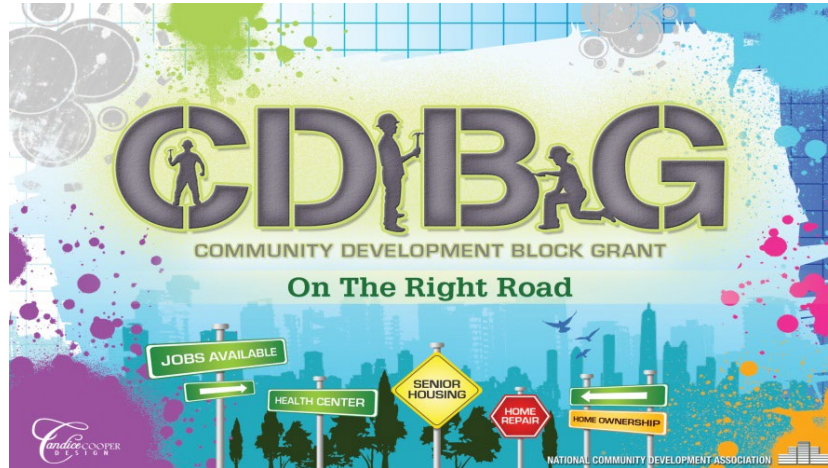


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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
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This RFA reflects the goals of the Consolidated Plan submitted to HUD for fiscal years 2025-2029.

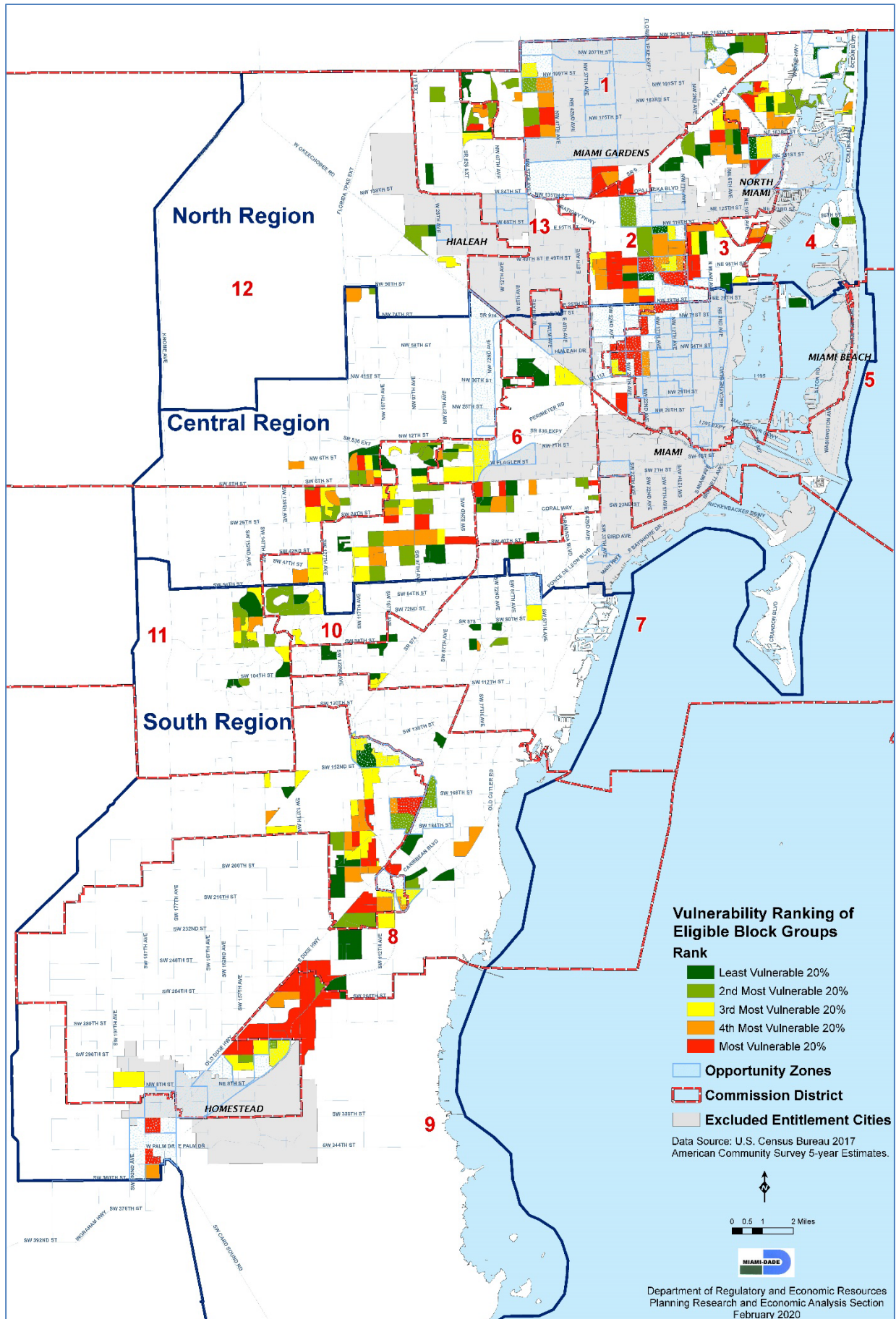
- Applicants must score a minimum of **70 points, inclusive of bonus points** to be considered for funding. At a minimum, an application must include a budget and scope of work to be considered for scoring.
- **Only applications submitted through ZoomGrants will be considered for funding. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Updates to the FY 2025 RFA will be posted on Miami-Dade County Housing and Community Development's (HCD) website. Applicants should periodically check the County's website (<http://www.miamidade.gov/global/housing/>) for potential changes in funding availability, submission dates, and/or requirements.

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS
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INTRODUCTION

The Miami-Dade County Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers Miami-Dade County's HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. In this FY 2025 Request for Applications (RFA), HCD is soliciting applications to fund activities with CDBG funds, particularly activities located in Eligible Block Groups within the North, Central and South regions of Miami-Dade County and areas most susceptible to sea level rising, as designated on the Vulnerability Map. (See Attachment 1).

This RFA is part of the first year of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and HCD is seeking applications to address high priority needs identified by Miami-Dade County residents and stakeholders as stated in the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

- Funds awarded from HUD are allocated to not-for-profit community-based development organizations, community development corporations, community-based organizations, municipalities, and County departments to support activities that meet HUD national objectives to benefit Low-and-Moderate-Income (LMI) persons. CDBG defines a low- and moderate-income person as a member of a household whose income would qualify as "very low-income" under the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program. Generally, these Section 8 limits are based on 50% of Area Median Income (AMI). The 2024 area median income for Miami-Dade County is \$79,400. For CDBG purposes moderate-income is defined as 80% of the area median income.
- If an entity is awarded funding, the entire CDBG award amount will not be available to access immediately, but will be distributed proportionately (i.e., on a reimbursement basis) in accordance with each entity's project needs and budget during the contract period based on incurred costs with valid supporting documentation.
- **The Special Economic Development program (SPED) administered by HCD is not soliciting applications in this RFA.**
- Ordinance 14-26 requires contractors on construction projects over \$1 million, for public buildings, public works or projects on County owned lands, to submit a Responsible Contractor Affidavit; to provide the Office of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) ten (10) hour safety program training to all persons employed by the contractor; and achieve an aspirational goal of 51 percent of all construction labor hours performed by Miami-Dade County residents.

The following information describes the objectives and requirements of the CDBG program, including definitions, eligible activities and expenses, national objectives, and **estimated** funding availability for FY 2025. Please note that at this time the amount of funding available has not yet been announced by HUD. As such, the estimated funding availability in this draft RFA is based on the prior year's allocation.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Activity Delivery Costs (ADC):** ADC are those allowable costs incurred for implementing and carrying out eligible CDBG activities. All ADC are allocable to a CDBG activity, including direct and indirect costs integral to the delivery of the final CDBG-assisted activity.
2. **Audit Report:** When the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F apply, an audit shall be conducted for each fiscal year for which federal awards attributable to this Agreement have been received by the Awardee. Each audit shall include a fiscal review, which includes a validation of all program generated income and its disposition, especially attributable to CDBG funds, an internal control review, and a compliance review as described in 2 CFR Part 200. A copy of the audit report in triplicate must be received by HCD no later than six months following the end of the Awardee's fiscal year.
3. **Credit Underwriting (CU):** An analytical process that determines the amount of financing necessary for completion of the construction and development of a project as indicated in a report prepared by a credit underwriter under the direction and oversight of HCD. Credit underwriting will assist HCD to determine the terms of financing, whether the project is financially feasible as represented in the application, and whether the costs and risks associated with the project are reasonable. (Developer will be responsible for the cost of this analysis; however, this is a reimbursable expense).
4. **Commission District Fund Process** – The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) are allocated a percentage of Community Development Block Grant funds to award. District Commissioner award funds through a non-competitive process in the Public Service Category, Economic Development or Public Facilities/Capital Improvements. The members of the BCC are encouraged to award funds through the RFA process but are not required to do so.
5. **Community Based Development Organization (CBDO):** Generally, new construction housing is not eligible under the CDBG program. However, an entity defined as a CBDO is eligible to carry out new construction activities. The eligible groups include neighborhood-based organizations, section 301(d), Small Business Investment Companies (SBIC), Local Development Corporation (LDC), and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO). These organizations must be undertaking a neighborhood revitalization, community economic development or energy conservation project as part of a larger effort to revitalize the neighborhood. The applicant must meet the definition outlined in Section 105(a) (15) of the Housing and Community Development Act and §570.204.
6. **Community Land Trust (CLT)** – Community Land Trust, as defined in Section 212 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (H11966, 10/5/1992), means a community housing organization (except that the requirements under subparagraph (C) and (D) of section 104(6) shall not apply for purposes of this subsection):
 - 1) that is not sponsored by a for-profit organization
 - 2) that it is established to carry out the activities under paragraph (3).
 - 3) that –
 - A. acquires parcels of land, held in perpetuity, primarily for conveyance under long-term ground leases.
 - B. transfers ownership of any structural improvements located on such leased parcels to the lessees; and
 - C. retains a preemptive option to purchase any such structural improvement at a price determined by formula that is designed to ensure that the improvement remains affordable to low and moderate-income families in perpetuity.
 - 4) whose corporate membership that is open to any adult resident of a particular geographic area specified in the bylaws of the organization; and
 - 5) Whose Board of Directors –
 - A. includes a majority of members who are elected by the corporate membership; and
 - B. is composed of equal numbers of
 - I. lessees pursuant to paragraph (3)(B)
 - II. corporate members who are not lessees, and
 - III. any other category of persons described in the bylaws of the organization.

7. **Davis-Bacon Act:** Since its enactment in 1931, the Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) has provided critical wage protections for construction workers and has guaranteed a level of playing field for construction contractors bidding on federal projects. The federal government constructs buildings, builds dams, and funds housing projects. Davis-Bacon and Related Acts, apply to contractors and subcontractors performing on federally funded or assisted contracts in excess of \$2,000 for the construction, alteration, or repair (including painting and decorating) of public buildings or public works. Davis-Bacon Act and Related Act contractors and subcontractors must pay their laborers and mechanics employed under the contract no less than the locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits for corresponding work on similar projects in the area. The Davis-Bacon Act applies to contractors and subcontractors performing work on federal or District of Columbia contracts.

The Developer shall ensure that its contractors and their subcontractors are classifying workers properly for Davis-Bacon and Internal Revenue Code purposes and that they maintain proper documentation to support worker classification. In reviewing certified payrolls, the County will be alert to anomalies, and in such cases will consult with federal agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Labor, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

8. **Developer:** Any individual, association, corporation, joint venture or partnership which possesses the requisite skill, experience, and credit worthiness to successfully produce affordable housing as required in the application.
9. **Direct Expenses:** Expenses that can be identified specifically with the CDBG activity and can be directly assigned to such activities relatively easily with a high degree of accuracy. Typical direct expenses charged directly to a CDBG award are the compensation for the time employees work on the CDBG activity award, their related fringe benefit costs, the costs of materials and other items of expense incurred for the CDBG activity. If directly related to the CDBG activity, certain costs that otherwise would be treated as indirect costs may also be considered direct costs. Examples include extraordinary utility consumption, the cost of materials supplied from stock or services rendered by specialized facilities, program evaluation costs, or other institutional service operations.
10. **Disabled:** Persons who are classified under the Bureau of the Census definition of "severely disabled". Under this definition, persons are classified as having a severe disability if they: (a) used a wheelchair or had used another special aid for 6 months or longer; (b) were unable to perform one or more functional activities or needed assistance with an Activity of Daily Living or Instrumental Activity of Daily Living; (c) were prevented from working at a job or doing housework; or (d) had a condition including autism, cerebral palsy, Alzheimer's disease, senility, or mental retardation. Finally persons who are under 65 years of age and who are covered by Medicare or receive SSI are considered to have a disability (and a severe disability). Functional activities include seeing, hearing, having one's speech understood, lifting and carrying, walking up a flight of stairs, and walking. Activities of daily living include getting around inside the house, getting in and out of bed or a chair, bathing, dressing, eating, and toileting. Instrumental Activities of Daily Living include going outside the home, keeping track of money or bills, preparing meals, doing light housework, and using the telephone.
11. **Eligible Block Group:** an area that is eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant funds, as depicted in the map included in the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The CDBG-eligible block group map divided the County into southern, central, and northern regions. An interactive version of the map is available at <https://miamidade.live/CDBGViewer>.
12. **Firm Commitment:** Match/leverage funds must be explicit, in writing and signed by a person authorized to make the commitment, i.e., applicant MUST show proof of subsidy. The commitment must indicate the total dollar value of the commitment and must be valid through financial closing of the project. It must be supported by evidence of funding availability from an industry recognize financial institution and show evidence of initial underwriting by the lender or from a financial source determined through documented evidence to be able to support the commitment. Final decisions on the issue of "firm commitment" shall be made by HCD.

