

State of Louisiana



Division of
Administration

Office of Community
Development



Office of Community Development

- Local Government Assistance Program – state funds
 - Community Water Enrichment Program – state funds
 - Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program – federal funds
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- All funding is distributed to local governments.




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Applicants may not exceed the following funding levels for any fiscal year, unless other eligible applicants within the parish agree by resolution to allow funding levels to be exceeded.

LGAP

- ▶ Villages – up to \$25,000
- ▶ Towns – up to \$35,000
- ▶ Cities – up to \$50,000
- ▶ Parishes – up to \$100,000

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Local Government Assistance Program



- Eligible Activities: fire protection, sewer, water, renovations to essential governmental buildings, police protection, land acquisition, demolition, equipment, roads, drainage, and reasonable engineering costs (if associated with construction)
- Non-Eligible Activities: consulting fees for preparation of the application, for administrative costs by agents of the project sponsor or any third party, previously incurred debt, improvements to private property, overtime for government employees, administration, engineering only or planning only projects.



Community Water Enrichment Fund



- Eligible Activities: rehabilitation, improvement, and new construction projects for community potable water systems. Reasonable engineering costs (if associated with construction) are allowed.
- Non-Eligible Activities: consulting fees for preparation of the application, for administrative costs by agents of the project sponsor or any third party, previously incurred debt, improvements to private property, overtime for government employees, administration, engineering only or planning only projects.

LGAP/CWEF Application and Funding Process

Appropriation made by legislature



OCD determines per parish allocation



OCD develops application package and sends to legislators



OCD sends application package to eligible local governments

LGAP/CWEF Application and Funding Process

Local governments submit completed applications and letters of support by deadline



OCD reviews applications and submits recommendations to legislators for concurrence



OCD submits funding recommendations to Commissioner of Administration



Commissioner of Administration forwards funding recommendations to Governor

LGAP/CWEF Application and Funding Process

Letters of award/notices of non-compliance are mailed to recipients



Grant agreements are emailed to recipients for signature and return



OCD fully executes grant agreements



OCD transmits fully executed grant agreement and authorizes recipient to incur costs



LGAP/CWEF

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Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program

- Appropriated by Congress and allocations are determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Distribution of annual allocation is determined by OCD and approved by HUD
- Funds must be distributed to non-entitlement local governments
- Funds must meet a national objective
 - Principal benefit to low/mod income persons
 - Elimination or prevention of slums or blight
 - Urgent Need



LCDBG – Method of Distribution

- OCD conducts a public hearing to obtain the needs of the state
 - Publish notice of the public hearing
 - Survey all eligible local governments in an effort to identify the needs of the communities
 - Establish priorities of the LCDBG in consideration of all program compliance requirements and needs of the communities.
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Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program

- Annual allocation is approximately \$20 million
 - Demonstrated Needs - \$1,200,000
 - LaSTEP (self-help) - \$500,000
 - Economic Development - \$3,000,000
 - Public Facilities - \$14,500,000



LCDBG – Demonstrated Needs Program \$1,200,000

- Eligible activities: improvements to existing sewer systems involving collection and treatment, improvements to existing water systems addressing potable water, improvements to existing gas systems, other community needs as determined by the State.
- Funding Criteria: Project must address a critical need that developed within 3 months of the submittal of an application. Project must principally benefit low/moderate persons or meet an urgent need.
- Awards are made continually April 1 through March 31 of each program year and are subject to the availability of funds.
- Award maximum = \$300,000 (includes up to \$28,700 for administration and pre-agreement costs)



LCDBG – Louisiana Small Town Environment Program (LaSTEP) \$500,000

- Established to provide water and wastewater services to communities of low/moderate income residents who have not been successful in obtaining funds through the traditional CDBG grant process.
- Funding Criteria: Project use volunteer labor and show a cost savings of 40% in construction costs. Project must principally benefit low/moderate income persons.
- Awards are made continually April 1 through March 31 of each program year and are subject to the availability of funds.
- A pre-application meeting is required. Applicants are invited to submit an application based on the outcome of the meeting.
- Eligible expenditures: materials, engineering and inspection services, administrative costs, specialized construction costs.
- Maximum award = \$500,000 (Includes up to \$33,700 for administration and pre-agreement costs)



LCDBG Public Facilities Program

\$14,500,000

- Priorities established through surveying communities are:
 - sewer systems primarily involving collection lines
 - sewer systems involving collection and treatment
 - sewer treatment only
 - water systems addressing potable water
 - new construction of graveled residential streets, rehabilitation, and/or reconstruction of residential streets [no asphaltic surface treatment]



PF Application Process – Phase I

- Phase I – For FY 2018 and FY 2019 LCDBG Public Facilities Program
- Project Severity packages were accepted by the OCD until June 9, 2017. OCD scored the project severity packages. These project severity packages were reviewed for funding under the FY 2018 – FY 2019 program years.

