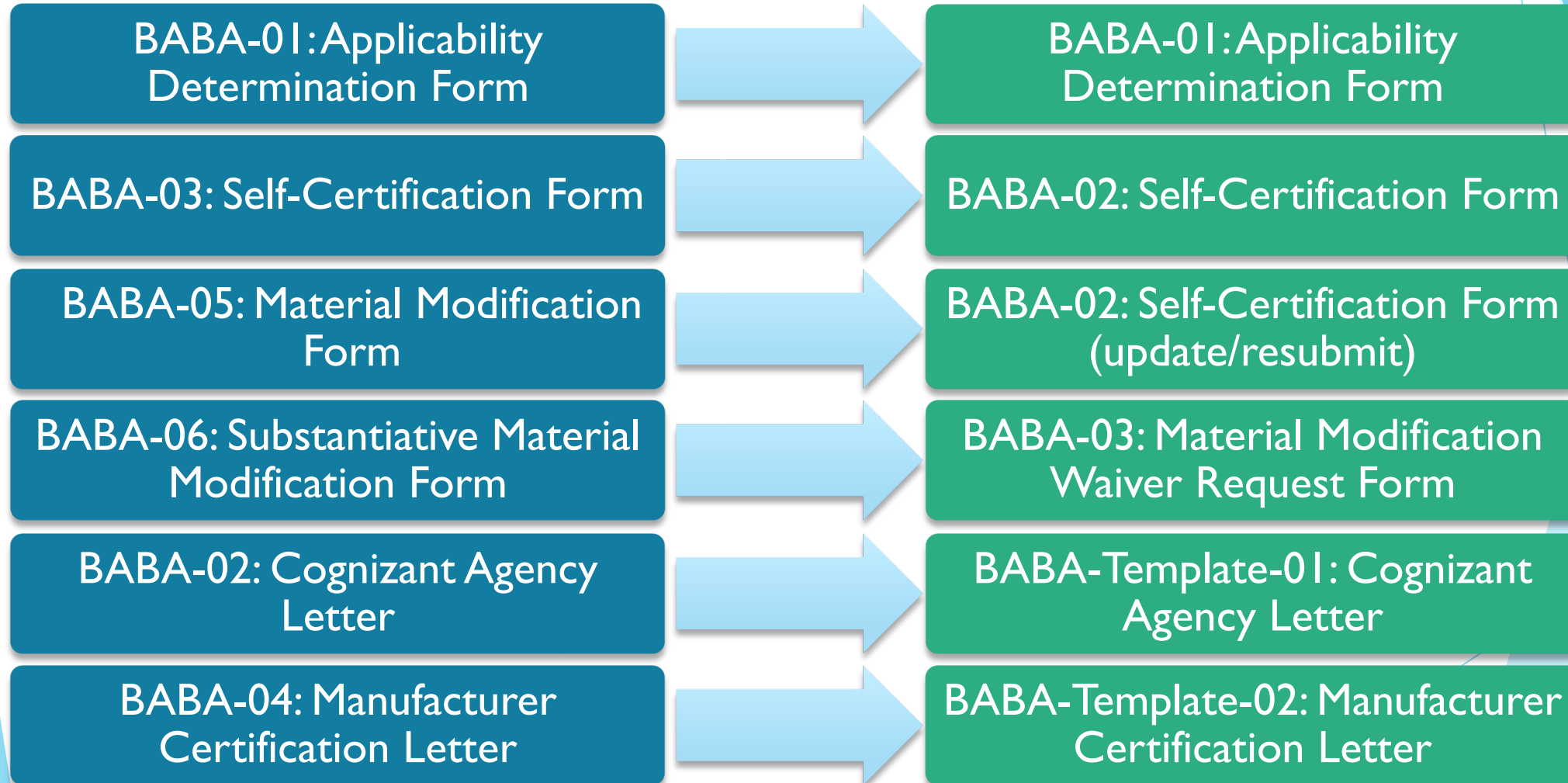
- ▶ Eliminated: Revised BABA-02: Self-Certification Form resubmitted for modifications as needed

BABA-03: Material Modification Waiver Request Form (previously BABA-06: Substantiative Material Modification Form)

- ▶ Submit with updated BABA-02: Self-Certification Form for modifications requiring a waiver

BABA Policy (Notice 24-001) and flowchart being updated to align with new forms.