- 13. Gap Funding:** The difference between the total project cost the funding available for the project at the time of application.
- 14. Geographic Location:** When scoring applications, the County will give priority to activities located in and/or serve Participating Municipalities and Eligible Block Groups. for descriptions/definitions of such. Applications must describe how these areas and the residents will be served by the proposed activity.
- 15. Indirect Expenses:** Expenses of doing business that are not readily identified with proposed the CDBG activity but are necessary for the general operation of the organization and the conduct of activities it performs. Typical examples of indirect expenses may include rent, the costs of operating and maintaining facilities, general administration, and general expenses, such as the salaries and expenses of executive officers, personnel administration, and accounting.
- 16. Leveraging:** Where applicable, applicants must show that they have other sources of funding available for the proposed activity. Since the County only uses its federal and local funds to address funding gaps, other sources of funding identified in the application must firmly be in place and committed to ensure the successful completion of the project. Documentation must be provided with the application to verify the availability and firm commitment of leveraged resources. Applicants must have complete funding in place, except for the requested gap funding, and applicants must provide a Sources and Uses Statement. **Applicants must demonstrate maximum leveraging with non-County funds. Not meeting leveraging and firm commitment requirements with supportive documentation under this section shall result in the application being declared non-responsive and ineligible for funding. Such applications shall not be scored.**
- 17. National Objective:** The proposed activity must meet the HUD national objective of benefiting low- to moderate-income (LMI) persons. Applicants proposing activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons will be required to provide appropriate documentation. Applicants must provide income eligibility requirements for the proposed activity or demonstrate that the activity is located in an Eligible Block Group.
- 18. Organizational and Financial Capacity:** Applicants must demonstrate that they are fiscally sound and have the skills, ability, experience required to achieve HUD's National Objective(s) and are able to meet other program requirements. HCD will accept audited financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and have been audited by an independent third party certified public accountant in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards or certified financial statements that include, but are not limited to, balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows that have been prepared and certified by an independent third party certified public accountant in accordance with GAAP. Applicants will be evaluated on experience, organizational and administrative capacity, financial capacity, and effective management. This will include a review of résumés, financial statements, monitoring reports, audit findings, and complete inspections of new proposed activity locations. **HCD may deem an application as non-responsive and ineligible for scoring and funding if organizational and financial capacity is not demonstrated.**
- 19. Participating Municipalities:** Small cities that have elected to participate in Miami-Dade County's CDBG program. The Participating Municipalities for Fiscal Years 2024-2026 are: Biscayne Park, Hialeah Gardens, North Miami Beach, Surfside, Coral Gables, Doral, El Portal, Golden Beach, Key Biscayne, Medley, Miami Shores, Miami Springs, North Bay Village, Opa-Locka, Pinecrest, South Miami, Sunny Isles Beach, Sweetwater, Virginia Gardens, and West Miami.
- 20. Priority Needs:** Activities must address a high priority need as identified in the County's forthcoming FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. Applications must describe how the priority needs will be addressed and provide supporting data. For the list of the Priority Needs, refer to the County's FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

- 21. Public Facilities and Capital Improvements:** Public Facilities and capital improvements include all facilities and improvements that are publicly owned and open to the general public. If Participating Municipalities are seeking CDBG funds for a Public Facility and Capital Improvement project already in construction, please note that per 24 CFR Part 58.22 funds cannot be committed to an activity until the related environmental clearance is completed.
- 22. Public Services:** Provision of public services (including labor, supplies, and materials) including but not limited to those concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, welfare (but excluding the provision of income payments identified under 24 CFR 570.207(b)(4)), homebuyer down payment assistance, or recreational needs. To be eligible for CDBG assistance, a public service must be either a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing public service above that which has been provided by or on behalf of the unit of general local government (through funds raised by the unit or received by the unit from the State in which it is located) in the 12 calendar months before the submission of the action plan. (An exception to this requirement may be made if HUD determines that any decrease in the level of a service was the result of events not within the control of the unit of general local government).
- 23. Rehabilitation:** The alteration, improvement, or modification of an existing structure where less than 50% of the proposed construction work consists of new construction. This includes but may not be limited to the installations of improvements to upgrade substandard electrical, plumbing, roofing, siding, insulation, weatherization, heating systems, hot water heaters, and dry rot repairs.
- 24. Responsible Wages and Benefits:** The Board of County Commissioners established a Responsible Wages and Benefits requirement for minimum payment of specified wages to employees performing work on County construction contracts and privately funded construction on County-owned land. Responsible Wages and Benefits applies to competitively bid construction contracts valued greater than \$100,000 as defined in the provisions of Miami-Dade County's Section 2-11.16 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. The rates paid shall be not less than those contained in the Wage and Benefits Schedule in effect as of January 1st of the year the work is performed. Workers must be paid the appropriate base rate and fringe benefits on the Wages and Benefits Schedule for the classification of work being performed without regard to skill.
- 25. Section 3:** A provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 designed to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons.
- 26. Readiness to Proceed:** The extent to which a construction project is in the advanced stages of development planning. Ready to proceed means that the project can commence construction with laborers immediately and is past the planning, engineering, and funding stages. More specifically, the Environmental Site Assessment report (Phase I and/or Phase II) are completed with a "No Further Action" recommendation, construction plans and specifications have been completed and approved by all local agencies, full funding of the construction phase is available (less the GAP funding requested) and construction is ready to start within thirty days of closing of financing, pending the selection and award of the general contractor within one hundred twenty days (120) from the contract execution date with HCD.
- 27. Site Control:** Applicants must demonstrate site control (e.g., recorded title, executed lease agreement, firm purchase contract, Option-to-Purchase, or Local Government Resolution) for the site proposed for funding. A letter from a District Commissioner expressing the intent to convey specific County-owned property in that Commissioner's District may be submitted as evidence of site control, and at the discretion of HCD may be accepted as evidence of site control for this RFA. However, prior to financial closing, a formal BCC Resolution and/or deed naming the applicant's sponsor or legal representation as the property's controlling entity must be in place.

- 28. Special Economic Development Lending:** Per 24 CFR 570.203 – Special economic development activities include: construction, acquisition, rehabilitation reconstruction of installation of commercial or industrial buildings, structures and other real property equipment and improvements including railroad spurs or similar extensions. The provision of assistance to a private for-profit business including but not limited to loans, grants, technical assistance, or other forms of support.
- 29. Sub-recipient:** A public or private non-profit agency, authority, organization, or a for-profit entity authorized under §570.201(o), receiving CDBG funds from the recipient or another sub-recipient to undertake activities eligible for assistance under subpart C of this part. In the case of an entity that is not carrying out an activity for the grantee, but rather is specifically eligible to receive assistance under the regulations: an owner (either non-profit or for-profit) of an apartment building receiving a rehabilitation loan or grant under 24 CFR 570.202(b)(1), a for-profit business receiving a loan or grant for an economic development project under 24 CFR 570.203(b)(1), a for-profit business receiving relocation assistance under 570.201(i).
- 30. Subsidy Layering Review:** An analytical process that determines the amount of Government (public) financing necessary and the reasonableness of cost allocations. (Developer will be responsible for the cost of this analysis; however, this is a reimbursable expense).
- 31. Supporting Documentation:** Written documentation or proof that provides relevant information to support items stated in the application.
- 32. Threshold:** Minimum requirements that must be satisfied for the application to be responsive. Per Resolution No. R-630-13 applicants are required to provide a detailed project budget, sources and uses statement, certifications as to past defaults on agreements with non-County sources and clear a due diligence check prior to a funding commitment. **Due Diligence checks will be performed up until the time of recommendations for award of funds, and findings will be reported to the BCC.**
- 33. Timely Completion:** Applicants must demonstrate that they have a history of completing projects in a timely manner. For CDBG activities, ***timely manner* is defined in 24 CFR 570.902 as within one year, except for construction-related projects, which may allow up to two years for completion.**
- 34. Track Record:** Prior funded agencies must be in good standing with respect to audit findings and have a track record of completing projects on time, submitting accurate and complete quarterly progress reports, and addressing all monitoring findings. **Applicants with an existing HCD contract that have either 1) failed to demonstrate achievement of the National Objective, or appropriate performance measures under their existing CDBG, HOME, NSP, ESG and/or Section 108 loan agreements as well as SHIP and Surtax contractual requirements; or 2) are currently in a delinquent payment status with their existing County contracts; or 3) are in breach of an existing contract, shall be ineligible for funding under this RFA. THIS IS A MINIMUM THRESHOLD ITEM.**
- 35. Vulnerability Ranking:** The Miami-Dade County Consolidated Plan for FY2025-2029 provided a map that ranks eligible block groups by vulnerability based on income and other socio-economic factors (see Attachment 1). The map ranks eligible block groups into five color coded groups: the most vulnerable 20 percent of EBGs (red), the second most vulnerable 20 percent of EBGs (orange), the third most vulnerable 20 percent of EBGs (yellow), the fourth most vulnerable 20 percent of EBGs (light green) and the least vulnerable 20 percent of EBGs. A scoring preference is provided in portions of this RFA for projects and activities that serve the most vulnerable EBGs.

ELIGIBILITY

Threshold Requirements

Applicants that do not include the following threshold items in the application will not be considered for funding:

- Budget/Scope of Work
- Proof of site control
- Must meet a HUD National Objective
- Track Record - Good standing with Federal, State and Miami-Dade County

Notwithstanding the above, **Miami-Dade County reserves the right not to fund an entity or affiliate** with defaulted loans, breach of contract, debarment actions or any other legal encumbrances which may cause risk to County funding or are determined by the County, in its sole discretion, to threaten the applicant's ability to complete the project proposed in a timely manner, regardless of the merits of the submitted application. Miami-Dade County reserves the right not to fund entities listed in the Federal Excluded Parties List System, as those entities are prohibited from receiving federal contracts or federally approved subcontracts, or from receiving certain types of federal financial assistance (CDBG funds) and benefits.

HCD Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- HCD will adhere to compliance guidelines pursuant to Resolution No. R-697-13 approved by the Miami-Dade County BCC on September 13, 2013, establishing allocations of CDBG funds for the purpose of acquiring or improving real property in excess of \$25,000 or for paying off debt secured by real property in excess of \$25,000 that shall be in the form of a loan. Loans shall be secured by a mortgage or other security instrument, which will be recorded in Miami-Dade County public records. HCD will follow Resolution No. R-630-13 approved by the Miami-Dade County BCC on July 16, 2013, requiring (1) an applying entity certify that within the past five (5) years, neither the entity nor its directors, partners, principals, member or board members (i) have been sued by a funding source for breach of contract or failure to perform obligations under a contract; or (ii) have been cited by a funding source for non-compliance or default under a contract; or (iii) have been a defendant in a lawsuit based upon a contract with a funding source; and (2) provide a detailed project budget and sources and uses statement which shall be sufficiently detailed to show (i) total project cost; (ii) the amount of funds used for administrative overhead costs; (iii) amount of funds designated toward the provision of desired services or activities; and (iv) any profit to be made by the entity. A copy of the resolution is included in the list of attachments located at www.miamidade.gov/housing/.
- HCD will adhere to Resolution No. R-630-13 approved by the Miami-Dade County BCC on July 16, 2013, requiring HCD to complete and report a due diligence investigation on all applicants using the Due Diligence Checklist. **Unless expressly authorized by the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee, any entity NOT clearing the Due Diligence Investigation will NOT be recommended to the Board for funding.**
- An applicant may be disqualified from consideration for funding in this RFA based on poor performance or non-compliance on any other projects with HCD.
- If during the application process or during the development of a contract, an entity associated with the project has been convicted of a criminal act (in connection with any County program), HCD has the discretion to rule the project as being ineligible and any funds awarded and/or expended shall be recaptured.

- **To ensure geographic coverage throughout Miami-Dade County, applicants may not request more than 20% of the total funds available in the following categories: Public Service, and Public Service-Technical Assistance to Small Businesses.**
- **To ensure geographic coverage throughout Miami-Dade County, applicants may not request more than 50% of the total funds available in the following categories: Economic Development – Technical Assistance to Businesses, Economic Development – Micro-Enterprise and Special Economic Development Lending, and Economic Development – Business Incubator Assistance Program.**
- Applications will be fully funded until available funds are exhausted.
- Only activities listed under “FY 2025 Available Funding” will be eligible for funding recommendations.
- All projects or activities awarded funds that fail to complete the activity in a timely manner shall be subject to recapture of funds and/or contract termination. Timely completion is defined as one year with the exception of projects including construction which could allow up to two years to completion.
- If the project has been underwritten by an entity qualified to perform underwriting and subsidy layering analysis, has received a favorable funding recommendation based on a prior allocation of HCD funding to the project, has had a loan closing for all committed funding sources, and is under construction, the project is not eligible to receive funding under this RFA.
- Applicants must score a minimum of **70 points, inclusive of bonus points** to be recommended for funding. If a tiebreaker is needed during scoring to determine project ranking, the first tiebreaker will include reviewing the entire general section, with the higher score ranking higher. A second tiebreaker will include reviewing the vulnerability ranking of eligible block groups part of the general section, with the higher score ranking higher. If a third tiebreaker is needed, those projects in all categories that can show more leveraging, i.e., projects that match with non-County funds and require less total County funding per unit/activity, will be ranked higher. Note: applicants that score 70 or above are not automatically guaranteed to be funded. Funding will be awarded as long as funding is available.

Eligible Applicants

Not-for-profit Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), Community Development Corporations (CDCs), Community-Based Development Organizations (CBDs), developers, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), and Community Land Trusts and Faith-based organizations are encouraged to respond to this RFA process by submitting applications for an eligible activity. Applicants may apply for funding for discrete projects on the same site. The applicant must submit a separate application for each discrete project. Funding eligibility criteria may vary by category. Applicants should refer to specific requirements and/or restrictions for each funding category as set forth in this RFA document.

Applicants proposing activities in: 1) entitlement jurisdictions other than Miami-Dade County must be able to explain and demonstrate that the proposed activity is of *Metropolitan Significance* and/or is consistent with the high priority needs identified in Miami-Dade County's Consolidated Plan. “*Metropolitan Significance*” is defined as: a) an activity necessary to further the purposes of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; b) an activity necessary to further the purposes of Miami-Dade County's community development objectives; and c) an activity which will offer a reasonable benefit to residents within Miami-Dade County's entitlement jurisdiction's boundaries.

All applicants must provide an Employer Identification Number (EIN/Federal Identification Number) and a Unique Entity ID (UEID). For information on the how to find your UEID, visit: <https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration>

Ineligible Activities

Regulations stipulate that the following activities shall **not** be funded with CDBG funds:

Any activity that is not authorized under the provisions of §§ 570.201-570.206 is ineligible to be assisted with CDBG funds. This section identifies specific activities that are ineligible and provides guidance in determining the eligibility of other activities frequently associated with housing and community development.

(a) The following activities will not be funded with CDBG funds:

(1) *Buildings or portions thereof, used for the general conduct of government* as defined in § 570.3(d) cannot be assisted with CDBG funds. This does not include, however, the removal of architectural barriers under § 570.201(c) involving any such building. Also, where acquisition of real property includes an existing improvement which is to be used in the provision of a building for the general conduct of government, the portion of the acquisition cost attributable to the land is eligible, provided such acquisition meets a national objective described in § 570.208.

(2) *General government expenses.* Except as otherwise specifically authorized in this subpart or under OMB Circular A-87, expenses required to carry out the regular responsibilities of the unit of general local government are not eligible for assistance under this part.

(3) *Political activities.* CDBG funds cannot be used to finance the use of facilities or equipment for political purposes or to engage in other partisan political activities, such as candidate forums, voter transportation, or voter registration. However, a facility originally assisted with CDBG funds may be used on an incidental basis to hold political meetings, candidate forums, or voter registration campaigns, provided that all parties and organizations have access to the facility on an equal basis, and are assessed equal rent or use charges, if any.

(b) The following activities cannot be assisted with CDBG funds unless authorized under provisions of § 570.203 or as otherwise specifically noted herein or when carried out by an entity under the provisions of § 570.204.

(1) *Purchase of equipment.* The purchase of equipment with CDBG funds is ineligible.

(i) *Construction equipment.* The purchase of construction equipment is ineligible, but compensation for the use of such equipment through leasing, depreciation, or use allowances pursuant to OMB Circulars A-21, A-87 or A-122 as applicable for an otherwise eligible activity is an eligible use of CDBG funds. However, the purchase of construction equipment for use as part of a solid waste disposal facility is eligible under § 570.201(c).

(ii) *Furnishings and personal property.* The purchase of equipment, fixtures, motor vehicles, furnishings, or other personal property that is not an integral structural fixture is ineligible.

(2) *Operating and maintenance expenses.* Any expense associated with repairing, operating or maintaining public facilities, improvements and services is ineligible. Specific exceptions to this rule are operating and maintenance expenses associated with public service activities, interim assistance, and office space for program staff employed in carrying out the CDBG program. For example, the use of CDBG funds to pay the allocable costs of operating and maintaining a facility used in providing a public service would be eligible under § 570.201(e), even if no other costs of providing such a service are assisted with such funds.

(3) *Income payments.* The general rule is that CDBG funds may not be used for income payments. For purposes of the CDBG program, "income payments" means a series of subsistence-type grant payments made to an individual or family for items such as food, clothing, housing (rent or mortgage), or utilities, but excludes emergency grant payments made over a period of up to three consecutive months to the provider of such items or services on behalf of an individual or family.

