Community Development Block Grant Program

Fiscal Year 2027 Scoring Rubric

Each Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application will be evaluated and scored by Advisory Committee Members and St. Louis County Community Development Staff based on how it meets the criteria listed in the guide below. This guide will help applicants and CDBG Advisory Committee Members understand the application process and provide a uniform approach when making funding recommendations. **Each question is worth up to 5 points, for a maximum score of 50.** Please note scores are one of several tools utilized; a high score does not guarantee project funding. Feel free to contact St. Louis County Community Development with any questions.

Advisory Committee Scoring Questions

1. How does the applicant's project rank with the Consolidated Plan Priorities?

Please see *2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Survey Priority Needs*.

2. The applicant demonstrates a timely need for CDBG funding to conduct the project.

Consider things such as: Will the project be able to move forward without CDBG funding? Will the project be more impactful or effective this fiscal year, as opposed to the next fiscal year?

3. The applicant has a concrete funding plan to complete the project.

Consider things such as: Are there uncommitted funds or gaps in funding?

4. The applicant's project will be impactful within their community.

Consider things such as: Does the project have support from the local community? Will the applicant utilize the funding in the most efficient way?

5. The project addresses the need identified in the application.

Consider things such as: Is the project directly related to the problem/need that they identified? Were alternative solutions explored when creating project plans?

St. Louis County Community Development Scoring Questions

1. How does the applicant's project rank with the Consolidated Plan Priorities?

Please see *2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Survey Priority Needs*.

2. Does the applicant spend their money timely?

Consider things such as: Based on previous CDBG awards, does the applicant regularly spend money timely? New applicants will receive the maximum score for this question.

3. Does the applicant furnish documents in a timely manner and communicate effectively?

Consider things such as: Are the required documents complete and accurate? Does the applicant respond in a timely manner?

4. Percent of other funds leveraged.

Consider things such as: Based on total project cost, do CDBG funds comprise a majority of the funding sources (higher leverage of non-CDBG funding equals a higher score)?

5. Does the applicant submit accurate reporting?

Consider things such as: Accurate and timely submissions of required documents such as Davis-Bacon Labor Standards and Client Data.