BABA Forms: Old ⇨ New Reference Guide



Other Policy and Procedure Updates

► Interim Supplier Diversity Policy (Notice 26-001)

- **Revision:** Clarification on IFB solicitations

► Updated Procurement Forms

- RFP, RFQ, & IFB advertisement templates
- Changes to supplier diversity language & other regulatory updates

► In-Kind Contribution Policy (Notice 25-005)

- **Revision:** Removal of Force Account Work contribution type
- **Updated Form LS-001: In-Kind Contribution Request Form**

► Residential Blight Policy (Notice 26-003)

- Active for 2026 Construction Round 2
- **Form BCP-002: Residential Structure & Site Evaluation Checklist**

The image shows a thumbnail of Form BCP-002, titled "Residential Structure Site Evaluation and Documentation Checklist". The form is from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. It includes the following sections:

- INSTRUCTIONS:** This form is required for all OCRA CDBG applications for the Blight Clearance Program (BCP) that include residential properties. It ensures each residential property proposed for acquisition, demolition, clearance, or remediation meets eligibility requirements.
 - A separate BCP-002 form must be completed for each property included in the application.
 - Each form must be uploaded with all supporting documentation for the applicable property in one file in the Indiana electronic Grants Management System (eGMS).
 - Incomplete forms or missing documentation will result in application delays or rejection.
 - Submit the completed form along with your application through eGMS by the submission deadline.
- SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION**

1. LEAD APPLICANT	2. SUBRECIPIENT NAME, IF APPLICABLE	3. ADM-####
4. GRANT ADMINISTRATOR NAME	5. GRANT ADMINISTRATOR EMAIL	6. DATE OF FORM SUBMISSION
- SECTION 2: PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

1. PROPERTY ADDRESS	2. PARCEL NUMBER

2026 CDBG Action Plan Finalized Modifications



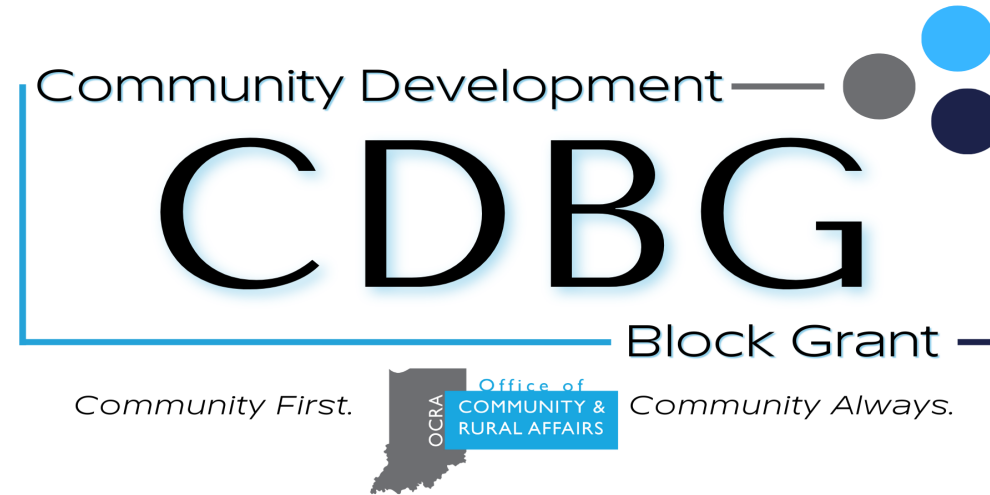
Next Up Is...