The eligibility of activities is governed by the CDBG regulations found at 24 CFR Part 570, including but not limited to, 24 CFR 570.201 – 207.

In addition to the above activities, Miami-Dade County will not accept applications for this solicitation from third party consultants, Project Management, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), Private Schools, and Special Economic Development Program aka HCD administered loan program.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES FOR CDBG APPLICATIONS

The primary objective of the CDBG program is to benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons who earn at or below 80% of the AMI and/or reside in census block groups where at least 51% of the population is at low- and moderate-income levels, defined in Title 24, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 570.208(a). Without exception, federal regulations require that all CDBG program activities meet one of the national objectives listed below:

Low/Moderate Income Area Benefit (LMA) - An activity that benefits all residents in a particular residential area, where at least 51% of the residents are LMI persons.

Low/Moderate Limited Clientele (LMC) – Activities in this category provide benefits to a specific group of persons in an area, where at least 51% of the beneficiaries of an activity are LMI. HUD presumes that certain populations such as: elderly, severely disabled adults, homeless persons, illiterate adults, migrant farm workers, abused children, persons living with HIV/AIDS, or victims of domestic violence are low-income. However, this does not preclude other LMI populations from being deemed LMC that are not included in the list provided.

CDBG-funded activities for **Public Service and Public Facilities and Capital Improvements categories must meet a CDBG national objective as either LMA or LMC activities.** The distinguishing factor between the two objectives is whether the service will be offered to all residents of a particular LMI area or to a particular group of LMI residents in the entire community. The LMA National Objective allows the activity to be offered to all the residents of the service area provided the activity's defined area is populated by 51% or more low- to moderate-income residents. For example: utilizing CDBG funds for a local park. However, an LMC activity must serve a specific group which HUD presumes are LMI and at least 51% of the beneficiaries are LMI. (See LMC definition above).

Low/Moderate Income Job Creation or Retention (LMJ) – Activities designed to create or retain jobs for LMI persons, at least 51% of which will be made available to or held by LMI persons. The jobs created must be retained for a minimum of one year. One full-time or two – part-time jobs must be created or retained for every \$35,000 awarded. The CDBG National Objective for Economic Development (ED) projects is Low-Mod Job creation or retention (LMJ). Without exception, federal regulations require all ED activities meet the National Objective of Job Creation/Retention.

Subsection 24 CFR 570.208 of the federal regulations provides a detailed description of the criteria to determine whether a CDBG-assisted activity complies with the national objectives stated above.

Low/Mod Income Housing (LMH) - Activities that assist in the acquisition, construction or improvement of permanent residential structures may qualify as benefiting LMI persons only to the extent that the housing is occupied by a LMI household. This also includes activities directed towards homeownership and home beautification.

Subsection 24 CFR 570.208 of the federal regulations provides a detailed description of the criteria to determine whether a CDBG-assisted activity complies with the national objectives stated above.

MEETING A HUD NATIONAL OBJECTIVE IS A MINIMUM THRESHOLD, AND IF THE THRESHOLD IS NOT MET, THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE SCORED. If an entity fails to meet a National Objective after they have been awarded funds, they must return the awarded funds to HCD.

PROJECT RELATED COSTS

- Per Miami-Dade County regulations signs are required to be placed on all construction sites funded by HCD. The applicant must include the cost of the signage as part of their development budget.
- Awardees are required to set aside 2-5% of the grant for the Davis-Bacon Compliance Review. Pursuant to the 1931 Davis Bacon Act contractors and sub-contractors performing on federally funded or assisted contracts, in excess of \$2,000, for the construction, alteration, or repair of public buildings or public works must have a Davis-Bacon wage determinations to certify that employees' wages are consistent, at the very least, with local prevailing wages and fringe benefits for corresponding work on similar projects in the area. The applicant will be required to incur the cost associated with Davis Bacon compliance.
- Pursuant to CFR Part 58 for certain construction projects the awardee will be responsible for advertisements in certain local newspapers to inform the public of the impending activity and other related costs which may include Part 58 mandates such as DERM and RER reviews.

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FY 2025 AVAILABLE FUNDING

The following categories are identified for funding in this RFA:

- Public Service Activities
 - Public Service
 - Technical Assistance to Small Businesses – Public Service
- Public Facilities and Capital Improvements (for Participating Municipalities only)
- Economic Development
 - Micro-Enterprise and Special Economic Development Lending
 - Business Incubator Assistance Program
 - Technical Assistance to Small Businesses – Economic Development
- Housing
 - Housing activities are for rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes. Eligible activities may include water and sewer connections for new construction of single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes and quadruplexes, provided CDBG funds are utilized solely for water and sewer connections.

The following funding amounts are projected to be available for each CDBG category:

<u>Estimated</u> FY 2025 CDBG Funds by Category		
FY 2025 CDBG RFA	Estimated Amount	% of Grant
Public Service (General)	\$195,000.00	1.5%
Public Service – Technical Assistance to Small Businesses	\$450,000.00	3.4%
Public Facilities and Capital Improvements (for Participating Municipalities only)	\$500,000.00	3.8%
Economic Development – Technical Assistance to Small Businesses	\$600,000.00	4.6%
Economic Development – Micro-Enterprise and Special Economic Development Lending	\$1,305,000.00	10.0%
Economic Development – Business Incubator Assistance Program	\$1,000,000.00	7.6%
Housing – Water and Sewer Connections	\$650,000.00	5.0%
Housing – Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$350,000.00	2.7%
Set-Asides		
Public Service – Commission District Fund *	\$1,321,301.00	10.1%
Economic Development and Housing – Commission District Fund*	\$382,824.00	2.9%
Special Economic Development (SPED)	\$500,000.00	3.8%
Public Housing Rehabilitation	\$2,216,080.73	16.9%
Section 108 Payment	\$1,016,731.07	7.8%
HCD Administration	\$2,621,734.20	20.0%
Total	\$13,108,671.00	100%

***Commission District Fund (CDF) allocations will be awarded by the members of Board of County Commissioners (BCC) from a list of eligible applicants. CDF funds will not be competitively awarded.**

PUBLIC SERVICE

PUBLIC SERVICE (General)

An estimated \$195,000.00 in CDBG funds are available for general **Public Service** activities through the FY 2025 RFA.¹ To be eligible for CDBG assistance, a Public Service must be a **new service**, which is defined by HUD as a service not provided in the previous 12 calendar months or a **quantifiable increase** in the level of service for a previously funded or existing public service.

National Objective

CDBG-funded Public Service activities are typically categorized under the Low-Mod Income (LMI) benefit national objective as either Limited Area Benefit (LMA) or Limited Clientele (LMC) activities. In order to meet the LMI criteria, the activity must:

- Serve at least 51% Low-Moderate Income persons, as evidenced by documentation and data concerning beneficiary family size and income;
- Have income-eligibility requirements which limit the service to persons meeting the LMI income requirement, as evidenced by the administering entity's procedures, intake/application forms, income limits, and other sources of documentation); and
- Serve primarily LMI persons or a LMI area.

Eligible Activities

Public Service activities **must principally benefit low and moderate-income persons**. Entities eligible for funding include Miami-Dade County Departments, Participating Municipalities, and not-for-profit Community-Based Organizations (CBO's), qualified Community-Based Development Organizations (CBDOs) and Community Development Corporations (CDCs). Eligible activities under the Public Service category are governed by HUD regulations under 24 CFR 570.201(e).

Public Services. Provision of public services (including labor, supplies, and materials) including but not limited to those concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, welfare (but excluding the provision of income payments identified under § 570.207(b)(4)), homebuyer down payment assistance, or recreational needs. To be eligible for CDBG assistance, a public service must be either a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing public service above that which has been provided by or on behalf of the unit of general local government (through funds raised by the unit or received by the unit from the State in which it is located) in the twelve (12) calendar months before the submission of the Action Plan. (An exception to this requirement may be made if HUD determines that any decrease in the level of a service was the result of events not within the control of the unit of general local government.)

CDBG funds may be used to pay for labor, supplies, and materials as well as to operate and/or maintain the portion of a facility in which the public service is located. This includes the lease of a facility, equipment, and other property needed for the Public Service. The CDBG regulations allow the use of grant funds for a wide range of Public Service activities. The following services are determined to be a high priority as indicated in Miami-Dade County's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan:

- Senior Services
- Mental Health Services/Treatment
- Transportation Services
- Employment Training

¹ For the 2025 RFA, all Public Services applications will be ranked and scored. For information on Scoring and Funding Recommendations, please see page 33 of this RFA.

Minimum Threshold Requirements for Public Service

- Eligible Activity
- Meets a HUD National Objective
- Successfully passed Due Diligence Review
- Budget (demonstrating total project costs to include administrative costs and funds for direct services; and any profit to be made by the person or entity)
- Sources and Uses Statement (indicating measurable project outcomes)

Ongoing Responsibilities, Monitoring, and Record Keeping for Public Service

Entities receiving CDBG funds will be required to submit quarterly progress reports and will also be subject to annual monitoring site visits. The reports will be reviewed to assess the activity's progress in achieving the HUD National Objective. Awardees must document and maintain records of persons served, services provided, and where applicable, household size and income documentation, for seven (7) years after the HUD National Objective is met.

Evaluation Criteria for Public Service

Applications submitted under the Public Service category (with the exception of Technical Assistance) will only be evaluated based on **minimum threshold criteria (listed below)**. Applicants that do not meet minimum threshold criteria **WILL NOT** be recommended to the BCC for funding. Entities **NOT** clearing the Due Diligence Investigation will be included in a final report to the BCC at the time of funding recommendations.

- Eligible Activity
- Meets a HUD National Objective
- Geographic Location
- County High Priority Need
- Track Record meets threshold requirements
- Submits signed and notarized Due Diligence Affidavit
- Budget (demonstrating total project costs to include administrative costs and funds for direct services; and any profit to be made by the person or entity)
- Sources and Uses Statement (indicating measurable project outcomes)

Scored Criteria

Public Service

Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
GENERAL SECTION	UP TO 59 POINTS
Organizational Capacity	40
Strategies and Outcomes	11
Total	110

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES (PUBLIC SERVICE)

Under the **Public Services – Technical Assistance to Small Businesses** category, approximately \$450,000.00 in CDBG funds are available through the FY 2025 RFA. These types of activities help foster economic development in low and moderate-income communities by providing capacity-building support to local businesses. The National Objective for Technical Assistance to Small Businesses under the Public Service category is Low/Moderate Limited Clientele (LMC).

Eligible Activities

HCD is requesting applications from qualified entities to provide technical assistance and training to businesses. Services and resources to be provided include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Business development training;
- Assistance with business operations related support;
- Facilitating networking opportunities;
- Business planning or accounting;
- Expanding availability of services to businesses through an established marketing and outreach plan targeted to businesses located in the County's Eligible Block Groups.

Activity Requirements

Eligible applicants must meet all requirements listed below:

- Must have experience providing technical assistance to businesses;
- Must have an established business development curriculum which must be submitted to, and approved by HCD;
- Must be able to provide essential business development services and resources;
- Must have established relationships with professional service providers (i.e., Small Business Administration, accountants, marketing consultants, loan underwriters, etc.) and others comprising a local business support network;
- Must adhere to a mandatory intake process; and
- Must provide a marketing plan to demonstrate outreach efforts and how services will be promoted.
- Current Business Plan, with proposed first year pro forma (if applicable)
- Under the Technical Assistance to Businesses activity, an agency cannot apply under both the Public Services category and the Economic Development category. Only one application per agency will be considered for funding in this category.

Funding consideration will ONLY be given to projects that have provided supporting documentation and are deemed feasible. HCD may require applicants to submit items, on a case-by-case basis, that are consistent with HUD's voluntary project underwriting guidelines stated in Basically CDBG, Part 8.3.1.

Evaluation Criteria

Only applications meeting the minimum threshold requirements will be scored. Applicants that do not meet minimum threshold criteria **WILL NOT** be recommended to the BCC for funding. Entities **NOT** clearing the Due Diligence Investigation will be included in a final report to the BCC at the time of funding recommendations. Applications for Technical Assistance to Businesses will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

Scored Criteria

Technical Assistance to Small Businesses

Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
GENERAL SECTION	UP TO 59 POINTS
Organizational Capacity	40
Strategies and Outcomes	20
Policy Priorities	8
Total	127

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (For Participating Municipalities Only)

Up to \$500,000.00 in CDBG funds are available for **Public Facilities and Capital Improvements (PFCI)** through the FY 2025 RFA. Funding under this category shall be limited to gap funding for activities located within the boundaries of the following 20 Participating Municipalities:

1. Biscayne Park	6. Doral	11. Miami Springs	16. Sunny Isles Beach
2. Hialeah Gardens	7. El Portal	12. North Bay Village	17. Sweetwater
3. North Miami Beach	8. Golden Beach	13. Opa-Locka	18. Virginia Gardens
4. Surfside	9. Key Biscayne	14. Pinecrest	19. West Miami
5. Coral Gables	10. Medley	15. South Miami	20. Miami Shores

PFCI is the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, installation, and completion of public facilities and improvement projects, except as provided in 24 CFR [570.207\(a\)](#). Activities under this paragraph may be directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly or severely disabled persons to public facilities and improvements, including those provided for in 24 CFR [570.207\(a\)\(1\)](#). In undertaking such activities, design features and improvements which promote energy efficiency may be included. Such activities may also include the execution of architectural design features, and similar treatments intended to enhance the aesthetic quality of facilities and improvements receiving CDBG assistance, such as decorative pavements, railings, sculptures, pools of water and fountains, and other works of art.

National Objective

CDBG-funded Public Facilities and Capital Improvement activities are typically categorized under the Low-Mod Income (LMI) Benefit National Objective as an area benefit activity (LMA). To meet this objective, the Public Facility and Capital Improvement activity must:

- Benefit **all** residents of an area where at least 51% of the residents are Low- Moderate-Income persons. If qualifying an activity under the Area Benefit criteria, records to keep include:
 - Boundaries of the service area
 - Documentation that the area is primarily residential (zoning map)
 - Income characteristics of households in the service area (census data)

Eligible Activities and Purposes

Public Facilities and Capital Improvements **must principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons**. Entities eligible for funding include Miami-Dade County Departments and Participating Municipalities.

The acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or installation of public facilities and capital improvements are eligible activities. The specific types of facilities and improvements eligible for CDBG funding under 24 CFR 570.201(c) include:

- Street Improvements
- Parks
- Flood drainage improvements
- Water/sewer infrastructure
- Curbs
- Recreational facilities
- Neighborhood facilities
- Health Facilities
- Youth Centers
- Child-care centers
- Senior centers
- Public facilities/center for persons with disabilities
- Facilities for abused and neglected children
- Homeless facilities (excluding operating costs)
- Facilities for AIDS Patients (excluding operating costs)
- Tree Planting (This activity requires the applicant to provide a proposed tree planting plan for an approved capital facilities improvement project funded with CDBG funds. The tree planting plan should address the environmental benefits, such as use of native trees or trees that require minimal maintenance.)