PF Application Process – Phase II



FY 2018 Program

- Threshold determination – July 14, 2017
- Rank project severity scores meeting past performance threshold requirements
- Top 60% invited to apply around July 28, 2017
- Application Workshops – August 7 (BR) and 8 (Pineville)
- Full applications due – October 27, 2017

FY 2019 Program

- Threshold determination – July 13, 2018
- Rank project severity scores meeting past performance threshold requirements
- Top 60% invited to apply around July 27, 2018
- Application Workshops – August 6 (BR) and 7 (TBD)
- Full applications due – October 26, 2018

Grant Ceilings

- \$1,200,000 – Sewer Treatment
- \$1,000,000 – New Sewer Collection
- \$1,000,000 – Existing Sewer Collection Rehab
- \$1,000,000 – Potable Water
- \$800,000 – Streets





Minimum Construction Requirement

- All requests must contain \$200,000 of construction activities in order to be considered.
- Any project severity package and/or full application submitted to OCD that does not have an estimate that includes \$200,000 of construction activities will not be scored.

General Information Regarding Public Facilities Projects



- To be considered and rated as a community/system-wide project, at least 35% of the total construction cost (including contingencies) must be utilized in a community/system-wide activity.
- This determination affects the number of beneficiaries that are used in the calculation of the cost effectiveness for rating purposes.

General Information Regarding Public Facilities Projects



- Only one utility system can be included in each application.
- “There may also be instances whereby a municipality wishes to extend its utility system to an adjacent, unincorporated neighborhood or street(s); this type of instance will require annexation of the unincorporated area prior to the closeout of the grant (if the main purpose or majority of the project’s scope of work is to extend the system).” Annual Action Plan, Section II.B.1.



General Information Regarding Public Facilities Projects

Sewer or Water projects involving new connections

- LCDBG funds, local funds, or other state or federal funds must be used to pay for connection to residential structures that are occupied by low and moderate income persons.
- Local government must require higher income residents to connect to the system at their own expense.
- LCDBG funds cannot be used to pay for connection to non residential structures.
- If invited to submit a full application, all income verifications for connections will be required to be included with the submittal of the application.



Noted Changes to PF Application Package

- If 25% of the persons survey during the household survey process do not want a new system or extension of existing system, the application will not be considered.
- Low/mod income verifications will be required with the application for new connections.
- No new household surveys can be conducted with customer list. A map identifying structures is required.