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Program Manager



2026 Action Plan Changes

Action Plan 2026 Goals



Goal 1 – Improve community water, wastewater, and stormwater

Goal 2 – Support community revitalization

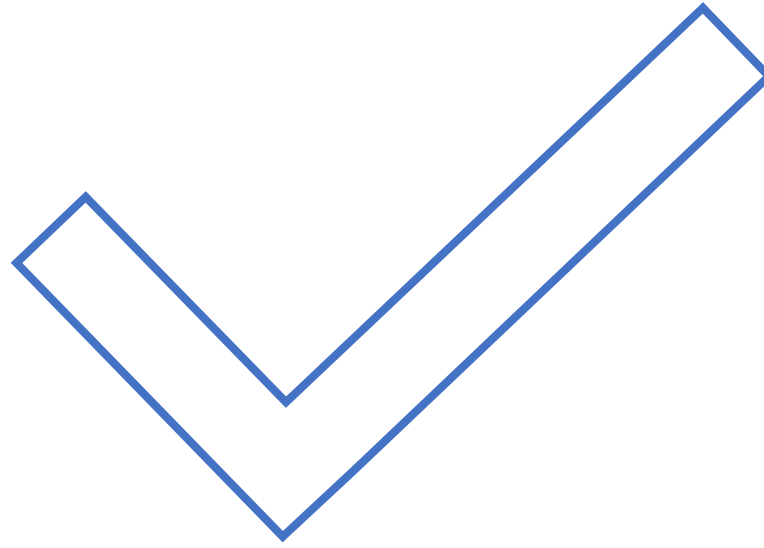


Goal 3 – Provide planning grants to local governments

Goal 4 – Preserve owner-occupied homes



Goal 5 – Provide technical assistance and administrative support



Programmatic Changes

Effective 2027 Round I

Wastewater/Drinking Water (WDW)

- **Max grant amount:** Increased to \$800,000. See table below.
 - 20% match still required
- **Program Specific Points: Project Sustainability (25 points maximum):**
 - Points calculated using a formula-based linear scale to convert combined utility rates to an assigned value
 - maximizes points assigned for combined rates set to promote sustainability of water infrastructure.
 - Also applies to Project Sustainability calculation for SIP!

Maximum Grant Amounts	User Rates (Over \$50)	User Rates (\$30-\$50)	User Rates (Under \$30)
Projects over \$1 million	\$800,000	\$750,000	\$700,000
Projects under \$1 million	\$750,000	\$700,000	\$650,000

Main Street Revitalization Program

▶ Eligible Applicants:

- ▶ IAMS 3-year requirement **removed**
- ▶ Completion of Downtown Revitalization Plan within the past 5 years **no longer required to apply** (see program specific points)

▶ Program Specific Points (50 points max)

- ▶ Designated NAMS (5 points)
- ▶ MSO involvement in application and project (10 points)
- ▶ MSO philanthropic match (10 points)
- ▶ Unique design elements (5 points)
- ▶ Green Infrastructure (10 points)
- ▶ **NEW:** Completed Downtown Revitalization Plan within past 5 years (10 points)

Blight Clearance Program

▶ National Objective-Historic Preservation

- ▶ **Removed** IFA brownfield registry as scoring criteria under National Objective.
 - ▶ Increased point allocation for building being historic (20 points total)
 - ▶ Brownfield registry remains a program specific points opportunity

▶ National Objective-Demolition & Clearance

- ▶ **New**-building receiving an "action order" that is less than two (2) years old. (25 points)
- ▶ **Removed** IFA brownfield registry as scoring criteria under National Objective.
 - ▶ Brownfield registry remains a program specific points opportunity

Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program

- ▶ **Grant Administration:** Increased from 8% to 10%
- ▶ **National Objective (100 points max)**
 - ▶ Homeowner Application Packet (10 points)
 - ▶ **NEW:** Homeowner selection criteria (25 points)
 - ▶ **NEW:** Waitlist of interested homeowners (25 points)
 - ▶ Prioritized Populations (40 points)
 - ▶ Previously "Targeted Populations" in Program Specific
- ▶ **Program Specific Points (50 points max)**
 - ▶ **NEW:** Housing Needs Assessment within past 5 years (25 points)
 - ▶ Replaced "Targeted Populations" (now moved to National Objective)

Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program-Continued

► National Objective Form

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FORM #: 003

CDBG Owner Occupied Rehabilitation National Objective Form

Instructions

To be eligible to receive up to 100 national objective points, an Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation grant applicant must:

1. Complete this form so that it is unique to the cycle and applicant. Form must contain current dates, signatures, community information, income limits, etc. Previous submissions will not be accepted.
2. **Attach documents that support each category selected.**
3. Complete form and submit as a single uploaded file in GMS. The submission should be titled "OOR National Objective Form".
4. Submit the completed national objective form along with your application through the Indiana Grants Management System (GMS) by the submission deadline.

Application Instructions contain the latest Grant Evaluation Criteria for National objective points. Refer to these instructions for further details on our [Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program webpage](#). For further 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: National Objective Categories

Select each category to be considered toward the applicant's national objective score. Accurate narrative and documentation must be provided in order to be considered for scoring.