Public facilities and improvements. Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of public facilities and improvements, except as provided in § [570.207\(a\)](#), carried out by the recipient or other public or private non-profit entities are eligible activities. However, activities under this paragraph may be directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly or severely disabled persons to public facilities and improvements, including those provided for in § [570.207\(a\)\(1\)](#).) In undertaking such activities, design features and improvements which promote energy efficiency may be included. Such activities may also include the execution of architectural design features, and similar treatments intended to enhance the aesthetic quality of facilities and improvements receiving CDBG assistance, such as decorative pavements, railings, sculptures, pools of water and fountains, and other works of art. Facilities designed for use in providing shelter for persons having special needs are considered public facilities and not subject to the prohibition of new housing construction described in § [570.207\(b\)\(3\)](#). Such facilities include shelters for the homeless; convalescent homes; hospitals; nursing homes; battered spouse shelters; halfway houses for run-away children, drug offenders or parolees; group homes for mentally disabled persons and temporary housing for disaster victims. In certain cases, non-profit entities and sub-recipients including those specified in § [570.204](#) may acquire title to public facilities. When such facilities are owned by non-profit entities or sub-recipients, they shall be operated so as to be open for use by the general public during all normal hours of operation. Public facilities and improvements eligible for assistance under this paragraph are subject to the policies in § [570.200\(b\)](#).

Fire protection equipment is considered for this purpose to be an integral part of a public facility and thus, purchase of such equipment would be eligible under § [570.201\(c\)](#). CDBG funds may be used, however, to purchase or to pay depreciation or use allowances (in accordance with OMB Circular A-21, A-87 or A-122, as applicable) for such items when necessary for use by a recipient or its sub-recipients in the administration of activities assisted with CDBG funds, or when eligible as firefighting equipment, or when such items constitute all or part of a public service pursuant to § 570.201(e).

- Infrastructure improvements (construction or installation) including, but not limited to streets, curbs, tree planting, and water and sewer lines;
- Neighborhood facilities such as recreational facilities and playgrounds (applicant must show proof of ownership (i.e., via a deed, lease agreement, firm purchase option, option to lease long term or Local Government resolution of the proposed site for which funding is being applied for). **THIS IS A MINIMUM THRESHOLD ITEM** and;
- Facilities for persons with special needs such as facilities for battered spouses, nursing homes, group homes for the disabled or transitional housing for the homeless.
- For capital improvements and public facilities, one application is required per building, unless the buildings are contiguous and represent one activity.
- A site visit will be conducted to confirm that the CDBG funds are sufficient to fill the gap required in order to bring the property to municipal building codes.

Eligible Costs Associated with Activities may include:

- Energy efficiency improvements;
- Accessibility improvements for persons with disabilities (including improvements to buildings used for general conduct of government); and
- Architectural design features and other treatments aimed at improving aesthetic quality (e.g., sculptures, fountains).

The CDBG regulations stipulate the facility must be open to the public during normal working hours. Facilities constructed with CDBG funds must comply with ADA requirements, per [24 CFR 570.614(b)]. Public Facilities and Capital Improvements eligible for assistance are subject to the policies in 2 CFR 200.320.

Ineligible Activities:

- The *maintenance and repair* of public facilities and capital improvements are ineligible (e.g., filling potholes, repairing cracks in sidewalks, mowing grass at public recreational areas or replacing street light bulbs).
- *Operating costs* associated with public facilities or capital improvements are ineligible unless part of a CDBG-assisted public service activity or eligible as an interim assistance activity.
- A public facility otherwise eligible for assistance under the CDBG program may be assisted with CDBG funds even if it is part of a multiple use building containing ineligible uses, if:
 - The public portion of the facility that is otherwise eligible and proposed for assistance will occupy a designated and discrete area within the larger facility; and
 - It can be determined that the costs attributable to the facility proposed for assistance is separate and distinct from the overall costs of the multiple-use building and/or facility. Allowable costs are limited to those attributable to the eligible portion of the building or facility.

HCD will use HUD-defined standards to evaluate and determine the financial feasibility of proposed Public Facilities and Capital Improvement projects. HCD will require **supporting documentation** when determining feasible projects, which **may include**, but not be limited to the following:

- Organizational Chart and Documents, including Articles of Incorporation for non-profit entities and a Certification of Good Standing for the applicant entity which shows that applicant is in good standing as of the application deadline.
- Financial data to show proof that the applicant has funds available to cover the full project cost minus the CDBG funding request: bank statements and tax returns from the last three years
- Proposed sources and uses broken out in detail by budgeted line items
- Executed Construction Contract with a General Contractor
- Statement of the actual cost of goods, services, and equipment proposed in the project: invoices from contractors with supporting evidence of the source of the costs presented
- Recent permitted and approved Construction Plans (if applicable)
- Current Business Plan, with proposed first year pro forma (if applicable)
- Detailed Property Description and Appraisals for properties to be acquired (if applicable)
- Soils Report and Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment report (if applicable)

Funding consideration will **ONLY** be given to projects that have provided supporting documentation and are deemed feasible.

If entities are seeking CDBG funds for a Public Facility and Capital Improvement project already in construction, please note that per 24 CFR Part 58.22, funds cannot be committed to an activity until the related environmental clearance is completed. While it may be true in rare cases that the environmental clearance process causes work on a project to stop; typically entities apply for CDBG funds before construction begins and this is not an issue.

HCD may require applicants to submit items, on a case-by-case basis, that are consistent with HUD's voluntary project underwriting guidelines stated in Basically CDBG, Part 8.3.1. HCD will determine which documents to request from entities to determine the feasibility of proposals.

When an entity that uses CDBG funds to hire a contractor, whether to administer a program, complete a task or do construction, those contractors must be procured competitively, per 24 CFR Part 570.502. The small purchase procedures allow recipients to acquire goods and services such as professional consulting, environmental review, or planning, totaling no more than \$100,000, without publishing a formal request for proposals or invitation for bids. Formal advertising with sealed bids should be used for all construction contracts. Payment and performance bond is applicable for contracts and subcontracts exceeding \$150,000. Competitive proposals are used to purchase professional services where the total cost will exceed \$100,000, whereby a written request for submissions is published that specifies the selection criteria.

The Davis-Bacon Act is triggered when construction work over \$2,000 is financed in whole or in part with CDBG funds. It requires that workers receive no less than the prevailing wages being paid for similar work in the same area. Davis-Bacon wage rates can fluctuate based on economic conditions, and the applicable rate may not be known until time of bidding. Proposers are encouraged to incorporate contingencies and general market conditions into their contracts to account for this possibility.

Evaluation Criteria

Only applications meeting the minimum threshold requirements will be scored. Applicants that do not meet minimum threshold criteria **WILL NOT** be recommended to the BCC for funding. Entities **NOT** clearing the Due Diligence Investigation will be included in a final report to the BCC at the time of funding recommendations. Applications for Public Facilities and Capital Improvements will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

Minimum Threshold Requirements

- Eligible Activity
- Meets HUD National Objective
- Successfully passed Due Diligence Review
- Budget (demonstrating total project costs to include administrative costs and funds for direct services; and any profit to be made by the person or entity)
- Sources and Uses Statement (indicating measurable project outcomes)
- Audit and/or certified financial information

Scored Criteria

Public Facilities and Capital Improvements

Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
GENERAL SECTION	UP TO 59 POINTS
Organizational Capacity	15
Pre-Development	15
Readiness to Proceed	40
Total	129
Bonus Points:	5
Total	134

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In this RFA, a total of approximately \$2,905,000.00 in CDBG funds are available for **Economic Development** activities in the three sub-categories listed below. Upon receipt of all Economic Development (ED) applications, each application will be scored and ranked based upon the sub-category under which the applicant requested funds.

The Economic Development sub-categories to be funded in this RFA are as follows:

- Technical Assistance to Businesses – Economic Development only to compliment existing HCD-funded Economic Development programs
- Micro-Enterprise and Special Economic Development Lending Program
- Business Incubator Assistance

National Objective

The CDBG National Objective for Economic Development projects is *Low-Mod Jobs* Creation and Retention – (LMJ), 24 CFR 570.208(a)(4). Without exception, federal regulations require that all economic development activities meet the National Objective of Job Creation/Retention. **Federal regulations require that one job be created and retained for a minimum of one year for every \$35,000 awarded. Pursuant to HUD Regulation, 24 CFR 570.208(a)(4), at least 51% of the jobs created must employ low-to-moderate income persons.**

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

Under the Economic Development category, approximately \$600,000.00 in CDBG funds are available for **Technical Assistance to Small Businesses** activities in the FY 2025 RFA. These types of activities help foster economic development in low and moderate-income communities by creating jobs.

The national objective for Technical Assistance to Small Businesses under the Public Service category is Low/Moderate Income Job Creation or Retention (LMJ). Otherwise, the eligible activities, activity requirements, and evaluation/scoring criteria for Technical Assistance to Small Businesses under the Economic Development category are the same as those under the Public Service category.

Under the Technical Assistance to Businesses activity, an agency cannot apply under both the Public Services category and the Economic Development category. Only one application per agency will be considered for funding for any Technical Assistance to Businesses activity. Furthermore, to apply for the Technical Assistance to Businesses activity under the Economic Development category, an agency must have another HCD-funded activity under the Economic Development category, such as Micro-Enterprise and Special Economic Development Lending and/or Business Incubator Assistance Program.

MICRO-ENTERPRISE AND SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LENDING PROGRAM

Miami-Dade County is proposing to allocate approximately \$1,305,000.00 for Micro-Enterprise and Special Economic Development Lending through the FY 2025 RFA. The Small Business Lending Program provides access to micro and small business loans ranging from \$1,000 to \$35,000. At the discretion of the awardee, loans can exceed \$35,000, if the business demonstrates the ability to create the commensurate number of jobs. The program enables entities to assist small businesses with capacity building and support while fostering economic development activities in low- and moderate-income communities. The goal is to help develop and strengthen businesses, while meeting the **required objective of creating and retaining jobs. The distribution of requested funds shall be as follows: not less than eighty percent (80%) of the total amount awarded shall fund micro-loans and not more than twenty percent (20%) for operating expenses.**

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) that provide micro-enterprise or small business loans are eligible to apply under this category, including intermediaries and revolving loan funds. CDBG funds awarded under this category shall be awarded principally to expand the respective entity's lending capacity and shall be limited to the origination of micro-enterprise or small business loans to for-profit businesses serving Eligible Block Groups.

Eligible Activities

HCD is requesting applications from qualified Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to provide micro-enterprise and small business loans to for-profit businesses and to assist in job creation. Services and resources to be provided may include:

- Providing below market-rate secured and unsecured short-term loans. Interest rates applied to micro loans should fall within a range of 1% - 7%, and loan amounts generally should not exceed \$35,000. At the discretion of the CDFI, loans can exceed \$35,000 if the business demonstrates the ability to create the commensurate number of jobs.

Applicant Requirements

Eligible applicants must meet all the requirements listed below:

- Must be a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI).
- Must have experience providing loans to small businesses with the requisite infrastructure, policies, and guidelines in place to underwrite and service such loans.
- Must have established, documented and proven track record of providing technical assistance to small businesses, including businesses located in Eligible Block Groups
- Must be able to provide proof that not less than 51% of the jobs created will be for low-to-moderate income persons. Federal regulations require the creation of one job per \$35,000 awarded.
- Must demonstrate that jobs created will be maintained for a period of not less than one (1) year.
- Must have established relationships with professional service providers including the Small Business Administration, not-for-profit technical assistance providers, accountants, marketing consultants, loan underwriters and others comprising a local business support network.
- Must provide a marketing plan to demonstrate outreach efforts and how services will be promoted in Eligible Block Groups

Ongoing Responsibilities, Monitoring, and Record Keeping

Agencies receiving CDBG funds will be required to submit quarterly progress reports and will be subject to annual monitoring site visits. Reports will be reviewed to assess the activity's progress in creating jobs for low- and moderate income persons. Awardees must maintain records of loans provided, jobs created, and all other services provided for seven (7) years after the HUD national objective is met.

Evaluation Criteria

Only applications meeting the minimum threshold requirements will be scored. Applicants that do not meet minimum threshold criteria **WILL NOT** be recommended to the BCC for funding. Entities **NOT** clearing the Due Diligence Investigation will not be included in a final report to the BCC at the time of funding recommendations. Applications for small business development programs will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

Minimum Threshold Requirements

- Must be a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)
- Meets a HUD National Objective
- Track record (Good standing with Miami-Dade County)
- Budget/Scope of Work (demonstrating total project costs to include administrative costs and funds for direct services; and any profit to be made by the person or entity)
- Proof of site control

Scored Criteria

Micro-Enterprise and Special Economic Development Lending Program	
Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
GENERAL SECTION	UP TO 59 POINTS
Organizational Capacity	37
Strategies and Outcomes	9
Policy Priorities	8
Total:	113

BUSINESS INCUBATOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This RFA is proposing to allocate approximately \$1,000,000.00 for Business Incubator activities in the FY 2025 RFA. The purpose of the Business Incubator Assistance Program (BIAP) is to provide cost-effective business support services and resources to new and growing micro-enterprise businesses under one roof by offering a wide range of business training, support programs, flexible leases, networking opportunities, and shared equipment in a professional setting. The primary goals of the BIAP are sustaining existing micro-enterprise businesses and attracting new micro-enterprise businesses into low- and moderate-income communities.

All small businesses receiving CDBG assistance from Business Incubators shall agree to apply to become certified as a Miami-Dade County *Green Business*. Businesses seeking green certification may visit the following website: <http://www.miamidade.gov/green/business-certification.asp>.

Please note, failure to meet the criteria for certification as a *Green Business* shall not disqualify the business from receiving assistance from a CDBG-funded program. This strategy will allow small businesses to learn about and implement sustainable business practices in their day-to-day operations.

Program Objectives

HCD is requesting applications from qualified Business Incubator operators to implement a BIAP using CDBG funds to provide business support services and resources that include, but are not limited to:

- Providing business planning and business development training using an established curriculum
- Assisting micro-enterprises with business operations support
- Assisting micro-enterprises in securing loans, grants, and other financial resources
- Providing office space, conference room, and equipment
- Facilitating networking opportunities
- Assisting micro-enterprises with developing and implementing a business plan
- Providing affordable workspace and business support services to micro-enterprises
- Growing new micro-enterprises
- Expanding the availability of services to businesses in the County's Eligible Block Groups, through an established marketing plan

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants must meet all the requirements listed below:

- Must be a member of the National Business Incubation Association (NBIA)
- Must be a Business Incubator for at least three (3) years
- Must be able to provide space to "house" a minimum of five (5) micro-enterprises for a minimum of three (3) years
- Must show proof of site control (i.e., deed, lease agreement, firm purchase contract, Option to Purchase, Option to Lease Long Term or Local Government Resolution) of the proposed site for which funding is being applied for. **THIS IS A MINIMUM THRESHOLD ITEM.**
- Applicants are encouraged to locate their incubators in one of the following areas;
 - CDBG Eligible Block Groups
 - Participating Municipalities
- Must be able to provide proof that at least 51% of the jobs created will employ low-to-moderate income persons. Federal regulations require the creation of one job per \$35,000 awarded
- Must demonstrate that once a job is created it is maintained for a period of not less than one (1) year
- Must have an established business development curriculum
- Must be able to provide essential business development services and resources
- Must have operational office equipment (e.g., computers, internet access, fax, copier, telephones, etc.) for use by the micro-enterprises
- Must adhere to a mandatory intake process
- Must provide a marketing plan to demonstrate outreach efforts and how services will be promoted in Eligible Block Groups (EBGs)

Eligible micro-enterprises participating in the Business Incubator Assistance Program must meet CDBG guidelines referenced in 24 CFR 570.201(o), which defines *micro enterprise* as a commercial enterprise that has five or fewer employees, one or more of whom owns the enterprise. The micro-enterprise must also be established in a low-to-moderate income neighborhood, as defined in [24 CFR 570.208(a) (1).

Note: The activity location must have at least 500 square feet of commercial office space specifically dedicated to the micro-enterprise businesses.

