

Bear River Association of Governments
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
2026 Rating & Ranking Criteria

This application can be found on the web at <https://brag.utah.gov/community-development-block-grants/>

1) What percent of the project beneficiaries fall into the following income groups? 20 points possible							My Project Percentage
80% CMFI*	<51% 0 points	51-55% 8 points	56-60% 9 points	61-70% 10 points	71-80% 11 points	81-100% 12 points	
50% CMFI	65% or more of total project beneficiaries have household income at or below 50% CMFI 4 points						
30% CMFI	40% or more of total project beneficiaries have household income at or below 30% CMFI 4 points						
Opting to meet a HUD National Objective without income data**	Projects that meet a HUD National Objective by meeting the criteria for “presumed Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI)” groups or qualified Urgent Need projects may opt to not document specific LMI beneficiaries and receive 8 points automatically. Qualified Slum & Blight projects may opt to receive 8 points without providing income documentation Urgent Need projects are not required to provide proof of income qualification and are limited in budget size and scope and may receive 9 points without documenting specific LMI beneficiaries.					Project Meets Criteria and opts to not document LMI ____ Yes	

* County Median Family Income (see jobs.utah.gov/housing/community/cdbg/publications.html or State Application Appendix C).

How to Document: Consult BRAG staff to determine the best way to document income for your project. **Projects that meet a HUD National Objective (see Chapter III of State Application Guide) by serving a HUD specified “Presumed Low-to-Moderate income (LMI) group or that aid in the prevention of slum or blight (National Object #2) or respond to an Urgent Need (National Object #3) may opt to receive “default” points in this category automatically without having to document LMI beneficiaries. Otherwise they must document LMI benefit and will not be eligible for default points. You must consult with BRAG staff if you think your project may qualify.

2) Is the jurisdiction implementing Fair Housing, Civil Rights and Quality Growth Principles? 10 points possible		My Jurisdiction Is Participating
<u>3 Points</u>	Is the moderate income housing plan of your jurisdiction compliant with State Code Title 10-9a-403(2)(a)(iii)? (Towns with populations under 1,000 receive 2 points if no plan)	
<u>2 Points</u>	Does this project implement moderate income housing or homeless goals as identified in your general plan (whether required by state code or not) or in BRAG’s Consolidated Plan?	
<u>3 Points*</u>	Has your jurisdiction adopted ordinances to protect and conserve water, air, energy resources, critical lands, important agriculture lands and/or historic places?*	
<u>1 Point</u>	The Community has a regularly updated Capital Asset Inventory or Capital Improvement List	
<u>1 Point</u>	The Community has adopted the following Accessibility policies – 1) Grievance Procedure under the Americans with Disabilities Act, 2) Section 504 and ADA Effective Communication Policy, 3) Language Access Plan and 4) Section 504 and ADA Reasonable Accommodation Policy	

* Applicants will receive one point for each ordinance adopted to protect or conserve water, air quality, energy resources, critical lands, important agriculture lands, and/or historic places. Up to three points possible. Attach copies of ordinances and planning documents to Application Packet.

3a) For Community-wide Projects – Does the jurisdiction have capacity to fund the project through increased taxes?

Your Jurisdiction's Tax Rate as a Percentage of State Ceiling

10 points possible

<u>Tax Rate as a % of Ceiling*</u>	<u>Tax rate <15% of ceiling</u> 0 points	<u>Tax rate 16-25% of ceiling</u> 5 points	<u>Tax rate >25% of ceiling</u> 10 points
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How to Document: BRAG staff will use the tax rate data produced by the Utah Tax Commission to confirm your jurisdiction taxing position. No documentation required.

OR

3b) For Drinking Water/Waste Water Projects – Are the system user fees competitive according to State Drinking Water and Water Quality standards?

Your Jurisdiction's Utility Rate as a Percentage of MAGI

10 points possible

<u>Maximum Affordable Water Bill (1.75% of MAGI)</u>	<u>Fee rate <0.6% of MAGI</u> 0 points	<u>Fee rate 0.61-1.40% of MAGI</u> 5 points	<u>Fee rate >1.40% of MAGI</u> 10 points
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Regional Priority

4) How does the project rate with regional priorities, goals, and policies? Regional priorities are determined by the Community Investment Council and BRAG Governing Board.

