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## TxCDBG- Disaster Relief/ Urgent Need Fund

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### KEY FACTS

- ◆ **Agency:**  
Texas Department of  
Agriculture: TxCDBG
- ◆ **Application Guide:**  
<https://bit.ly/2GcXDY7>
- ◆ **Application:**  
<https://bit.ly/2taJa6u>
- ◆ **Award:**
  - DR Awards range from a minimum of \$50,000 to a maximum of \$350,000
  - UN Awards range from a minimum of \$25,000 to a maximum of \$250,000
- ◆ **Deadline:** 1 Year from Event
- ◆ **Contact Information:**  
  
**Phone:** (512) 936-7875  
  
**Mailing Address (For Postal Service):**  
Texas Department of  
Agriculture  
Texas Community

### SUMMARY

The Disaster Relief (DR) Fund addresses emergency situations that have received an official disaster declaration (either by the Governor or the President). Funds can be used to restore infrastructure damaged by natural disasters such as tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, etc., to pre-disaster condition in design, function, and capacity. In a drought situation, the DR fund may also be used to install new facilities that resolve a primary drinking water supply shortage. DR fund applications are due within 12 months of the applicant being named in a disaster declaration.

The Urgent Need (UN) Fund is by invitation only. Funds can only be utilized for activities that will restore water or sewer infrastructure whose sudden failure has resulted in either death, illness, injury or pose an imminent threat to life or health within the affected applicant's jurisdiction and the problem being addressed must be of recent origin (no more than 30 days from date of event).

### DESCRIPTION

In awarding funding, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) shall give priority to eligible activities in the areas of economic development, community development, rural health and rural housing to support workforce development. Although most funds are used for Public Facilities (water/wastewater infrastructure, street and drainage improvements and housing activities), there are numerous other activities for which these funds may be used.

### EVALUATION & SELECTION

DR and UN Fund grants are awarded on a first-come first-served basis, with applications accepted and reviewed throughout the year.

### ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Eligible applicants are non-entitlement general purpose units of local government including cities and counties that are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Non-entitlement cities that are not participating in urban county programs through existing participation agreements are eligible applicants (unless the city's population

is counted towards the urban county CDBG allocation).

Non-entitlement cities are located predominately in rural areas and are cities with populations less than 50,000; cities that are not designated as a central city of a metropolitan statistical area; and cities that are not participating in urban county programs. Non-entitlement counties are also predominately rural in nature and are counties that generally have fewer than 200,000 persons in the non-entitlement cities and unincorporated areas located in the county.