Ongoing Responsibilities, Monitoring, and Record Keeping

Agencies receiving CDBG funds will be required to submit quarterly progress reports and will also be subject to annual monitoring site visits. The reports will be reviewed to assess the activity's progress in creating jobs for low- and moderate income persons. The awardees must document and maintain records of loans provided, jobs created, and all other services provided for seven (7) years after the HUD national objective is met.

Evaluation Criteria

Only applications meeting the minimum threshold requirements will be scored. Applicants that do not meet minimum threshold criteria **WILL NOT** be recommended to the BCC for funding. Entities **NOT** clearing the Due Diligence Investigation will be included in a final report to the BCC at the time of funding recommendations. Applications for Business Incubator Assistance Programs will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

Minimum Threshold Requirements

- Proof of site control
- Meets HUD National Objective
- Track record (In good standing with Miami-Dade County)
- Budget/Scope of Work (demonstrating total project costs to include administrative costs and funds for direct services; and any profit to be made by the person or entity)

Scored Criteria

Business Incubator Assistance Program	
Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
GENERAL SECTION	UP TO 59 POINTS
Organizational Capacity	39
Strategies and Outcomes	20
Policy Priorities	5
Total	123

HOUSING

WATER AND SEWER CONNECTIONS ONLY

HCD has made available up to \$650,000.00 in CDBG funds through this RFA for housing for Miami-Dade County departments, developers, owners, for-profit and non-profit entities, Community Land Trusts or participating jurisdictions. Funding under this category shall be limited to:

- Water and sewer connections for new construction and rehabilitation of single-family homes

The purpose for this category is to support activities which provide or improve permanent residential structures which, upon completion, will be occupied by low and moderate-income (LMI) households in Miami-Dade County. The use of CDBG funds is generally prohibited for new construction. However, Eligible applicants that are constructing and or rehabilitating up to four (4) affordable units for families whose income does not exceed 80% AMI, may apply provided that the sewer line will be accessible (i.e., within a reasonable distance of approximately 250 feet, and thus is not cost prohibitive).

Eligible applicants may also include Miami-Dade County departments and non-profit entities that are willing to recruit homeowners whose household income does not exceed 80% AMI, verify income eligibility, and provide project management services to connect the homeowner to the sewer line.

National Objective

CDBG-funded Housing activities are typically categorized under the Low-Mod Housing. If a grantee wishes to qualify for housing rehabilitation, acquisition or construction activity under the Low-Mod Income (LMI) objective, the **Housing national objective must be met.**

- Rehabilitation - Activities that provide or improve permanent residential structures can only qualify as benefiting LMI households under the **Housing** criteria of the LMI benefit national objective, which deals with the occupancy of units by LMI persons.
- In order to meet the housing LMI national objective, the income of the homeowner cannot exceed 80% of the area median income. When rental housing activities are carried out by a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) or as part of an approved Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy, multiple units may be aggregated for the purposes of meeting the LMI Benefit National Objective. If the structure contains two units, at least one unit must be LMI occupied. Rental buildings under common ownership and management that are located on the same or contiguous properties may be considered as a single structure.
- HCD will fund developers engaged in the construction of single-family homes for water and sewer connections. The funds are to be utilized solely for water/sewer connections for low-moderate income families. The connections can be used for rehabilitated, or newly constructed units. However, the units must be owned and occupied by low- and moderate-income households.
- HCD will fund not-for-profit organizations for the purpose of assisting homeowners with connecting to water and sewer. Neighborhoods experiencing vulnerability to regular septic tank failure will be prioritized for funding. The not-for-profit must market the program within the neighborhood and will be required to verify the income eligibility of the homeowners and provide project management services to connect the homeowner to the sewer line. The applicant should ensure that water and sewer connection fees, costs to vacate the septic tank (where applicable), and costs to hire a plumber/contractor are included in the activity budget.
- Applicants who make water/sewer connections in areas that are identified as most vulnerable per the Sea Level Rise/Flooding Vulnerability Map) will receive the maximum points allowed.

HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION

HCD has made available up to \$350,000.00 in CDBG funds, through the FY 2025 RFA for housing for Miami-Dade County departments, non-profit entities, Community Land Trusts or participating jurisdictions. Funding under this category shall be limited to:

- Providing rehabilitation of low- and moderate-income owner-occupied single-family homes whose household income does not exceed 80% AMI

The purpose of this category is to support activities which provide or improve permanent residential structures which, upon completion, will be occupied by low and moderate-income (LMI) seniors in Miami-Dade County. The use of CDBG funds is generally prohibited for new construction. Except as indicated below.

Eligible applicants include Miami-Dade County departments, non-profit entities, Community Development Corporations (CDC), Community Based Development Organizations (CBDO), Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), Community Land Trusts (CLT), developers, and participating jurisdictions.

Eligible Activity

The eligibility of CDBG Housing activities is governed by regulations found in 24 CFR Parts 570.202, 570.204(a) and 570.208(a)(3). Utilization of CDBG funds is identified as rehabilitation to buildings that are residential, low-income rental, or homeowner housing and the conversion of non-residential structures for residential use. Funding will be limited to owner-occupied single-family homes.

Ongoing Responsibilities and Monitoring

Entities receiving CDBG funds will be required to submit quarterly progress reports will be subject to annual monitoring site visits. Progress reports will be reviewed to assess the entity's progress in constructing housing for low- and moderate-income persons. Awardees must document and maintain records of housing units rehabilitated and low- and moderate-income occupancy for seven (7) years after the US HUD National Objective is achieved.

Evaluation Criteria

Only applications meeting the minimum threshold requirements will be scored. Applicants that do not meet minimum threshold criteria **WILL NOT** be recommended to the BCC for funding. Entities **NOT** clearing the Due Diligence Investigation will be included in a final report to the BCC at the time of funding recommendations. Applications for Housing Rehabilitation activities will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

Minimum Threshold Requirements

- Track Record (In good standing with Miami-Dade County)
- Meets US HUD National Objective
- Site Control
- Budget/Scope of Work (demonstrating total project costs to include administrative and funds for direct services; and profit to be made by the person or entity)

(Scored Criteria continued on the next page)

Scored Criteria

Housing

Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
GENERAL SECTION	UP TO 59 POINTS
Leveraging/County subsidy	20
Experience of Development Team in Water and Sewer Connections or Homeownership Rehabilitation	20
Water and Sewer Connections or Housing Rehabilitation in the most vulnerable eligible block groups	10
LEED/Green Features for Housing Rehabilitation/ Letter of Availability for Water and Sewer Connections	5
Total	114
Bonus Points	UP TO 10 POINTS
Located with ½ mile of public transportation (provide proof)	5
Access to recreation and health facilities (within one mile)	5
Total	124

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Applicants must submit an online application in ZoomGrants, HCD's grants management system. A direct access link will be available on HCD's webpage.
- Applicants must upload all affidavits, supporting evidence and documentation in ZoomGrants to meet threshold requirements.
- The application must include the legal name of the Developer, employer identification number (FEIN), organization type, Unique Entity ID (UEID), amount of funding request, Developer's address, contact person name, title, phone number and email address. For more information on obtaining a UEID, visit the following website: <https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration>
- Where applicable, applicants are required to submit interior and exterior photographs of the proposed facility or activity location. Applicants must also provide copies of the most current Certificate of Use for buildings, if applicable.
- **Points will only be awarded when supporting documentation outlined in the Application Checklist is attached to your electronic application.** If supporting documentation is too large for upload, applicant may upload attachments in multiple submissions, Attachment 1a, 1b, 1c, etc.
- **All supporting documentation MUST be attached as a PDF file. NO electronic links will be accepted as part of your submission in this application.**
- **Points will only be awarded when requisite supporting documentation is provided for corresponding questions.**
- Supporting documentation must be uploaded as an attachment. Applicants must use a cover sheet identifying the EACH attachment separately.
- **Coversheets must be accurately labeled, match attached documentation AND corresponding questions. Points will not be awarded in cases where supporting documentation is inaccurately labeled or uploaded and/or attached to the wrong question.**
- Scoring Committee members will review and score all questions separately and **ONLY** consider documentation that has been correctly uploaded and labeled for specified corresponding questions.
- All applications must be submitted in the legal name of the limited partnership, corporation, or agency.
- The Funding Source, Funding Amount, and Activity Category must be consistent throughout the application. Any inconsistencies may disqualify the application.
- **All applicants are required to review and provide requisite supporting documentation outlined in the Application Checklist included in the Application.**
- For purposes of this RFA, the application period is **T.B.D.** Any applications submitted after the deadline will **not** be accepted.
- Neither paper nor faxed applications will be accepted.
- No changes or additions to applications will be accepted after the application deadline.

- Miami-Dade County will not fund an entity or an affiliate with outstanding defaulted loans, debarment actions or any other legal encumbrances with the County, State of Florida, or Federal programs regardless of the merits of the submitted application.
- Miami-Dade County will not be responsible for the payment of the Credit Underwriting/SLR fees.
- Developer will be responsible for the cost of this analysis which is reimbursable through the inclusion of the cost in the development budget.

Applications lacking any items and/or criteria needed to meet the minimum threshold requirements will be forwarded to the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office for a determination of responsiveness and will not be scored if determined to be non-responsive:

Questions pertaining to this application must be submitted in writing, no later than **February 21, 2025**, to the attention of: Mr. Alex R. Ballina, Director, HCD at communitydevelopment@miamidade.gov
Responses will be posted on the HCD website at <https://www8.miamidade.gov/global/housing/requests.page>

All applicants understand that by submitting an application, they agree to comply with all the CDBG regulations at 24 CFR 570, as amended, which will be passed on from the County to the Applicant.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The deadline for the FY 2025 CDBG application submission(s) is **T.B.D.** Applications must be submitted in ZoomGrants, at: <https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/RFACDBG2025>. Applicants must create a profile in ZoomGrants in order to apply. No paper applications will be accepted.

Instructions and application forms for the FY 2025 CDBG RFA are included in this package, and available on HCD's website. Additionally, any updates to this RFA, including responses to questions, will be posted on HCD's website. Prospective applicants should check the HCD website regularly for updates at <http://www.miamidade.gov/housing/requests.page>.

The FY 2025 RFA will be available for review electronically at <http://www.miamidade.gov/housing/requests.page>.

Public Meetings/Technical Assistance Workshops

During the draft release of the Request for Applications (RFA), the Housing and Community Development, in cooperation with the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, will hold four public meetings to review the application preparation, submission requirements, and changes to the FY 2025 program and evaluation criteria for Housing and Non-Housing Activities. At these meetings applicants will have the opportunity for meet with HCD staff to receive additional technical assistance for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant RFAs. The public meeting/technical assistance workshops are listed below:

North Regional Public Meeting (In Person)

Date and Time: February 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: North Dade Regional Library, 2455 NW 183rd Street, Miami, Florida 33056.

South Regional Public Meeting (In Person)

Date and Time: February 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: South Dade Regional Library, 10750 SW 211th Street, Cutler Bay, Florida 33189.

Central Regional Public Meeting (In Person)

Date and Time: February 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Arcola Lakes Branch Library, 8240 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, FL 33150

Virtual Public Meeting (via Zoom)

Date and Time: February 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Zoom: <https://miamidade.live/HCDRFA>

SCORING & FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Scoring

- Applications to this RFA are scored and ranked by committee.
- **Applicants must score a minimum of 70 points, inclusive of bonus points, to be considered for funding.**

Score Review and Adjustment Process

- Applicants will have an opportunity to review their scores and application ranking. Score reviews will not be conducted after final scores are published. Request for reviews of initial application scores must be submitted via email at communitydevelopmentservices@miamidade.gov. Applicants requesting an appeal will then be scheduled to meet with HCD staff to review their scores. Changes to scores are at the discretion of HCD and will be based primarily on documents submitted in the application.
- To the extent issues are identified in the initial scoring of the application, appropriate adjustments may be made prior to the applicant's final score and ranking in preparation for the final funding recommendations. The County shall not address any request that has not been submitted in writing and received by the County within the established five-day review period after initial scores have been posted. Additionally, the score review process shall not apply to subsequent recapture/reallocation activities.

Field Site Visits

- HCD may conduct site visits to evaluate the viability and/or feasibility of the project site with the proposed scope of work and requested funds for housing and newly funded activities.

Funding Recommendations

- **Public Hearing:** The funding recommendations are usually considered by the Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) Housing, Recreation, Culture, and Community Development Committee. This serves as the **public hearing** in the Action Plan process, [24 CFR 91.105] - Citizen Participation Plan and local governments, [24 CFR 91.105(a) (1)]. Please check the HCD website for the exact date.

POST-AWARD INFORMATION

- Environmental Review forms must be completed in their entirety and included with this FY 2025 RFA application(s). The Applicant will be responsible for costs incurred in completing the environmental review process, (i.e., public notices, Miami-Dade Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) environmental site assessment analyses, etc.). All project related environmental expenses are eligible for financial reimbursement upon receipt of an award. Applicants will be responsible for costs associated with completing the environmental review, including a Phase I and Phase II analysis, where applicable.
- Miami-Dade County reserves the right to require and participate in the creation of partnerships to ensure project viability and/or effectiveness of program **delivery**, should the County determine such action is in the best interest of the County and the community to be served. Applicants are encouraged to coordinate and collaborate with other organizations in carrying out programs funded under this RFA. Written agreements related to collaborations among entities and organizations, such as a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) must be **fully executed** and included with the application.
- The FY 2025 Action Plan will be submitted to HUD later in the year as the first annual Action Plan associated with the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan that will be approved by the BCC.
- Awardees will be required to attend a mandatory contract development workshop.
- Where applicable, awardees will have to comply with Resolution No. R-34-15 which requires certain written notice from the Applicant to Miami-Dade County of the availability of rental or homeownership opportunities and also requires certain advertising of such opportunities.
- Conflict of Interest - The general rule is that no person(s) (defined as any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the recipient, or of any designated public agencies, or of sub-recipients that are receiving funds under this part) who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to CDBG activities assisted under this part, or who are in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG-assisted activity, or have a financial interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to a CDBG-assisted activity, or with respect to the proceeds of the CDBG-assisted activity, either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during their tenure or for one year thereafter. The complete Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) can be viewed at <http://www.ecfr.gov>, 24.CFR.570.611.

APPLICATION

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE GENERAL SECTION AND ALL OF THE RESPECTIVE SUB-SECTIONS IN ZOOMGRANTS. **THE APPLICATION MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:** <http://www.miamidade.gov/housing/requests.page>.

FOR THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, PLEASE UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION IN THE DOCUMENTS TAB IN ZOOMGRANTS TO FULLY ANSWER EACH APPLICATION QUESTION. IF THE REQUESTED WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION FOR A QUESTION IS NOT PROVIDED, THE APPLICANT WILL NOT RECEIVE POINTS FOR THE QUESTION.

