

HUD CDBG Emergency Project Criteria

C. Emergency Projects

Emergency projects (distributed statewide) are limited on an annual basis to \$500,000. As such, RRCs are asked to be very conservative in their definition of an **emergency**. To deal with multiple project proposals with similar timeframes, the State CDBG Policy Committee will take into account the nature of each identified **emergency**. Funding will come from unspent balances in the state's line of credit with HUD (in the same manner the interim loans are funded). The amount of **emergency** project funding awarded in a region will be deducted from the AOG's regional allocation during the next funding cycle.

1. Projects

Emergency projects are defined as projects that have a particular urgency, as determined by each of the individual Rating and Ranking Committees (RRCs). They can be funded outside normal allocation cycles as described below. The RRC must determine its own definition of an **emergency** and adopt a policy that will be applied to all **emergency** applications. Existing project cost overruns may be funded if the RRC deems it an appropriate **emergency**.

2. Application Procedure

Requests for **emergency** funding must be submitted using the state's application form for the most recent funding cycle. AOG staff will review the application for eligibility and check for consistency with the Consolidated Plan. Applications that meet the local RRCs approval criteria must go through a public hearing process. The details of the **emergency** application must be provided.

All **emergency** projects must meet all CDBG program requirements. Following RRC approval, the state staff will review all **emergency** applications for program eligibility and national objective compliance. The state reserves the right to reject or amend applications that do not meet these threshold requirements. In the case of existing project cost overruns, a new scope of work, budget and public hearing are required. The State CDBG Policy Committee must approve all **emergency** applications.

Emergency projects may be considered by the Regional Review Committee (FCAOG Steering Committee) at any time. Projects applying for emergency funding must still meet a national objective and regional goals and policies.

Projects may be considered as an emergency application if:

- Funding through the normal application time frame will create an unreasonable risk to health or property.
- An appropriate third-party agency has documented a specific risk (or risks) that; in their opinion; needs immediate remediation.

If an applicant wishes to consider applying for emergency funds, they should contact the Five County Association of Governments CDBG Program Specialist as soon as possible to discuss the state required application procedure as well as regional criteria.

Emergency funds (distributed statewide) are limited on an annual basis to \$500,000. The amount of any emergency funds distributed during the year will be subtracted from the top of the appropriate regional allocation during the next funding cycle.