



CDBG Application Scoring Criteria

Evaluate the following:	Scoring Criteria	Score
1. Did a representative from the applicant organization attend any outreach events including open houses, orientations, live streams, or one-on-one meetings with CDBG staff from the Redevelopment Authority?	☐ Yes – 10 ☐ No – 5	/10
2. Does the activity address needs or issues identified in Cumberland County’s most recent Consolidated Plan are addressed by the proposed activity?	☐ Identified need(s)/populations are high priority – 15 ☐ Identified need(s) are medium priority – 10 ☐ Identified need(s) are low priority – 5 ☐ No need identified - 0	/15
3. Does the activity address a priority for funding as outlined in the Cumberland County Strategic Plan Service Gap Analysis? <i>E.g. Aging in Place/Senior Accessibility, Existing Community and Infrastructure Investment, Prevention Over Crisis Response, or Filling a Documented Service Gap.</i>	☐ Proposed activity addresses a selected priority for funding – 20 ☐ Proposed activity does not address a selected priority for funding - 10	/20
4. Is the activity a new activity or a continuation of an existing activity?	☐ New activity - 10 ☐ Continuation of an existing activity– 5	/10
5. The applicant provided a detailed description of their experience administering previous Federal, state, local, and/or private grants, including staff and delineation of responsibilities, timelines, outcomes, and procedures.	☐ Very detailed experience – 15 ☐ Some details inexperience – 10 ☐ Very little details in experience – 5 ☐ No details in experience – 0	/15
6. Is CDBG the primary source of cash funding for the proposed activity?	☐ Yes - 5 ☐ No - 10	/10

7. Does the applicant leverage resources by coordinating your services with other community organizations?	☐ Coordinates services with multiple named agencies – 10 ☐ Coordinates services with one named agency – 8 ☐ Coordinates services with one or more unnamed agency – 6 ☐ Networks with other named agencies – 4 ☐ Networks with other unnamed agencies – 2 ☐ Applicant operates in a vacuum - 0	/10
8. Does the activity present a creative and innovative solution to an identified unmet need or service gap in Cumberland County?	Yes – 10 No – 5	/10
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE		/100

Criteria for Automatic Denial:

- An application is submitted unfinished or unsigned or is not submitted by the indicated date.
- An application does not meet a National Objective or Eligible Activity requirement as defined by 24 CFR Part 570.
- An application merges two or more activities, making it difficult to discern the true use of funding.
- An application does not meet the requirement regarding relevant laws (Civil Rights, Title VI, 24 CFR 200, 24 CFR 570.200(j)).
- An application is submitted from an entity not based in Cumberland County or regarding an activity that does not directly benefit Cumberland County residents.
- An application is submitted regarding a project that is either physically located in or primarily serves residents of Carlisle Borough.
- An application requests funding for a public service activity that was not either a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service above the level provided by or on behalf of the local government during the 12 calendar months before submission of the Action Plan.
- An application retains the majority of two or more prior years' funding or has not drawn on their most recent award within one (1) calendar year from the date of the application submission.
- An applicant has failed a financial audit within the last five (5) years or has otherwise demonstrated a lack of satisfactory internal controls for financial operations.