I. Application Summary

1.	Application/Activity Title: _____ <i>If this is a currently funded activity with HCD and you are requesting funding from the same funding source, the title must be the same as the currently contracted activity.</i>
2.	Amount Requested: \$ _____
3.	Applicant Information Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
4.	Organization Information Legal Name: _____ Applicant Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Website: _____ Organization's Federal Tax or Employer Identification Number (TIN/EIN): _____ Organization's Unique Entity ID (UEID) # (Required): _____ <i>To obtain a UEID #, please visit https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration</i>
5.	CEO/Executive Director Name: _____ Title: _____ E-mail: _____

II. Applicant Information

1.	Primary Contact for this Application. Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
2.	Please use the following link to answer the questions below: https://gisweb.miamidade.gov/emaps/ County Commission District(s) where applicant is located – <i>Please circle District number(s)</i> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

3.	Organization Type. Please select one. <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) <input type="checkbox"/> Community Based Organization (CBO) <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development Corporation (CDC) <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) <input type="checkbox"/> Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Venture (e.g., LLC, LP, General Partnership) </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> County Department <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> Community Land Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Developer <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Other </div> </div>
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III. Activity Information

1.	What category are you applying for? Select only one below. Note: A separate application must be submitted for each category. Note: Public Facilities and Capital Improvements is not available as a funding category in this RFA. <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service <input type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities and Capital Improvements <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development <input type="checkbox"/> Housing </div>																																			
2.	Check the appropriate sub-category/activity below (select only one per application): <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service -Technical Assistance to Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities and Capital Improvements (for Participating Municipalities only) <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development -Technical Assistance to Businesses <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development - Micro Enterprise and Special Economic Development Lending <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development - Business Incubator Assistance Program <input type="checkbox"/> Housing – Water and Sewer Connections <input type="checkbox"/> Housing – Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation </div>																																			
3.	List the primary activity address. (i.e., the physical location where the project will be administered, including street address, city, state, and zip code). <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____ </div>																																			
4.	Site Control: Does the applicant have site control (e.g., recorded title, executed lease agreement, firm purchase contract, Option-to-Purchase or Local Government Resolution) for the site(s) proposed for funding. <i>You may upload documents in ZoomGrants (5-SiteControlDocumentation).</i> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </div>																																			
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8.	<p>Please use the following link to answer the question below: https://gisweb.miamidade.gov/emaps/</p> <p>County Commission District (s) where clients reside – <i>Please circle District number(s) or Countywide.</i></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Countywide</p>
9.	<p>Provide an <u>Abbreviated Activity Description</u> statement for the proposed activity. <i>The description shall include, at a minimum, who will carry out the activity, what type of service will be provided, the proposed clientele or service group, and the location of the activity. Sample abbreviated description: Construction of an ADA walkway, ADA parking, fencing/landscaping for 50 low/mod income Alzheimer's clients in an adult day care program located in the North region of Miami-Dade, 123 Main Street, in Commission District 3.</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
10.	<p>How many unduplicated clients will you serve with the requested CDBG funds? _____</p>
11.	<p>Does your entity have current partnerships or collaborative efforts with other service providers in the area you are proposing to serve? (Acceptable documentation: fully executed agreement or letter of commitment). <i>Please include an explanation as part of your Detailed Activity Description. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (9-DetailedActivityDescription).</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have current partnership/collaborative agreements with multiple service providers.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have current partnership/collaborative agreements with one (1) service provider.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have no partnership/collaborative agreements.</p>
12.	<p>If the proposed activity includes partnerships or collaborative efforts with other service providers in the area, describe how the coordination and/or collaboration will not duplicate services for the targeted population? <i>Please include an explanation as part of your Detailed Activity Description. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (9-DetailedActivityDescription).</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The proposed activity does not include partnerships.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Partners will provide complementary services. No duplication of services will occur.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Duplication of Services will occur.</p>

IV. Budget

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GENERAL SECTION

Scoring Criteria

I. Project Location (20 Points)

1	<p>Is the activity located in any of the following Participating Municipalities? <i>"Participating municipalities," are cities that have decided to participate in the County's CDBG program. They include the following cities:</i> (Please select one of the following if applicable) (10 points)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Biscayne Park</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Hialeah Gardens</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> North Bay Village</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Sunny Isles Beach</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> N/A</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Coral Gables</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Key Biscayne</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> North Miami Beach</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Surfside</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Doral</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Medley</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Opa-Locka</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Sweetwater</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> El Portal</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Miami Shores</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Pinecrest</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Gardens</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Golden Beach</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Miami Springs</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> South Miami</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> West Miami</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biscayne Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Hialeah Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> North Bay Village	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunny Isles Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Coral Gables	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Biscayne	<input type="checkbox"/> North Miami Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> Surfside		<input type="checkbox"/> Doral	<input type="checkbox"/> Medley	<input type="checkbox"/> Opa-Locka	<input type="checkbox"/> Sweetwater		<input type="checkbox"/> El Portal	<input type="checkbox"/> Miami Shores	<input type="checkbox"/> Pinecrest	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Gardens		<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> Miami Springs	<input type="checkbox"/> South Miami	<input type="checkbox"/> West Miami	
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II. High Priority Needs (12 Points)

3.	<p>Does this activity meet one or more of the COUNTY's high priority needs listed in the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan? <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (12 points)</p> <p>Please include an explanation of your answer as part of your Detailed Activity Description. <i>Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (9-Detailed Activity Description).</i></p> <p>If "Yes," please indicate by category below:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Elderly Services</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Services</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Facilities and/or Services</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Employment Training</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreational Facilities</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Roadway and/or Sidewalk Improvements</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Community Centers</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Water/Sewer Infrastructure</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Elderly Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Facilities and/or Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreational Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Roadway and/or Sidewalk Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Centers	<input type="checkbox"/> Water/Sewer Infrastructure
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III. Track Record (12 Points)

4a.	<p>a. If currently or previously funded by HCD, did the entity meet program objectives of previous projects? <i>Upload supporting documentation as in ZoomGrants (21-GrantTrackRecord)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (9 points)</p> <p>b. Did the entity fully spend awarded monies of any open or previously funded projects?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (3 points)</p>
4b.	<p>a. If not previously funded by HCD, has the entity successfully implemented a grant-funded program/project performing the activity for which funds are sought? <i>Upload supporting documentation as in ZoomGrants (21-GrantTrackRecord)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)</p> <p>b. Does the entity have previous experience with receiving grant funds and meeting program objectives?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 points)</p> <p>c. Did the entity fully spend awarded monies of any open or prior grant funded projects?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 points)</p> <p>d. Does the entity have any unresolved issues with any open or prior grant funded projects?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (0 points)</p>

IV. Project Budget/Sources and Uses (10 Points)

5.	Indirect Expenses Bonus: A preference is provided in this RFA for entities that have lower indirect expenses allocated to the CDBG award. Please check the box below that corresponds with the percentage of the indirect expenses that will be allocated to the CDBG award. <input type="checkbox"/> 31% and above, indirect expenses (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 25.0% – 30.99% indirect expenses (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 18.0% – 24.99% indirect expense (4 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 12.0% – 17.99% indirect expenses (6 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 5.0% – 11.99% indirect expenses (8 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 0% – 4.99% indirect expenses (10 points) <i>*Please note these percentages become contractual obligations if you are recommended for funding, and cannot be changed.</i>
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V. Bonus (5 Points)

6.	<p>Please use the following link to answer the question below: Model City/Brownsville Targeted Urban Area</p> <p>Will your project serve the Model City/Brownsville Targeted Urban Area?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)</p> <p>To earn points, the applicant <u>must</u> provide a detailed narrative and supporting documentation illustrating how the proposed activity will serve the Model City/Brownsville Targeted Urban Area (TUA). The response must include data demonstrating the need for the proposed activity and describe how the proposed activity will address that need, including targeted marketing and outreach efforts. <i>Upload additional pages and/or supporting documentation as in ZoomGrants (26-Bonus)</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 500px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>
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GENERAL SECTION SUB-TOTAL: _____ **(59 POINTS POSSIBLE)**

PUBLIC SERVICE

Scoring Criteria

I. Organizational Capacity (40 Points)

1.	How many years of experience does the applicant have providing the proposed service(s)? <i>Provide a description of projects that are similar to the proposed activity. Points to be determined by HCD. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PS1-PastExperience)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 0 to 2 years (1 point) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 5 years (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 9 year (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more years (5 points)
2.	Can the applicant demonstrate proven success with providing the proposed service(s)? <i>Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PS1-PastExperience).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)
3.	How many individuals have successfully received the proposed services through your program? <i>Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PS1-PastExperience)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 20 (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 21 - 40 (1 point) <input type="checkbox"/> 41 - 60 (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 61 or more (5 points)
4.	Does the applicant have at least five (5) years of experience in providing the proposed services within Eligible Block Groups in Miami-Dade County? <i>Provide proof, such as signed client intake forms, client addresses, loan closing documents, etc. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PS2-EligibleBlockGroups).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> less than 1 year (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4 years (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 5 or more (5 points)
5.	How many individuals can you serve on an annual basis through the proposed program? <i>Please provide proof such as a list of businesses served in the prior year. Upload supporting documentation as in ZoomGrants (PS3-AssistanceCapacity).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 19 or less (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 20 - 35 (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 36 - 49 (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 50 or more (15 points)
6.	Does the applicant have current executed agreements with other service providers to enhance the delivery of the proposed services to clients who are clearly defined in the application? <i>Upload supporting documentation as in ZoomGrants (PS4-CollaborativeAgreements).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No agreements (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 1- 2 current agreements (4 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 4 current agreements (5 points)

II. Strategies and Outcomes (11 Points)

7.	Does applicant have documented community support for the proposed activity? <i>If yes, please provide evidence of support ,such as a community letter of support,or other documented support from the community. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PS5-CommunitySupport).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (3 point)
8.	Does the applicant have a formal intake process that includes documenting household size and income? <i>Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PS6-IntakeProcess).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (4 points)
9.	Does the applicant have a comprehensive Marketing and Outreach Plan for promoting the proposed activity? <i>In order to receive points, please provide a copy. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PS7-MarketingandOutreachPlan).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 point) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (4 points)

CDBG GENERAL SECTION + PS TO BUSINESSES TOTAL: _____ (110 POSSIBLE)

PUBLIC SERVICE: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESSES (PSTA)

Scoring Criteria

III. Organizational Capacity (40 Points)

1.	How many years of experience does the applicant have providing Technical Assistance to Businesses? <i>Provide a description of projects that are similar to the proposed activity. Points to be determined by HCD. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PSTA1-PastExperience)</i>
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2.	Can the applicant demonstrate proven success with providing Technical Assistance to Businesses? <i>Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PSTA1-PastExperience).</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)
3.	How many businesses have successfully secured business loans from your program? <i>Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PSTA1-PastExperience)</i>
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4.	Does the applicant have at least five (5) years of experience in providing Technical Assistance services within Eligible Block Groups in Miami-Dade County? <i>Provide proof, such as signed client intake forms, client addresses, loan closing documents, etc. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PSTA2-EligibleBlockGroups).</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> less than 1 year (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4 years (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 5 or more (5 points)
5.	How many businesses can you serve on an annual basis? <i>Please provide proof such as a list of businesses served in the prior year. Upload supporting documentation as in ZoomGrants (PSTA5-BusinessAssistanceCapacity).</i>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> No agreements (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 1- 2 current agreements (4 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 4 current agreements (5 points)

IV. Strategies and Outcomes (20 Points)

7.	Please check all services that will be provided.	
	Service 1. Assistance with business start-up basics 2. Networking activities with other business professionals 3. Marketing assistance 4. Business Plan Writing/Development 5. Assistance with accounting/financial management 6. Assistance with securing funding, i.e., loans, grants 7. Technology assistance and software training 8. Assistance with business regulatory compliance	(0.5-point for each Yes) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8.	Does the applicant have well defined Business Development Curriculum for the proposed service? <i>Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PSTA3-Business Development Curriculum).</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)	
9.	Does applicant have documented community support for the proposed activity? <i>If yes, please provide evidence of support, such as a community letter of support, or other documented support from the community. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PSTA7-CommunitySupport).</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (3 point)	
10.	Does the applicant have a list of mandatory intake criteria? <i>Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PSTA9-ClientIntakeCriteria).</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (4 points)	

11.	<p>Does the applicant have a comprehensive Marketing and Outreach Plan for promoting the proposed activity? In order to receive points, please provide a copy. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PSTA4-MarketingandOutreachPlan).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 point) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (4 points)</p>
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V. Policy Priorities (8 Points)

12.	<p>Will the activity provide training for manufacturing jobs for low- and moderate-income persons in the production of products that will result in gains in energy efficiency, or the use of alternative energy sources recognized as leading to the net reduction in carbon emissions? Provide a list of the proposed job titles and projected salaries, along with a one page written description about the proposed project and how it will create jobs. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PSTA8-GreenJobs).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)</p>
13.	<p>Will this activity provide training for low- and moderate-income persons in such areas as weatherization, or sales/distribution/marketing/installation and repair of solar energy systems or high efficiency appliances; construction and/or design of energy efficient structures; design, manufacture and servicing of electric, hybrid or biodiesel vehicles; and recycling of discarded materials? Provide a list of the proposed job titles and projected salaries along with a one-page written description about the proposed project and how it will create jobs. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PSTA8-GreenJobs).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (3 points)</p>

CDBG GENERAL SECTION + PSTA TO BUSINESSES TOTAL: _____ (127 POSSIBLE)

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (PFCI) *for Participating Municipalities only

Scoring Criteria

I. Organizational Capacity (15 Points)

1.	Does the Participating Municipality have the technical capacity to carry out the proposed activity? <i>Please provide résumés and/or statements that describe the experience of key staff members who possess program knowledge or experience carrying out the proposed project. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PFCI1-PastExperience).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (15 points)
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II. Pre-Development (15 Points)

2.	Construction plans and specifications have been completed. <i>Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PFCI2-PlansandRenderings).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)
3.	Does the project site have access to infrastructure and utility services? <i>(i.e., water and sewer connections, roadway access, and electrical service) If yes, provide utility bills or letters from appropriate agencies. If no, please explain plans for the the appropriate infrastructure for the site and provide copies of the plans. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PFCI3-InfrastructureandUtilityServices).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)
4.	All required environmental assessments have been completed. <i>If yes, provide copies of all environmental site assessments, surveys, and reports, such as Phase I/Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, asbestos survey, etc. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PFCI4-EnvironmentalAssessments)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)

III. Readiness to Proceed (40 Points)

5.	Has the permit been issued for the project? <i>Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PFCI5-PublicApprovalDocumentation).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (10 points)
6.	Full construction funding is committed (minus the funding requested). <i>Please provide proof, such as commitment letters, authorizing resolutions, written underwriting reports, etc.. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PFCI6-FundingCommitments)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (10 points)
7.	Construction contractor has been selected for the project.. <i>Please provide proof, such an executed contract. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PFCI7-ExecutedGCCContract)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (10 points)
8.	Can the project be completed in 24 months or less from the CDBG contract execution date with Miami-Dade County? <i>Please provide the project timeline. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PFCI8-ActivityTimeline).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (10 points)

IV. Bonus (5 points)

9.	Does the proposed project comply with the US Green Building Council's LEED green building rating system for New Construction and Major Renovations? <i>Please provide certification. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (PFCI9-LEEDStandards).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)
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CDBG GENERAL SECTION + PFCI TOTAL: _____ (134 Possible)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESSES (EDTA)

Scoring Criteria

VI. Organizational Capacity (40 Points)

1.	How many years of experience does the applicant have providing Technical Assistance to Businesses? <i>Provide a description of projects that are similar to the proposed activity. Points to be determined by HCD. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (EDTA1-PastExperience)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 0 to 2 years (1 point) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 5 years (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 9 years (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more years (5 points)
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11.	<p>Does the applicant have a comprehensive Marketing and Outreach Plan for promoting the proposed activity? In order to receive points, please provide a copy. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (EDTA4-MarketingandOutreachPlan).</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 point) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (4 points) </p>
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VIII. Policy Priorities (8 Points)

12.	<p>Will the activity provide training for manufacturing jobs for low- and moderate-income persons in the production of products that will result in gains in energy efficiency, or the use of alternative energy sources recognized as leading to the net reduction in carbon emissions? Provide a list of the proposed job titles and projected salaries, along with a one page written description about the proposed project and how it will create jobs. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (EDTA8-GreenJobs).</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points) </p>
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CDBG GENERAL SECTION + EDTA TO BUSINESSES TOTAL: _____ (127 POSSIBLE)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MICRO-ENTERPRISE AND SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LENDING (MS)