☐ [Form](#) OOR-002 Homeowner Application Packet
☐ Selection Criteria for Eligible Homeowners
☐ Waitlist of homeowners interested in local program participation
☐ Populations Targeted for Funding Assistance. See full description in current cycle instructions.

- ☐ Individuals with disabilities
- ☐ Elderly individuals
- ☐ Veterans
- ☐ Single parent head of household

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SECTION 3: Homeowner Application Packet (Maximum 10 Points)

**Narrative not required for this section.

[Applicant](#) must ensure the homeowner application packet is up to date and contains accurate 1) [applicant](#) specific contact information and 2) [income](#) limits according to household size. Packet form found on [CDBG Resources](#) webpage.

☐ --Check if homeowner application packet is uploaded.

SECTION 4: Selection Criteria Defined (Maximum 25 Points)

In 3-5 sentences, clearly outline 1) the program's selection criteria for homeowners to be eligible for funding 2) how homeowners are selected for participation in the local program and 3) describe process for addressing a tie in applicant scores.

☐ --Check if selection criteria documentation is uploaded.

SECTION 5: Interested Homeowner Waitlist (Maximum 25 Points)

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Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program-Continued

► Income Resource



Is It Income?

Introduction: This resource is to be used in conjunction with OCRA's Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Homeowner Application Packet, Section 2-Income Information. This list is not exhaustive. For specific questions, email cdbg@ocra.in.gov

No

- **Public Benefits**
 - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- **Other**
 - Service-Connected Disability Compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Reverse Mortgages
 - Income NOT subject to IRS Form 1040 reporting
 - Income or asset enhancement derived from the CDBG-assisted activity (e.g. OOR grant assistance or value of rehabilitation activities)



Is It Income?

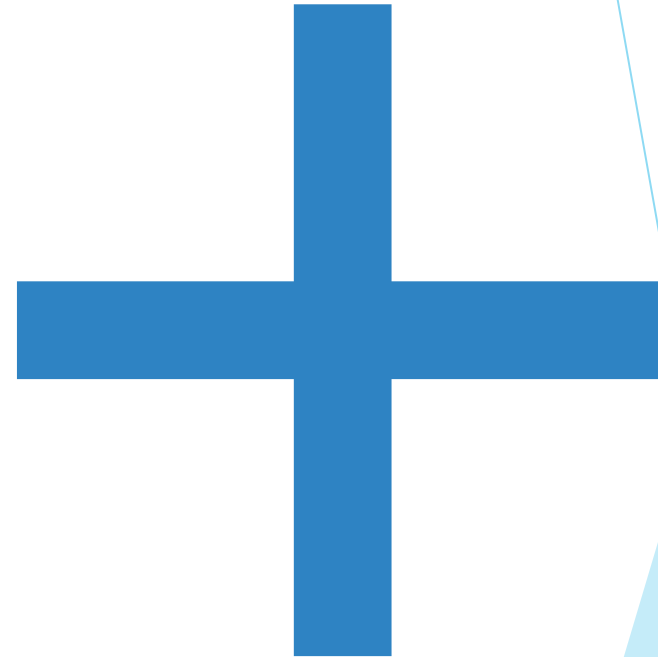
Yes-

- **Employment/Retirement/Pension**
 - Employment Income (wage, salary, tips, commissions, etc.)
 - Self-employment income--proprietorships, partnerships, farm
 - social security retirement
 - railroad retirement
 - Retirement, survivor, or disability pensions
- **Public Benefits**
 - Supplemental Security Income (SIS)
 - Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Other public assistance or public welfare programs
- **Other**
 - Interest, dividends, net rental income
 - income from estates and trusts
 - Any other source of income received regularly, including Veteran's Affairs (VA) payments, unemployment compensation, and alimony
 - Any other income considered in adjusted gross income as defined in Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1040

Recovery Housing Program

- ▶ **NEW: Overdose Death Rate (25 points max)**
 - ▶ Awarded to applicants located within a county with five (5) or more overdose deaths in 2025, as identified by the Department of Health.
- ▶ **Maximum Grant Amount:**
 - ▶ **NEW:** \$750,000 or greater at OCRA's discretion
 - ▶ Project must demonstrate substantial development and readiness to proceed
- ▶ **Round Availability: NEW:** Open door beginning late October
- ▶ **Application Process: No longer** a two-step process.
 - ▶ Letter of Intent-template will be available on the CDBG Resources page
 - ▶ Site Visit-as needed
 - ▶ Final Application Submission

