

**Questions and Answers for RFA 2024-305 Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Financing For Affordable Housing Developments Located In Hurricane Sally Impacted Areas**

1. There appears to be a discrepancy between the County Award Tally and the Tiers section.

In Section 5.B.1 (pg 62.), it is stated that “No Tier 2, Tier 3, or Tier 4 Applications will be selected until all Tier 1 Applications that can be fully funded have been selected for funding.”. However, in Section 5.B.3 (pg.63), it is stated that counties that have a lower county award tally will be prioritized above counties with a higher county award tally and Section 5.B.5 (pg.63), states that Tier 1 applications will be select subject to County Award Tally and Funding Test. We believe that 5.B.1 is in conflict to 5.B.3 and 5.B.5. Therefore, we kindly request your insight to help us understand the intended selection process.

Answer:

There is no conflict. The County Award Tally language starts with the phrase “Within each Tier,...” and it will be utilized within Tier 1 as Applications are selected. If there are no Tier 1 Applications that can meet the Funding Test, Tier 2 Applications will be selected, subject to County Award Tally.

In the below example and assuming there was enough funding to select 5 Applications, Application #100 would be selected, and #101 would be skipped due to County Award Tally. Then #102 would be selected, and #103 would be skipped due to County Award Tally. The selection process would then continue by selecting the highest-ranking Tier 1 Application with the lowest County Award Tally, meaning application #101 would be selected next, followed by #103. Then Applications in Tier 2 would be considered for funding.

App #100 Escambia County – Tier 1

App #101 Escambia County – Tier 1

App # 102 Santa Rosa County – Tier 1

App #103 Santa Rosa County – Tier 1

App #104 Bay County – Tier 2

2. Are the Ability to Proceed forms (zoning, water, sewer/package treatment/septic tank) required to be submitted in this RFA? They aren’t in the list of eligibility items in Section Five.

Answer:

No. As stated in Section Four, A.7.b. of the RFA, the zoning, water, sewer/package treatment/septic tank forms (“Ability to Proceed forms”) are **not** required to be submitted in the RFA to be eligible for funding. Successful Applicants will instead submit these forms during the credit underwriting process. However, Applicants that seek to qualify for Tier 1 or Tier 2 status for the selection process must submit the Ability to Proceed forms as part of the Application submission and meet the other criteria outlined in Section Four, A.3.c.(3) of the RFA.

3. Are the new forms listed in Section Four, A.12. of the RFA (Duplication of Benefits Calculation and Certification; and CDBG-DR Compliance Conditions) required to be submitted in this RFA? They aren't in the list of eligibility items in Section Five.

Answer:

Yes. Both of the forms listed in Section Four A.12. of the RFA (Duplication of Benefits Calculation and Certification; and CDBG-DR Compliance Conditions) are required to be submitted as part of the Application. A modification was issued on 5-8-24 to update the list of eligibility items to include these required forms.

***Please Note: The Q&A process for RFA 2024-305 is concluded and Florida Housing does not expect to issue any further Q&As regarding RFA 2024-305.***

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