Scoring Criteria

I. Organizational Capacity (37 Points)

1.	<p>Is the entity a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)? Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS1-CFDICertification).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, failed threshold. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, passed threshold.</p>
2.	<p>How many years has your institution been a CDFI, Revolving Loan Fund, or Micro/Small Business Lender serving small businesses? Provide a list of businesses that have been assisted by the entity during the past two (2) years. Please identify name and address of business; name and phone number of principal/owner. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS2-PastExperience).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 to 4 years (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 7 years (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> More than 7 years (10 points)</p>
3.	<p>Has the entity secured matching/leveraged lending capital from other sources, including grants and loans, which will be available to the entity for the purpose of providing loans to qualifying applicants? Leveraged matching funds may represent grant or loan funds raised by, or committed to, the applicant within the 12 months preceding the date of submission of the FY 2025 RFA application, and are expected to be available at the time of CDBG contract execution. Include copies of funding commitments. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS3-MatchingFunds).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Less than 25% matching funds committed from non-governmental funding sources (0 points)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 26% to 50% matching funds committed from non-governmental funding sources (1 point)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 51% to 75% matching funds committed from non-governmental funding sources (2 points)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 76% to 100% matching funds committed from non-governmental funding sources (5 points)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Entity has secured at least a 1:1 commitment of matching funds from non-governmental funding sources (5 points)</p> <p>Note: Up to 20% of the matching funds may be in the form of Earned Income from the prior year's operations.</p>
4.	<p>Does the applicant have at least five (5) years of experience providing a Micro-Enterprise and Special Economic Development Lending program within Eligible Block Groups in Miami-Dade County? Provide a list of businesses that have been assisted by the entity during the past two (2) years. Please identify name and address of business; name and phone number of principal/owner; Commission District; or Eligible Block Group where business is located. The maps are also included in Attachment 1. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS4-EligibleBlockGroups).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> less than 1 year (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4 years (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 5 or more (5 points)</p>
5.	<p>Does the entity have written contractual job hiring agreements with businesses that the entity is proposing to assist? To be eligible for funding under the Micro-Enterprise and Special Economic Development Lending category, applicants must provide contractual job hiring agreements. Please provide copies of the executed agreement. The agreement must include appropriate language to ensure that no job pirating has occurred. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS5-JobCreationAgreements).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 points)</p>
6.	<p>Does entity have documented community support for the proposed activity? If yes, please provide written evidence of support, such as letters or other documented forms of community support. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS6-CommunitySupport).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 points)</p>
7.	<p>Does the entity have lending policies and procedures? Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS7-LoanGuidelines).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)</p>
8.	<p>Does the entity have a Marketing and Outreach Plan for promoting the proposed activity? Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS8-MarketingOutreachPlan).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marginal (1 point) <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive (3 points)</p>
9.	<p>How many businesses have successfully secured business loans from your program? Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants MS9-SuccessfulLoans).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1-20 (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 21-40 (1 point) <input type="checkbox"/> 41-60 (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 61 or more (5 points)</p>

II. Strategies and Outcomes (9 Points)

10.	Does the entity have current executed agreements with other service providers to enhance the delivery of services to clients that are clearly defined in the application? Please attach copies. Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS10-CollaborativeAgreements). <input type="checkbox"/> No agreements (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 current agreements (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 current agreements (4 points)
11.	Does the entity have a job creation strategy specifically targeted for small businesses? Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS11-JobCreationStrategy) <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 points)
12.	How many documented jobs has the entity assisted with creating in the past 3 years? Must provide proof to receive points, such as HCD progress reports, intake forms, pay stubs, etc.. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS12-JobCreation). <input type="checkbox"/> 0 to 4 (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 7 (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> More than 7 (3 points)

III. Policy Priorities (8 Points)

13.	Will the activity provide training and job creation for manufacturing jobs for low- and moderate-income persons in the production of products that will result in gains in energy efficiency, or the use of alternative energy sources recognized as leading to the net reduction in carbon emissions? <i>Provide a list of the proposed job titles and projected salaries, along with a one page written description of the proposed project and how it will create jobs. Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS13-GreenJobs).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)
14.	Will this activity provide training and job creation for low- and moderate-income persons in such areas as weatherization, or sales/distribution/marketing/installation and repair of solar energy systems or high efficiency appliances; construction and/or design of energy efficient structures; design, manufacture and servicing of electric, hybrid or biodiesel vehicles; and recycling of discarded materials? <i>Provide a list of the proposed job titles and projected salaries along with a one-page written description of the proposed project and how it will create jobs. Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (MS13-GreenJobs).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (3 points)

GENERAL SECTION + SPED/MEL TOTAL: _____ **(113 POSSIBLE)**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: BUSINESS INCUBATOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (BIAP)

Scoring Criteria

I. Organizational Capacity (39 Points)

1.	How many years has the business incubator been a member of the National Business Incubation Association (NBIA)? <i>Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation as in ZoomGrants (BIAP5-PastExperience).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Not a member (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (1-5 years) (4 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (6 or more years) (6 points)																						
2.	Has the Business Incubator collaborated with the Small Business Administration (SBA) Small Business Development Centers or other collaborative partnerships? <i>Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation as in ZoomGrants (BIAP11-CorporateAffiliations).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (3 points)																						
3.	How many workstation desks are available at the incubator? <i>Select one. Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (BIAP3-BusinessAssistanceCapacity)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 (4 points)																						
4.	How many businesses can you serve on an annual basis? <i>Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (BIAP3-BusinessAssistanceCapacity).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 or less (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 5 -10 (1 point) <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 (4 points)																						
5.	How many years has the organization been a business incubator? <i>Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (BIAP5-PastExperience).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 years (1 point) <input type="checkbox"/> 6 or more years (5 points)																						
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8.	Can the applicant demonstrate proven success with a Business Incubator Assistance Program? <i>Please provide list of graduates with address of new business, Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (BIAP12-GraduateSuccess).</i> How many businesses have successfully completed and/or graduated from your program? <i>Please provide a list of graduates. Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (BIAP12-GraduateSuccess).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 16 and over (5 points)																						
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11.	Does the incubator program have a formal benchmark graduation policy, including a review of company revenues, staffing levels and time in the program? <i>Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (BIAP2-GraduationRequirements).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)
12.	Does the incubator program have well-defined tenant selection criteria? <i>Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (BIAP7-TenantSelectionCriteria).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (5 points)
13.	How many documented jobs has the entity assisted with creating in the past 3 years? <i>Must provide proof to receive points. Upload final closeout progress report in ZoomGrants (BIAP8-JobCreation).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 0 to 4 (0 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 7 (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> More than 7 (5 points)

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CDBG GENERAL SECTION + BIAP TOTAL: _____ **(123 POSSIBLE)**

HOUSING

Scoring Criteria

1.	<p>County subsidy including any previously awarded Surtax, CDBG, SHIP, HOME, HOME ARP NSP, GOB, ESG, or other County resources and funding requested in current application on a per unit basis? Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (10-DetailedActivityBudget). (20 points)</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> less than or equal to \$35,000 (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/> \$35,001 - \$45,000 (15 points) <input type="checkbox"/> \$45,001 - \$50,000 (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than \$50,001 (5 points) </p>
2a.	<p>Experience of Development Team in water and sewer connections. Units completed with Certificate(s) of Occupancy/Completion and/or permits. Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (H1-PastExperience). (20 points)</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100 units (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 25-100 units (15 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 5-24 units (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 5 units (5 points) </p>
2b.	<p>Experience of Development Team in new construction and/or rehabilitation of homeownership units? Units completed with Certificate(s) of Occupancy/Completion. Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (H1-PastExperience). (20 points)</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> More than 50 units (20 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 25-50 units (15 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 6-24 units (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 5 units (5 points) </p>
3.	<p>Applicant is making water and sewer connections or housing rehabilitation activities in most vulnerable areas per the Sea Level Rise/Flooding Vulnerability Map. Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation as in ZoomGrants (H2-Sea Level Rise/Flooding Vulnerability). (10 points)</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> 100% to 80% of units in most vulnerable areas (10 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 79% to 60% of units in most vulnerable areas (8 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 59% to 40% of units in most vulnerable areas (6 points) <input type="checkbox"/> 39% to 20% of units in most vulnerable areas (4 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 20% of units in most vulnerable areas, or no units in most vulnerable areas (2 points) </p>
4a.	<p>For Housing Rehabilitation only: Construction Features and Amenities- Does the Development commit to providing Green Certification? If so, provide evidence (it will be a contractual requirement). Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (H3-GreenCertification). Select only one below:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Green Certified (LEED, FGBC, NGBS, Energy Star, etc.) (5 points) OR <input type="checkbox"/> 5 or more features, including at least 2 energy efficient (3 points) </p>
4b.	<p>For Housing Water and Sewer Connections only: Has the Development Team received a Letter of Availability (LOA) from the Water and Sewer Department (WASD), or submitted a request for a LOA? Information on how to obtain this can be found at: https://www.miamidade.gov/water/letter-of-availability.asp Must provide proof to receive points. Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (H4-LOA). Select only one below:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Received a Letter of Availability for one or more home sites from WASD (5 points) OR <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of submission of a Letter of Availability request to WASD (3 points) </p>
<p>SUB-TOTAL POINTS EARNED: _____ (55 points)</p>	
6.	<p>BONUS: Must provide proof to receive points (10 points)</p> <p>For all housing applications: Upload supporting documentation in ZoomGrants (H5-BONUS)</p> <p> A. <input type="checkbox"/> Located within 1/2 mile of public transportation (provide proof) (5 points) B. <input type="checkbox"/> Access to recreation and health facilities (within one mile) (5 points) </p>
<p>BONUS POINTS EARNED: _____ (10 points)</p>	

CDBG GENERAL SECTION + HOUSING TOTAL: _____ (124 POSSIBLE)

APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

All attachments must be uploaded to the documents tab of ZoomGrants. LABEL THE UPLOADED ATTACHMENT WITH THE CORRECT ATTACHMENT NUMBER AND DOCUMENT NAME (e.g. 1-CertificateOfAccuracy). ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE UPLOADED AS A PDF.

General Section Attachments

Attachment #	Document	Required
1	General Section – Scoring Criteria	Required
2	Certification of Accuracy	Required
3	RFA Submittal Certification	Required
4	Due Diligence Affidavit	Required
5	Site Control Documentation (e.g., deed, lease agreement)	Required
6	Tax Exempt Status Letter: Evidence of the not-for-profit status.	Required
7	IRS 990: Description of the not-for-profit status.	Required
8	Governing Board: Names and addresses.	Required
9	Detailed Activity Description: Description shall include who will carry out the activity, what type of service will be provided, how the services will be administered, the proposed clientele or service group (i.e., target population), how low-to-moderate income persons will be served, when the services will be provided, and a description of the activity location(s). Include interior and exterior pictures of activity location(s).	Required
10	Statement of Metropolitan Significance (Only for activities located in Entitlement Cities.)	Only if Applicable
11	Detailed Activity Budget: Full and complete total project budget, including 1) funds that are being requested in this RFA, and 2) all other funding anticipated to be utilized as a match or to partially fund the project/program.	Required
12	Leveraged Sources: Award letters, signed affidavits, and/or letters of commitment for all anticipated funding sources other than the RFA funds requested.)	Required
13	Certified Audit Report – Performed by an independent auditor and/or Certified Financial Statements	Only if Applicable
14	Sources & Uses Statement for Proposed Activity	Required
15	Articles of Incorporation/Corporate Certification	Required
16	Current Certificate of Good Standing or Certificate of Status – From the State of Florida	Required
17	Local Business Tax Receipt	Only if Applicable
18	Current By-Laws	Required
19	Contact Information for All Partners: Names of the organizations, individuals and the specific governmental agencies involved in the partnership, to include contact person(s), addresses and telephone numbers for each and their role in the project. Identify not-for-profit versus for-profit organizations and include DUNS numbers for each organization.	Required
20	Résumés and Organizational Chart	Required
21	Grant Track Record: For applicants previously funded by HCD, provide evidence that National Objectives were met, such as intake forms, progress reports, close out reports, etc. If not previously funded by HCD, provide evidence that the applicant successfully implemented a grant-funded program performing the activity for which funds are sought.	Only if Applicable
22	Appeals or Other Pending Issues	Only if Applicable
23	Certificate of Use for Activity Location: This documentation is required for all applicants.	Required
24	Written Policies and Procedures for the Management of the CDBG-funded activity	Required

25	Certificates of Insurance: Proof of Commercial General Liability Insurance, Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles, and Worker's Compensation Insurance for all employees as required by Florida Statute 440. <i>Grantees/Vendors of Miami-Dade County (County) must have the appropriate insurance to be awarded a County contract. Applicants to this RFA must submit their insurance certificate(s) at the time of their application and are required to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage through the term of the contract. Please be advised that the County may require additional insurance coverage based on the activity, such as Professional Liability Insurance, Abuse and Molestation coverage, etc.</i>	Required
26	Bonus: Detailed narrative and supporting documentation illustrating how the proposed project will serve the Model City-Brownsville Targeted Urban Area (TUA). The response must include data demonstrating the need for the proposed project and describe how the proposed activity will address that need, including targeted marketing and outreach efforts.	Optional
27	Optional Upload: Provide any additional information, documents, and/or pictures about the proposed activity.	Optional

Public Service (PS)

Attachment #	Document
PS	Public Service – Scoring Criteria
PS1	Past Experience
PS2	Experience in Eligible Block Groups
PS3	Assistance Capacity
PS4	Collaborative Agreements with Service Providers
PS5	Community Support
PS6	Intake Process
PS7	Marketing and Outreach Plan

Public Service – Technical Assistance to Businesses (PSTA)

Attachment #	Document
PSTA	Public Service: Technical Assistance to Businesses – Scoring Criteria
PSTA1	Past Experience
PSTA2	Experience in Eligible Block Groups
PSTA3	Business Development Curriculum
PSTA4	Marketing and Outreach Plan
PSTA5	Business Assistance Capacity
PSTA6	Collaborative Agreements with Service Providers
PSTA7	Community Support
PSTA8	Training for Green Jobs & Green Manufacturing Jobs
PSTA9	Client Intake Criteria

Public Facilities and Capital Improvements (PFCI) – for Participating Municipalities only

Attachment #	Document
PFCI	Public Facilities and Capital Improvements (for Participating Municipalities only) – Scoring Criteria
PFCI1	Past Experience
PFCI2	Plans and Renderings
PFCI3	Infrastructure and Utility Services
PFCI4	Environmental Assessments
PFCI5	Public Approval Documentation (Land Use, Zoning, Permits, etc.)
PFCI6	Funding Commitments
PFCI7	Executed GC Contract
PFCI8	Activity Timeline
PFCI9	LEED Standards

Economic Development – Technical Assistance to Businesses (EDTA)

Attachment #	Document
EDTA	Economic Development: Technical Assistance to Businesses – Scoring Criteria
EDTA1	Past Experience
EDTA2	Experience in Eligible Block Groups
EDTA3	Business Development Curriculum
EDTA4	Marketing and Outreach Plan
EDTA5	Business Assistance Capacity
EDTA6	Collaborative Agreements with Service Providers
EDTA7	Community Support
EDTA8	Training for Green Jobs & Green Manufacturing Jobs
EDTA9	Client Intake Criteria

Economic Development – Micro-Enterprise and Special Economic Development Lending (MS)

Attachment #	Document
MS	Economic Development: Micro-Enterprise and Special Economic Development Lending – Scoring Criteria
MS1	CDFI Certification
MS2	Past Experience
MS3	Evidence of Matching/Leveraged Funds
MS4	Experience in Eligible Block Groups
MS5	Job Creation Agreements
MS6	Community Support
MS7	Loan Underwriting Guidelines; Lending Policies and Procedures; Copy of Standard Loan Application
MS8	Marketing and Outreach Plan
MS9	Successful Loans
MS10	Collaborative Agreements with Service Providers
MS11	Job Creation Strategy
MS12	Job Creation
MS13	Job Creation of Green Jobs & Green Manufacturing Jobs

Economic Development – Business Incubator Assistance Program (BIAP)

Attachment #	Document
BIAP	Economic Development: Business Incubator Assistance Program – Scoring Criteria
BIAP1	Collaborative Agreements with Service Providers
BIAP2	Graduation Requirements
BIAP3	Business Assistance Capacity
BIAP4	Proof of membership in the National Business Incubation Association (NBIA)
BIAP5	Past Experience
BIAP6	Training Curriculum
BIAP7	Tenant Selection Criteria
BIAP8	Job Creation
BIAP9	Job Creation of Green Jobs & Green Manufacturing Jobs
BIAP10	Marketing and Outreach Plan
BIAP11	Corporate Affiliations
BIAP12	Graduate Success

Housing (H)

Attachment #	Document
H	Housing – Scoring Criteria
H1	Past Experience – COs/CCs and/or Permits
H2	Sea Level Rise/Flooding Vulnerability (showing Housing project locations)
H3	Green Certification
H4	Letter(s) of Availability (LOA)
H5	BONUS

RFA SUBMITTAL CERTIFICATION

ALL CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFIDAVITS

Please complete the certification below:

If this application is approved for funding, the organization agrees to comply with all required Federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The organization confirms that it is fully capable of fulfilling the obligations as stated in this application and in any attachments or documents included with this application.