Resilience Bonus Points Changes



Resilience Bonus Points Process Update

Effective Immediately

- ▶ **Community Resilience Vision Plan (5 points max)**
 - ▶ Meeting with Community Liaison to develop Community Resilience Vision Plan (CRVP) no longer required. EFFECTIVE 2026 Round 2
 - ▶ Expectation to address all seven (7) metrics of resilience reduced to a minimum of one.
 - ▶ Allows for greater focus and narrative detail on current or future projects that will address at least one specific metric
 - ▶ Projects discussed may or may not be funded by OCRA
 - ▶ Project summary, vision statement, funding utilization, and commitment to resilience by CEO still required as part of CRVP

CRVP Minimum Standard Requirements
now available on the CDBG Resources webpage

Community Resilience Vision Plan Updated

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2027

- ▶ **Resilience Planning discussed in Public Meeting**
 - ▶ **Discuss resilience in a public meeting**-this can be public hearing held for CDBG application submission!
 - ▶ Define the Community Resilience Index (CRI), including metrics used to determine a community's CRI score
 - ▶ Discuss how the CRI and resilience as a whole impacts your community.
 - ▶ **Include meeting minutes in resilience bonus points upload.**

This public discussion of resilience is a component of the CRVP score. (5 points max)

Resilience Minimum Standard Requirements



MSR #: 002

B. Minimum Standard Requirements

If any required element below is not met, a CRVP will NOT be evaluated and zero resilience bonus points will be awarded.

The Community Resilience Vision Plan and documentation **MUST**:

- Be submitted by the announced deadline
- be tailored to the individual community applying
- not exceed 3 pages in length (CRVP)
- be unique to each cycle/round in which a community is applying
- include accurate dates, signatures, and current information
- Be written and documented in accordance with the outline below.
- Include meeting minutes as evidence resilience was discussed in a public meeting.

****EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2027**

1) Outline for Community Resilience Vision Plan (CRVP):

A. Official Community Letterhead

- a) Date

B. Greetings

- a) Dear [CDBG Program Manager]

C. Introduction

- a) Provide up to three sentences to introduce the specific project seeking CDBG funding. Include:
 - i) Round/Cycle of CDBG Application Submission
 - ii) Project or Plan Type

D. Vision Statement

- a) Provide three (3) sentences each
 - i) describing the visions for the community over the next five years.
 - ii) describing how current or future projects will enhance the community's capacity to adapt, recover, and thrive in the face of future challenges.

E. Long Term Project Impact-

- a) Describe community projects that have or will strategically contribute to the overall goal of improving the community's resilience in the next five (5) years. Specifically, the seven resilience metrics used by Stats Indiana. **Note:** Projects may or may not be funded by OCRA.
- b) For **ONE** metric below, outline in three to five sentences how current or future community projects will contribute to the overall goal of improving the community's resilience.



MSR #: 002

- i) **Structure of local economy:** How the local economic base will be broadened and new sectors attracted.
- ii) **Entrepreneurial Activity:** How startup activity, small-business growth, access to capital, etc. will be fostered.
- iii) **Human capital (Education & workforce participation):** How educational attainment will be improved and labor-force engagement increased.
- iv) **Social Capital:** How community networks will be strengthened and how civic engagement will be enhanced.
- v) **Broadband Connectivity:** Efforts made to expand reliable internet service for homes, businesses, and institutions.
- vi) **Wealth equity:** Efforts made to increase financial security of residents.
- vii) **Homeownership:** Strategies to increase stable housing and deepen residents' ties to the community.

F. Funding Utilization Strategy

- a) Describe strategy for project implementation in order to realize the community's five-year resilience objectives.
- b) Identify anticipated and viable funding streams to support implementation of the identified metric above.

G. Closing

- a) Reaffirm commitment to improving community resilience through efforts within and beyond the vision plan.

H. Signature

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

2) Resilience Planning discussed in Public Meeting ****EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2027**

A. Discuss resilience in a public meeting

- a. Define the Community Resilience Index (CRI), including metrics used to determine a community's CRI score
- b. Discuss how the CRI and resilience as a whole impacts your community.