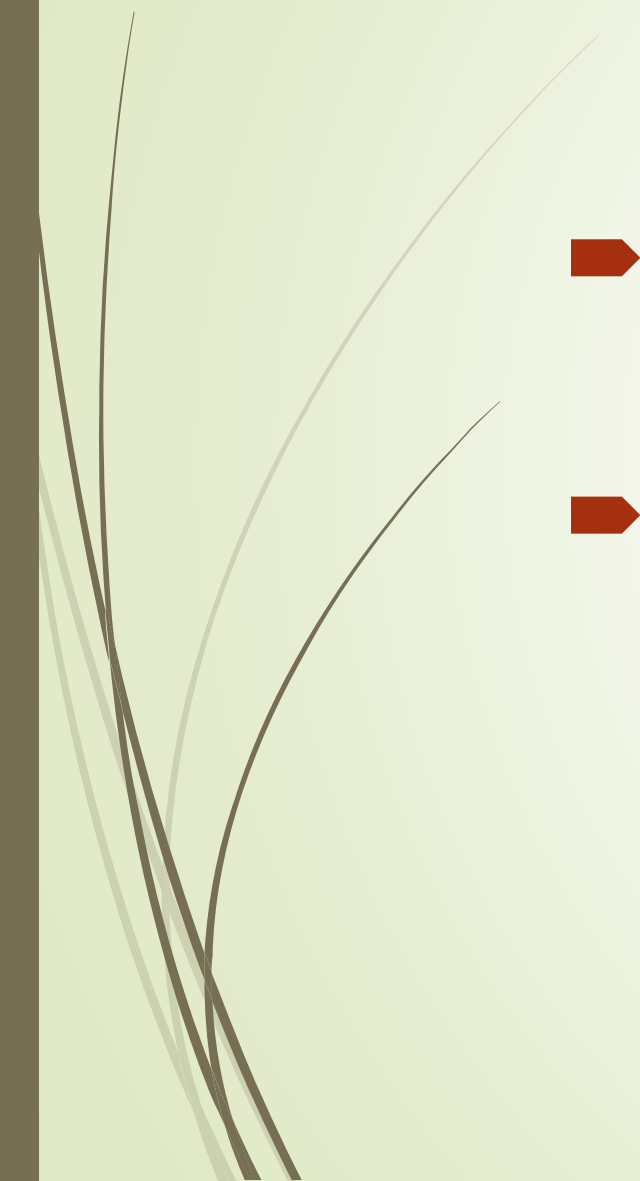


LCDBG Public Facilities Program

- Highly competitive program
- FY 2018/2019 Application Cycle
 - Received a total of 193 severity assessment packages
 - 16 sewer treatment
 - 11 new sewer
 - 83 sewer rehabilitation
 - 48 streets
 - 35 potable water
 - Invited 72 applicants to submit a full application
 - Received 68 full applications

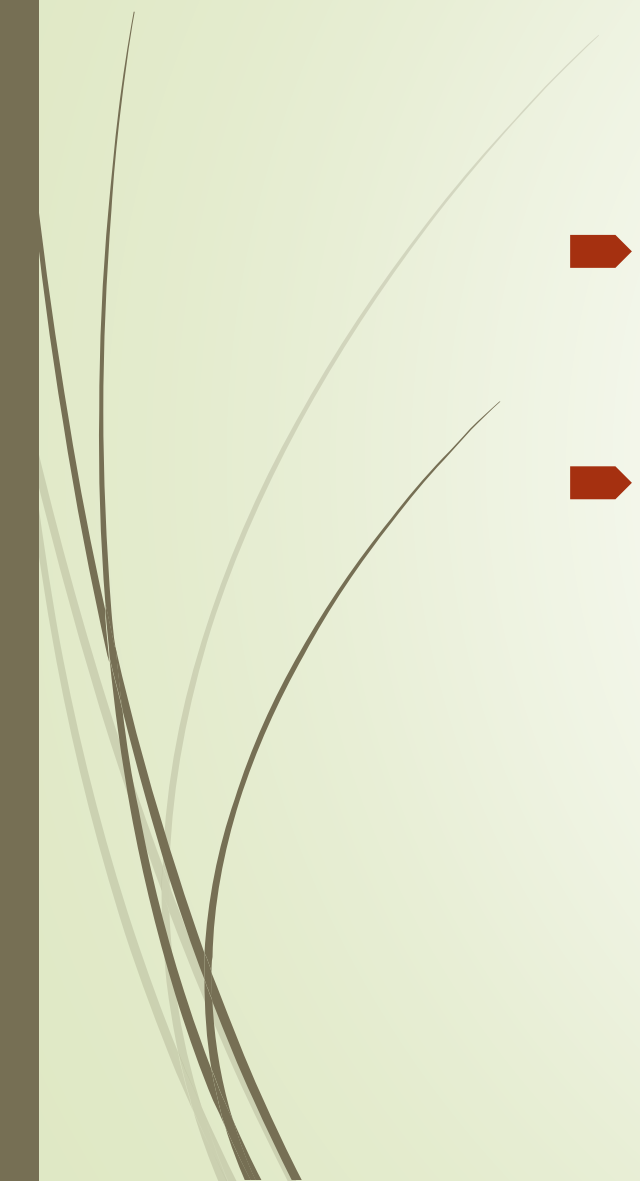


LCDBG Public Facilities Program

- FY 2018 award letters were distributed April 2, 2018
 - Invitations for FY 2019 applications will be issued around the end of July.
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LCDBG Public Facilities Program

- Planning for 2020/2021 application cycle is underway.
 - Local governments will be able to submit Project Severity Assessments in 2019.
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LCDBG

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Questions?