As a duly authorized representative of this organization, I submit this application to Miami-Dade County and verify that the information herein is true, accurate, and complete.

PENALTY FOR FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT

U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001, provides that a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed five years, or both, shall be the penalty for willful misrepresentation and the making of false, fictitious statements, knowing same to be false.

APPLICANT: _____

DATE: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 2025, by _____, the Executive Director of _____, a Florida _____ company, He/She is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Signature

My commission expires: _____

[SEAL]

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS APPLICATION IS COMPLETE, AS INDICATED ABOVE, AND THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

ENTITY/APPLICANT _____

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[SEAL]

Infrastructure and Zoning Forms

*Verification of infrastructure and zoning must be current within
a period of one year of application submittal date.*

DRAFT

VERIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE - ELECTRICITY

Name of Development: _____

Development Location: _____

(At a minimum, provide the address assigned by the United States Postal Services, including the address number, street name and city, or if the address has not yet been assigned, provide the street name, closest designated intersection and city.)

The undersigned service provider confirms that on or before _____:
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

1. Electricity is available to the proposed Development.
2. There are no impediments to the proposed Development for obtaining electric service other than payment of hook-up or installation fees, line extensions to be paid for by the Applicant in connection with the construction of the Development, or other such routine administrative procedure.
3. To the best of our knowledge, no variance or local hearing is required to make electricity available to the proposed Development.
4. To the best of our knowledge, there are no moratoriums pertaining to electric service, which are applicable to the proposed Development.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the forgoing information is true and correct.

Signature Date (mm/dd/yy) Name of Entity Providing Service

Print or Type Name Address

Print or Type Title

Telephone Number (including area code)

This certification may not be signed by the Applicant, by any related parties of the Applicant, or by any Principals or Financial Beneficiaries of the Applicant. In addition, signatures from local elected officials are not acceptable. If the certification is applicable to this development and if is inappropriately signed, the Application will fail threshold.

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VERIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE – SEWER CAPACITY AND PACKAGE TREATMENT

Name of Development: _____

Development Location: _____

(At a minimum, provide the address assigned by the United States Postal Services, including the address number, street name and city, or if the address has not yet been assigned, provide the street name, closest designated intersection and city.)

The undersigned service provider confirms that on or before _____:
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

1. Sewer Capacity, Package Treatment is available to the proposed Development.
2. There are no impediments to the proposed Development for obtaining the specified waste treatment service other than payment of hook-up or installation fees, line extensions to be paid for by the Applicant in connection with the construction of the Development, or other such routine administrative procedure.
3. To the best of our knowledge, no variance or local hearing is required to make this service available to the proposed Development.
4. To the best of our knowledge, there are no moratoriums pertaining to this service, which are applicable to the proposed Development.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the forgoing information is true and correct.

_____ Signature	_____ Date (mm/dd/yy)	_____ Name of Entity Providing Service
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_____ Print or Type Title	_____ Telephone Number (including area code)	

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VERIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE - ROADS

Name of Development: _____

Development Location: _____

(At a minimum, provide the address assigned by the United States Postal Services, including the address number, street name and city, or if the address has not yet been assigned, provide the street name, closest designated intersection and city.)

The undersigned service provider confirms that on or before _____:
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

1. Existing paved roads provide access to the proposed Development or paved roads will be constructed as part of the proposed Development.
2. There are no impediments to the proposed Development using the roads other than payment of impact fees or providing curb cuts, turn lanes, signalization, or securing required final approvals and permits for the proposed Development.
3. The execution of this verification is not a granting of traffic concurrency approval for the proposed Development.
4. To the best of our knowledge, there are no moratoriums pertaining to road usage, which are applicable to the proposed Development.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the forgoing information is true and correct.

_____ Signature	_____ Date (mm/dd/yy)	_____ Name of Entity Providing Service
_____ Print or Type Name	_____ Address	
_____ Print or Type Title	_____ Telephone Number (including area code)	

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VERIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE - WATER

Name of Development: _____

Development Location: _____

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The undersigned service provider confirms that on or before _____:
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

1. Potable water capacity is available to the proposed Development.
2. There are no impediments to the proposed Development for obtaining potable water other than payment of hook-up or installation fees, line extensions to be paid for by the Applicant in connection with the construction of the Development, or other such routine administrative procedure
3. To the best of our knowledge, no variance or local hearing is required to make potable water available to the proposed Development.
4. To the best of our knowledge, there are no moratoriums pertaining to potable water, which are applicable to the proposed Development.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the forgoing information is true and correct.

_____ Signature	_____ Date (mm/dd/yy)	_____ Name of Entity Providing Service
_____ Print or Type Name	_____ Address	
_____ Print or Type Title	_____ Telephone Number (including area code)	

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VERIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE – INTERNET

Name of Development: _____

Development Location: _____

(At a minimum, provide the address assigned by the United States Postal Services, including the address number, street name and city, or if the address has not yet been assigned, provide the street name, closest designated intersection and city.)

The undersigned service provider confirms that on or before _____:
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

1. Internet is available to the proposed Development.
2. There are no impediments to the proposed Development for obtaining internet service other than payment of hook-up or installation fees, line extensions to be paid for by the Applicant in connection with the construction of the Development, or other such routine administrative procedure.
3. To the best of our knowledge, no variance or local hearing is required to make internet available to the proposed Development.
4. To the best of our knowledge, there are no moratoriums pertaining to internet service, which are applicable to the proposed Development.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the forgoing information is true and correct.

_____ Signature	_____ Date (mm/dd/yy)	_____ Name of Entity Providing Service
_____ Print or Type Name	_____ Address	
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**VERIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY
PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT
PAGE I OF 2**

Name of Development: _____

Development Location: _____

(At a minimum, provide the address assigned by the United States Postal Services, including the address number, street name and city, or if the address has not yet been assigned, provide the street name, closest designated intersection and city.)

As a representative of the firm that performed the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), I certify that a Phase I ESA of the above reference Development site was conducted by the undersigned environmental firm as of _____.
(Date of Phase I ESA - mm/dd/yyyy)

Such Phase I ESA meets the standards of ASTM Practice # E-1527-05.

Check all that apply in Items 1, 2, and 3 below:

1. If the Phase I ESA is over 12 months old from the Application Deadline for this Application, has the site's environmental condition changed since the date of the original Phase I ESA?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", to demonstrate the condition of the site, the signatory must answer question (1) or (2) below:

☐ (1) an updated to the original Phase I ESA was prepared on _____
(Date-mm/dd/yyyy)

(Date of update must be less than 12 months old from the Application Deadline to receive points.)

☐ (2) a new Phase I ESA was prepared on _____
(Date-mm/dd/yyyy)

Note: HCD will consider a current Phase II ESA, if applicable, to be a substitute for the updated Phase I ESA or new Phase I ESA.

2. If there are one or more existing buildings on the proposed site, the presence or absence of asbestos or asbestos containing materials, radon gas, and lead-based paint must be addressed either as a part of the Phase I ESA or as a separate report. The signatory must indicate which of the following (item a. or b.) applies:

- ☐ a. the Phase I ESA referenced above addresses the presence or absence of asbestos or asbestos containing materials, radon gas and lead-based paint; or
- ☐ b. separate report(s) addressing the presence or absence of asbestos or containing materials and lead-based paint have been prepared and the undersigned has reviewed the separate report(s). Such separate report(s) may or may not be incorporated by reference in the Phase I ESA.

**VERIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY
PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT
PAGE 2 OF 2**

3. If the Phase I ESA discloses potential problems (including, but not limited to asbestos or asbestos containing materials lead-based paint, radon gas, soil or ground water contamination, etc.) on the proposed site, the signatory must indicate which of the following (Item a, b, or c.) applies:
- ☐ a. environmental safety conditions on the site require remediation and a plan that includes anticipated costs and estimated time needed to complete the remediation has been prepared, either as a part of the Phase I ESA or as a separate report; or
 - ☐ b. a Phase II ESA is required or recommended. The firm that performed the Phase II ESA, even if it is the same firm that prepared the Phase I ESA, **MUST** complete and execute the Phase II ESA Verification.; or
 - ☐ c. although environmental safety conditions exist on the site, no remediation or further action is required or recommended.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Authorized Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name of Firm that Performed the Phase I ESA
Print of Type Name of Signatory	Address of Environmental Firm (street address, city, state)	
Print of Type Name of Signatory	Telephone Number Including Area Code	

This certification must be signed by a representative of the firm that performed the Phase I ESA for the proposed Development location. If this certification contains corrections or "white-out," or if it is scanned, imaged, altered or re-typed, the Application will fail to meet threshold. The certification may be photocopied.

**PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS MUST BE CERTIFIED TO
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.**

VERIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT

Name of Development: _____

Development Location: _____

(At a minimum, provide the address assigned by the United States Postal Services, including the address number, street name and city, or if the address has not yet been assigned, provide the street name, closest designated intersection and city.)

As a representative of the firm that performed the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), I certify that:

1. A Phase II ESA of the above reference Development location was required or recommended by the Phase I ESA. The Phase II ESA was conducted by the undersigned environmental firm as of _____ in accordance with ASTM Practice # E-1903-97(2002).
(Date of Phase II ESA – mm/dd/yyyy)

If the phase II ESA is over 12 month old from the Application Deadline for this Application has the site's environmental condition changed since the date of the Phase II ESA?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes", to demonstrate the condition of the site, an update to the original Phase II ESA was prepared on _____
(Dated of Phase II ESA - mm/dd/yyyy*)

** Date of the update to Phase II ESA, as stated above, must be within the last 12 months to receive points.*

2. If the Phase II ESA disclosed potential problems (including, but not limited to asbestos or asbestos containing materials, lead-based paint, radon gas, soil or groundwater contamination, etc.) on the proposed site, a plan that includes anticipated costs and estimated time needed to complete the remediation has been prepared either as a part of the Phase II ESA or as a separate report. (Must be attached)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Authorized Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Name of Firm that Performed
the Phase II ESA

Print of Type Name of Signatory

Address of Environmental Firm
(street address, city, state)

Print of Type Name of Signatory

Telephone Number Including Area Code

This certification must be signed by a representative of the firm that performed the Phase II ESA for the proposed Development location. If this certification contains corrections or "white-out," or if it is scanned, imaged, altered, or re-typed, the Application will fail to meet threshold. The certification may be photocopied.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT VERIFICATION THAT DEVELOPMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH ZONING AND LAND USE REGULATIONS

Name of Development: _____

Development Location: _____

(At a minimum, provide the address assigned by the United States Postal Services, including the address number, street name and city, or if the address has not yet been assigned, provide the street name, closest designated intersection and city.)

The undersigned Local Government official confirms that:

- 1) The number of units (not buildings) allowed for this development site (if restricted) is: _____ and/or

If a Planned Urban Development (PUD), the number of units (not buildings) allowed per development site is: _____ or

If not a PUD and development site is subject to existing special use or similar permit, number of units allowed for this development site is: _____; and

- 2) The zoning designation for the referenced Development site is _____; and

- 3) The intended use is consistent with current land use regulations and the referenced zoning designation or, if the Development consists of rehabilitation, the intended use is allowed as a legally non-conforming use. To the best of my knowledge, there are no additional land use regulation hearings or approvals required to obtain the zoning classification or density described herein. Assuming compliance with the applicable land use regulations, there are no known conditions, which would preclude construction or rehabilitation (as the case may be) of the referenced Development on the proposed site.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the City/County of _____ has vested in me the authority
(Name of City/County)

To verify consistency with local land use regulations and the zoning designation specified above or, if the Development consists of rehabilitation, the intended use is allowed as "legally non-conforming use" and I further certify that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

This certification must be signed by the applicable city's or County's Director of Planning and Zoning, chief appointed official (staff) responsible for determination of issues related to comprehensive planning and zoning, City Manager, or County Manager/Administrator/Coordinator. Signatures from local elected officials are not acceptable, nor are other signatories. If the certification is applicable to this Development and it is inappropriately signed, the Application will fail to meet threshold.

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I.O. No.: 4-1
Ordered: 9/17/2015
Effective: 10/01/2015

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
IMPLEMENTING ORDER

PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE

AUTHORITY:

Sections 1.01, 2.02 and 5.02 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter.

POLICY:

This Implementing Order provides a schedule of fees for services and programs provided by the Public Housing and Community Development Department.

PROCEDURE:


The administration of this Implementing Order is designated to the Director of the Public Housing and Community Development Department, who will be responsible for the collection of fees and the delivery of the required services. The Director shall review the contents of the implementing order annually and, if appropriate, make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for revisions or adjustments.

FEE SCHEDULE:

The fee schedule adopted by this Implementing Order is attached hereto and made a part hereof. This official fee schedule is also filed with and subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners and on file with the Clerk thereof. Fees charged by the Public Housing and Community Development Department shall be the same as those listed in the official fee schedule on file with the Clerk of the County Commission.

PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE		
Fee Name	Current Fee (FY 2014-15)	Proposed Fee (FY 2015-16)
Loan Set Up Fee for Single Family Homes	\$100	\$100
Loan Set Up Fee for Development Projects	\$200	\$200
Satisfaction of Mortgage	\$50	\$50
Subordination Agreements	\$50	\$50
Fresh Start Agreement/ Forbearance	\$50	\$50
Mortgage Modifications	\$100	\$100
Force Placed Insurance	\$25	\$25
Monthly Servicing Fee	\$25 (per Month)	\$25 (per Month)
Partial Release	\$50	\$50
Origination Fee (Homebuyer loans, except for HOME-funded loans)		\$400
Construction Inspection Fee		\$1,500
Contract Extension/Modification Fee (multi-family development loans only)		\$2,500

This Implementing Order is hereby submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Approved by the County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency 

Miami-Dade County
Mayor Daniella Levine Cava

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