Adopted 2025-2026 CD Unified
Scoring Criteria

What is the poverty rate of the applicant? <mark>(20 points)</mark>

Methodology: Determined by reviewing the most recent U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate Table S1701 for the applicant.

1. The poverty rate for each applicant is calculated by dividing the total number of persons at or below the designated poverty level by the population from which impoverished persons was determined. Once this has been established, the average poverty rate is determined by dividing the sum of all poverty rate by the number of applicants.
2. A base is calculated by multiplying the average poverty rate by 1.25
3. The poverty rate of each applicant is then divided by the base to determine each applicant's poverty factor
4. The poverty factor for each applicant is multiplied by the total maximum allowable points. Any applicants exceeding the total allowed points will be capped at the maximum.

Note: Cities will be compared to all cities, and counties will be compared to all counties

What is the applicant's match amount? <mark>(50 points)</mark>

Methodology: For applications submitted by cities, the total city population is used. Data Source: Most recently available ACS 5-year Estimate, Table B01003

Applicant(s) population equal to or less than 1,500 and ALL county applicants (regardless of population):
Match equal to or greater than 2% of grant request = 50 points
Match at least 1.5% but less than 2% of grant request = 40 points
Match at least 1% but less than 1.5% of grant request = 30 points
Match at least 0.5% but less than 1% of grant request = 20 points
Match less than 0.5% of grant request = 10 points

Applicant(s) population equal to or less than 5,000 but over 1,500:
Match equal to or greater than 5% of grant request = 50 points
Match at least 4% but less than 5% of grant request = 40 points
Match at least 3% but less than 4% of grant request = 30 points
Match at least 2% but less than 3% of grant request = 20 points
Match less than 2% of grant request = 10 points

Applicant(s) population equal to or less than 10,000 but over 5,000:
Match equal to or greater than 10% of grant request = 50 points
Match at least 7.5% but less than 10% of grant request = 40 points
Match at least 5% but less than 7.5% of grant request = 30 points
Match at least 2.5% but less than 5% of grant request = 20 points
Match less than 2.5% of grant request = 10 points

Applicant(s) population over 10,000:
Match equal to or greater than 15% of grant request = 50 points
Match at least 11.5% but less than 15% of grant request = 40 points
Match at least 7.5% but less than 11.5% of grant request = 30 points
Match at least 3.5% but less than 7.5% of grant request = 20 points
Match less than 3.5% of grant request = 10 points

Has the applicant been funded in the previous three (3) CD application cycles? (60 Points)

Methodology: Data source documentation will be reviewed, and points will be assigned.

The applicant has not received funding during the previous three funding cycles (0x) = 60 points
The applicant has been funded once (1x) during previous three funding cycles = 40 points
The applicant has been funded twice (2x) during the previous three funding cycles = 20 points
The applicant has been funded three times (3x) during the previous three funding cycles = 0 points

Tie Breaker:
In the event of a tie, applicants shall be ranked starting with the lowest median household income.
Data Source: Most recently available ACS 5-Year Estimates, Table DP03