

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS PRESENTED IN THE 1/15/2026 WEBINAR

I. Questions from the Webinar:

1. Do you anticipate any future iteration of the DR funding that might be extended to the counties who received disaster declarations, but were not included in the 5 county list of those initially being served by the DR funds?

A: The 7 Counties currently part of the Federal and State MID (per recent Action Plan Amendment #1) are:

- Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Lyon, Pottawattamie, Sioux and Woodbury;

If communities provide sufficient Unmet Needs data, we can review that and see if they can be included in the State MID, provided they firstly are include in the FEMA disaster # 4796. IEDA performed several outreach intervals last year, and the counties that are listed above were the ones that responded with details for what their remaining needs were after first contacting FEMA and SBA (since CDBG-DR has to be “last in”).

2. Is the Application Window Duration fixed? This seems like a short turn around time?

A: The current Application window is schedule to open 2/04/2026 for any communities that have projects ready to apply for CDBG-DR funding. The closure date can be extended as needed or re-opened based on the readiness of eligible applicants. The current Application Closure date is 6/01/2026.

3. Can pocket parks be located in a 100 or 500 year flood plain?

A: HUD-funded Activities in a flood way are highly nuanced and require many questions to be answered regarding applicability to 24 CFR Part 55 & 58, HUDs updated floodplain guidance (FFRMS), 44 CFR Part 80 and FEMAs Model Deed Restrictions. IEDA recommends consulting with IEDA environmental staff with specific concepts prior to preparing an application for Buyout & Demo or the CDBG annual program Pocket Parks grant opportunity that will be open later this year.

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II. Other Relevant Questions & Answers from the 12/15/2025 Webinar

1. Can we have more clarification/details on requirements for LMI survey?

A: As cited in the Webinar, standard elements of an Income Survey Report are as follows:

- a. **Purpose / Project Definition; Survey Universe Documentation; Sampling Methodology; Survey Instrument; Enumerator Procedures & Controls; Survey Results / Calculations; LMI Determination; Maps & Geographic Documentation; Compliance Statements; Appendices.**
- b. **Depending on the size of the community, these sections might be brief, but the sections outline the common standard for Income Surveys.**
- c. **References:**
 - a. [eCFR :: 24 CFR 570.483 -- Criteria for national objectives.](#)
 - b. [HUD CPD Notice 14-13](#)
 - c. [COSCDA Presentation on Income Surveys](#)
 - d. [CDBG Income Survey Toolkit - HUD Exchange](#)
 - e. [Conducting a Low-and Moderate – Income Survey –](#)
<https://opportunityiowa.gov/community/community-infrastructure/cdbg-resources/cdbg-program-guidance-resources>

2. What is the role of the green infrastructure in the storm water program? It appears we can use this for more traditional or combo traditional and green.

A: The role in green infrastructure for Stormwater design in terms of any implications of IEDA\IFA transition to NGBS will be more detailed in the Program Guide – but we can say that the prior Green Streets will not be a requirement. However, generally IEDA will defer to IDNR's Stormwater Design standards, located on IDNR's website: [Iowa Stormwater Management Manual | Department of Natural Resources](#).

3. In “Addendum V: Reference data for clearing houses / plans rooms for MWBE solicitations to meet best effort goals. a. Construction Bids Only”. The list is clearly out of date and the information included is not usable for most of the listed organizations.

- a. **Are we still to use this?**
- b. **Or can we use our best judgement?**
- c. **Many of the addresses/emails/phone numbers/websites are out of date or do not work on the list provided and mail comes back regularly from the ones listed.**

A: Thank you for the notification; this has been updated, please see the revised version on the “CDBG Management Guide” web page here:

<https://opportunityiowa.gov/media/7276/download?inline>

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4. Do you know your 2027 water/sewer application due dates yet?
A. The 2027 Workshop and Funding rounds will be announced in December 2026.
5. For postings of bids, RFPs and Qs and the Section 3 Qualitative Efforts, many small cities do not have websites. What options can be used?
A: Per the webinar and pursuant to Iowa Code 26.3, acceptable sources are: Newspaper; City Website and / or League of Cities; A/E of Record Website; Contractor Plan Rooms.

If other sources are proposed, please reach out to IEDA first (prior to bid letting) so we can provide any needed affirmation of acceptable mediums/methods to help enhance the Recipients' bid coverage and mitigate instances of noncompliance.

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2026 CDBG-DR PROPOSED PROGRAM APPLICATION SCHEDULE

Date	Program (CDBG-DR)	Details
January 20	2024 DR Buyout / Demolition	Application Workshop
February 4	2024 DR Buyout / Demolition	Application window opens in IowaGrants
March 12	2024 DR Housing & Infrastructure	Application Workshop
April 1	2024 DR Buyout / Demolition	Application window CLOSES – apps due
May 1	2024 DR Housing & Infrastructure	Application window opens in IowaGrants
August 1	2024 DR Housing & Infrastructure	Application window CLOSES – apps due

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2026 CGA TRAINING SCHEDULE

Date	Topic
January 22	Risk Assessments; Monitoring
February 19	Audits; URA; National Green Building Standards
March 19	Housing Unit Verification; LMI Surveys; 3D Forms
April 16	IowaGrants; Citizen Engagement
May 21	Contract Amendments; Close Outs (END OF FIRST CYCLE)
June 18	Environmental/Section 106 Historic Review
[JULY]	[Skip – Award Workshops instead]
August 20	BABA; Labor Standards
September 17	Procurement; Contractor Clearance; Grantee Contracts/Subcontracts;
October 15	Claims; Section 3
[NOVEMBER]	[Skip – Award Workshops instead]
[DECEMBER]	[Skip – Program Updates instead]

Link to the IEDA CGA Policy: [CDBG Training Resources | Economic Development & Finance Authority](#)

*For newly proposed Grant Administrators, IEDA must be contacted so that GA's can be provided with initial training materials to become Certified and eligible to participate on CDBG and CDBG-DR Programs:

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