B. Include meeting minutes in resilience bonus points upload.

B. Points Awarded (PA) Formula

(Slope * Community Resilience Score – Intercept)

A point-based system formula is used to translate STATS Indiana Community Resilience Index scores into a straightforward format for evaluation. These scores are updated at least annually. A chart of points awarded based on a community's current Community Resilience Index score may be found on the [CDBG Resources](#) webpage.

Grant Administrator Program Update



Next Up Is...



Erica Gummere



CDBG Program
Manager

Spring Feedback Survey Recap

Communication, CEUs, & Planning Grant Application

- ▶ 94% of respondents expressed interest in a GA Newsletter
- ▶ 91% agreed that Planning Grant Evaluation Questions need updating
 - ▶ 57% a firm yes, 37% maybe
 - ▶ Evaluation categories in need of updates: Program Specific Points, Project Financial Impact, and (tie) Project Description and Project Need
- ▶ CEU Challenges were across the board. The top 3 challenges were:
 - ▶ Unable to find eligible CEUs
 - ▶ Confusion with CEU tracking in GMS
 - ▶ Other (e.g. rates at which CEUs are earned, pre-approval process, attendance at GA updates)

How are We Applying Your Feedback?

THANK YOU!



**35 out of 140+
GAs
responded**

**Only 8
Responses
in most
recent
survey**

Expanded CEU Resources

Pre-Approved CEU Source List

- ▶ Updated at least annually
- ▶ Pre-approved *sources*
 - ▶ Conferences can be tricky

Keep watch in 2027 for:

- ▶ Updated CEU logging instructions
- ▶ Pre-Approval policy formalization
 - ▶ Instructions
 - ▶ Updated CEU Request Form
- ▶ Automatic response emails when your CEU approval status changes

url: <https://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg/grant-administrator-continuing-education/>



