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**LCDBG Public Facilities Program Project Severity 2022-2023 Program Cycle
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Where can applicants find updates about the LCDBG Public Facilities Program?

Updates can be found at https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/CDBG/about_lcdbg.aspx and our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWcJm1k2CZCcsdVywhhmr-A>. Also, make sure you're following us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LaOCD>.

2. Will the Project Severity Presentation be made available online?

The webinar is available on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWcJm1k2CZCcsdVywhhmr-A>. Links are also available on our website at https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/CDBG/about_lcdbg.aspx and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LaOCD>. The slide presentation is also available on our website at https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/CDBG/about_lcdbg.aspx.

3. Where can I get a copy of the 2022-2023 Public Facilities Project Severity Package?

The link to the Severity package is located on our website at https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/CDBG/lcdbg_applications_and_forms.aspx.

5. Can the application use existing Resiliency Plans prepared for other agencies (FEMA, DR, etc.)?

Yes. The applicant must be sure that the specific public improvements that are being applied for under the LCDBG Public Facilities program are being addressed directly in the existing resiliency plan.

6. Does the Resiliency Plan have to be formally adopted?

Yes, the Resiliency Plan is to be a part of the application and must be adopted by the local government to ensure credibility.

7. Can the applicant amend current Resiliency Plans to include project activities for their CDBG Project?

Yes.

8. If the municipality conducted a rate study that determined they could lower their rates after closeout of the LCDBG grant, will you accept the lowering of rates with proper documentation? This occurs if/when debts are fully paid and the lowering of rates is possible since debt payments are no longer required of the system.

Yes, if the rate study was completed by an independent organization. The rate study cannot be completed by entity or person with an interest in the municipality's system.

9. If a rural parish road doesn't have public sewer or water utilities, what documentation is required from the parish to justify meeting this requirement? Would we still need LDH/DEQ to sign stating there's no public services? This is in reference to the requirement of the "target area" has to be compliant with water and sewer before allowing a street application.

Yes. LDH/DEQ will be reviewing systems within the parish's jurisdiction. LDH/DEQ will not only be reviewing systems on particular roads. If a sewer or water system in the parish has needs that can be addressed under the LCDBG program, then the parish must apply for those needs before applying for street improvements.

10. Can administration fees be paid within the PF grants?

No, this is not eligible under PF program for the 2022/2023 cycle.

11. Can you provide the breakdown of program funds for the remainder of your allocation from HUD? You anticipate receiving \$22.8 million and only fund \$16 million for PF. Where are the other funds being allocated?

The breakdown of all funds is included in the proposed Method of Distribution for the FY 2022 program year, which is located on our website at https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/cdbg/about_lcdbg.aspx.

12. Will the rate study be performed prior to authorization to incur costs? Grantee may not want to incur costs until they know how much they may have to raise rates.

No, the rate study and any actions resulting from the rate study must be completed during the contract condition period after grant award. The grantee will be responsible for any costs incurred if funds are not released due to not clearing contract conditions. Also, the grantee will be required to complete other contract conditions simultaneously in order to avoid any penalties for missing deadlines.

13. Do we still need LDH/DEQ's approval to apply for a street grant if the water and sewer systems are privately owned?

If a sewer or water system in the parish has needs that can be addressed under the LCDBG program, then the parish must apply for those needs before applying for street improvements. Municipalities/parishes may apply on behalf of private nonprofit systems. A subrecipient agreement between the municipality/parish and the private nonprofit system will be required.