20 points possible

Regional priorities, goals, and policies	Other Projects 0 points	Community Facilities (non-recreational) 4 points	Removing Barriers 8 points	Public Safety Activities 12 points	Public Utility Infrastructure 16 points	LMI Housing 20 points
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Public Utility Infrastructure – Projects designed to increase the capacity of public utility systems to better serve the community. May include drinking water, wastewater disposal projects and transportation facilities. Infrastructure that serves LMI Housing construction will be rated using the **LMI Housing** category score.

Public Safety Activities - Projects related to the protection of life or property, would include activities such as flood control, fire protection, or abuse prevention projects in a community.

Community Facilities – Non-administrative and non-recreational facilities and service activities such as senior citizen centers, health clinics, and food banks, etc.

LMI Housing – Projects designed to provide for the housing needs of families earning less than 30%, 60% and 80% of the area median income. May include the acquisition of property, acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing dwelling units or the development of public infrastructure that would serve LMI housing projects or homeless shelters. May **NOT** be used to construct new housing, but may be used to construct infrastructure to serve housing for qualified LMI households.

Removing Barriers – Accessibility to public facilities by persons with disabilities is mandated by federal law. Projects will remove accessibility barriers in existing public buildings and facilities constructed prior to 1996.

5) When was the last time the jurisdiction or organization was funded with CDBG and did you manage the project satisfactorily? 10 points possible

						Program Year Last Funded with CDBG
Last funded with CDBG*	Applicant funded in 2025 0 Points	Applicant funded in 2024 1 Point	Applicant funded in 2023 2 Points	Applicant funded in 2022 3 Points	Applicant funded in 2021 or never funded. 5 Points	
Applicant Capacity to Administer Grant	Project Manager Consistency 1 point	Documentation/ Communication 1 point	Project Completed in Contract Period 1 point	Compliance with Regulations & Laws 1 point	Project management documents in Webgrants 1 point	First-time applicant default: 2.5 Points

6) What is the overall project impact? 15 points possible

Project Impact Geography	The project benefits fewer than 50 individuals 0 Points	The project benefits between 51 and 100 individuals 4 Points	The project benefits between 101 and 500 individuals 6 Points	The project benefits between 501 and 1000 individuals 8 Points	The project benefits more than 1000 individuals 10 Points	
Project Impact Beneficiaries	The project benefits a targeted population. 2.5 Points AND The project addresses a critical need. 2.5 Points					

Targeted population includes LMI populations and HUD-specified “presumed” LMI populations such as homeless, elderly, disabled adults, victims fleeing abuse, etc.

“Critical need” would include health and safety emergencies and special needs as defined in the Consolidated Plan such as transitional housing, mobility, respite care, etc.

7) Per Capita Funding – How much CDBG money is invested in each beneficiary?

5 points possible

Project CDBG \$'s per Beneficiary	>\$1,000 1 point	\$800-999 2.5 points	\$400-800 5 points	\$200-800 7.5 points	\$1-200 10 points	
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8) Does the project have competitive matching funds or leverage of funds?

10 points possible

<i>Applicant contribution and any other outside funding (Beneficiary Population >5,000)</i> Percentage of non-CDBG funds invested in project	>40%	30.1-40%	20.1-30%	10.1-20%	<10%	
	10 Points	7.5 Points	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points	
<i>Applicant contribution and any other outside funding (Beneficiary Population 1,001-5,000)</i> Percentage of non-CDBG funds invested in project	>30%	23.1-30%	15.1-23%	7.1-15%	<7%	
	10 Points	7.5 Points	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points	
<i>Applicant contribution and any other outside funding (Beneficiary Population 501-1,000)</i> Percentage of non-CDBG funds invested in project	>20%	15.1-20%	10.1-15%	5.1-10%	<5%	
	10 Points	7.5 Points	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points	
<i>Applicant contribution and any other outside funding (Beneficiary Population <500)</i> Percentage of non-CDBG funds invested in project	>10%	7.1-10%	4.1-7%	1-4%	<1%	
	10 Points	7.5 Points	5 Points	2.5 Points	0 Points	