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Additional Approved Events

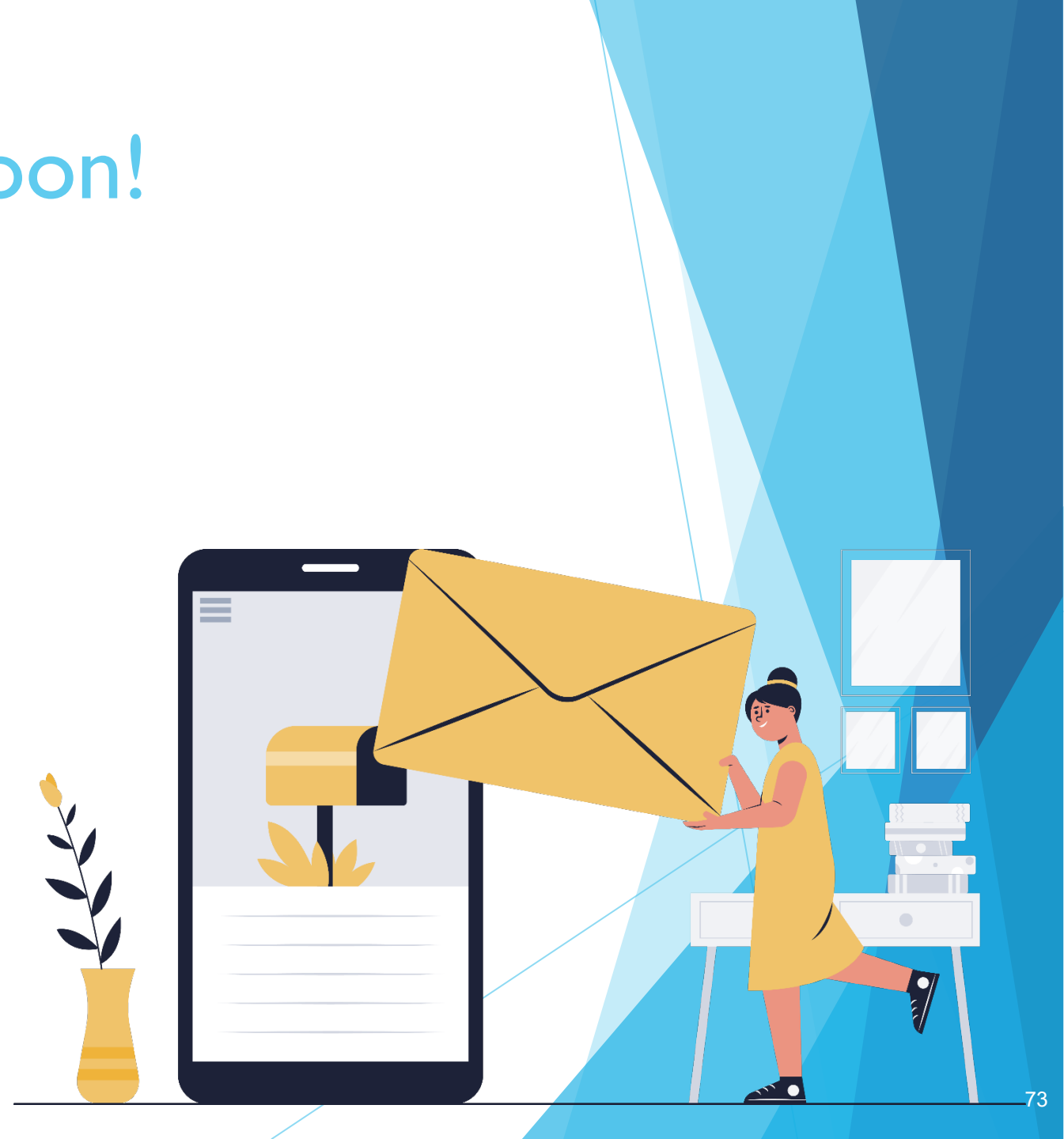


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- Click [here](#) to access the 2026 CDBG Approved CEU Sources.

Newsletter Coming soon!

- ▶ **When?** Biannually, in December and July
- ▶ **How?** Email, with online copies available
- ▶ **What?** The Newsletter will cover:
 - ▶ Deadline reminders
 - ▶ Policy & Procedure Updates
 - ▶ Success Stories or Best Practices
 - ▶ Noteworthy CEU Opportunities
 - ▶ **F.A.Q.s**



Get your CEU Credit!

What to Do:

- ✓ Check the Q&A for a link!
- ✓ Provide an F.A.Q. contribution
- ✓ **SAVE A COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE**
- ✓ *Form Closes at 6:00pm ET today*

Excellent Questions Are:

- ✓ Process or Action-Oriented
- ✓ Not easily answered in Online Resources



Policy & Procedure Updates

GA Update Attendance Reconciliation Guidelines

CDBG Policy Notice 26-002

- ▶ Process for making-up missed GA Updates and earning one CEU
- ▶ If you don't notify the CDBG Team of your absence you do not receive CEU credit
- ▶ All absences must be reconciled to keep your certification in good standing



Attendance Reconciliation Policy: <https://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg/grant-administrator/CDBG%20Notice%2026-02%20-%20GA%20Update%20Absence%20Reconciliation%20%20-%20Final.pdf>

Policy & Procedure Updates

GA Application Guidance Letters

Two Primary Goals

- ▶ Compliment Feedback Meetings with CLs (project focused)
- ▶ Provide GA-specific suggestions for future applications

In Practice

- ▶ Suggestions are gathered at each stage of the application process
- ▶ Letters are sent after a given round's award announcements
- ▶ *All GAs will receive a Guidance Letter, regardless of an application's funding status*



2027 CDBG Programmatic Changes



2027 Planning Grant Overhaul Preview

Stay-tuned for more information in
December!



Things that are not changing:

- ▶ 450-point threshold for award
- ▶ Three (3) cycle application system

Focus is shifting to:

- ▶ *How solid is your implementation plan?*
- ▶ *How will this plan help:*
 - ▶ *Build community capacity?*
 - ▶ *Advance local goals?*

2027 Construction Grant Update

Calendar is shifting to accommodate two rounds in one calendar year.

More details to come in December!

What this means for GAs:

- ▶ There will be an overlap between Round 2 2026 & Round 1 2027
- ▶ Streamlined application process
 - ▶ 200 day rounds to approximately 150 days
 - ▶ Project development and readiness is key
- ▶ Final income survey data due date will be adjusted accordingly



REMINDER

Submit your
claims on a
timely basis!



Stay connected!

Sign up for press releases and announcements at bit.ly/OCRA-signup

Find your regional Community Liaison's contact information:

<https://www.in.gov/ocra/about/community-liaisons/>



Grant Administrator Update

Continuing Education Unit (CEU)

- ▶ Your attendance will be documented by completing the earlier activity.
- ▶ See the Q&A for the link
- ▶ Log your CEU as normal in GMS, with your saved responses as proof of attendance



~ 1 CEU ~

Questions?

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