Local Communities Program

Infrastructure Application Guide

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The Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development and Revitalization department oversees the administration of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 2024 Disasters Local Communities Program (LCP) will provide disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure, and economic revitalization for local communities impacted by the Texas Severe Storms, Stright-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding (DR-4781) and Hurricane Beryl (DR-4798), known as the 2024 Disasters.

Applicants for 2024 Disasters LCP are advised to prepare all project documentation prior to application entry, with clear and uniquely identifiable file names as defined in the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention, unless otherwise instructed by the GLO. Documentation that is not requested in a specific section of the Texas Integrated Grant Reporting (TIGR) Portal application must be uploaded in the "Documents" section of the TIGR Portal application.

Important Note: Project submissions were invited to apply based on final score and available resources. Not all applicants will receive funding. Changes between the 2024 Disasters LCP call for projects submission and the project application will jeopardize project eligibility. Final awards will be posted publicly.

1.1 Applicant Resources and Contact Information

- **2024 Disasters LCP Webpage** (Resources and Materials): https://www.glo.texas.gov/disaster-recovery/24DLCP
- **TIGR Portal:** https://tigr.recovery.texas.gov/
- **2024 Disasters LCP Email** (Questions and Outreach): CDR.Infrastructure@recovery.texas.gov
- **TIGR Help Email** (TIGR System Access): TIGRhelp@recovery.texas.gov
- **Procurement and Contract Guidelines** (Resources and Checklists): https://www.glo.texas.gov/disaster-recovery/grant-administration/procurement-contract-guidelines
- **CDR Mapping Team Email** (GIS and Mapping Questions): cdr.gis@recovery.texas.gov
- **2024 Disasters Mapping Viewer** (Geospatial Data): https://gis-glo-cdr.hub.arcgis.com/pages/9c2f620f55d04cc0a927f28acfb7e7dc

1.2 2024 Disasters Related Action Plan

Projects submitted and selected for CDBG-DR funding through the 2024 Disasters LCP must adhere to the requirements and procedures specified in the 2024 Disasters Action Plan. Before completing and submitting an application for funding assistance, applicants are strongly encouraged to read the entire Action Plan. A copy of the Action Plan and all applicable amendments may be found on the GLO's 2024 Disasters webpage.

1.3 Key Steps to Submitting a Successful Application

1.3.1 Entity Setup and Preparation

- ☐ **Identify Stakeholders:** Identify all key signatories, decision-makers, and other relevant stakeholders.
- ☐ **TIGR Portal Access:** Register and establish access to the TIGR Portal for identified stakeholders including procured third-party vendors. Requests for access must be submitted by the entity applying for funds. The required TIGR System Access Form can be found on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage.
- ☐ **Update TIGR Account Information:** Complete the TIGR Application Information form to capture current information for the TIGR account setup. See section (4.1 General) of this guide for further definitions.
- ☐ **Gather Supporting Documentation:** Applicants will be required to provide documentation to support portions of the application. See GLO Document List and Naming Convention available on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage.
- ☐ **Identify Infrastructure Unmet Needs:** Identify unmet infrastructure needs. Describe how the proposed infrastructure project will address the identified unmet needs and contribute to long-term recovery and restoration of housing in the most impacted and distressed (MID) areas.
- ☐ **Ensure Project Eligibility:** Ensure the proposed project is for an eligible activity as defined in the applicable section (4.5 Project) of this guide and is aligned with the GLO's invitation to apply for the 2024 Disasters LCP.
- ☐ **Establish Project Tie-Back to the 2024 Disasters:** The applicant must establish a tie-back for the proposed project to the 2024 Disasters. Tie-back must document how the specific project was impacted by the disaster(s) as defined in the applicable section (2.6 Project Detail) of this guide.
- ☐ **Identify Project Service Area:** Clearly identify the project service area and beneficiaries.
- ☐ **Identify Project Mitigation Measures:** Identify if the proposed project contains any mitigation measures as outlined in section (4.5 Project) of this guide. Describe how the proposed project integrates mitigation measures into rebuilding activities and achieves objectives outlined in community-level and/or regional post-disaster recovery and mitigation planning to reduce future risk.
- ☐ **Identify Beneficiaries:** Confirm the appropriate beneficiary identification methodology to support the service area. Review the GLO's Beneficiary Manual found on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage for guidance.
- ☐ **Secure Applicable Agreements:** Secure applicable Interlocal Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding/etc., that thoroughly define the roles and responsibilities for key stakeholders.

- ☐ **Ensure Citizen Participation:** Ensure that local citizen participation plan requirements, as well as those imposed by the 2024 Disasters, are met and documented to reflect public involvement. Be sure to plan for public comment posting for a minimum of 14 days with application details including project description, locations, budget, schedule, and project beneficiaries as defined in section (4.6.7 Citizen Participation Plan) of this guide.
- ☐ **Update Local Financial Management and Procurement Procedures:** Update local processes and procedures, especially regarding financial management and procurement, to prepare for the receipt of federal funding.
- ☐ **Ensure Compliance with Federal Procurement Standards:** Follow federal requirements identified in 2 CFR 200.318 to 200.327 and Appendix II to Part 200 when procuring goods and services to ensure compliance and potential reimbursement for eligible expenditures.

1.3.2 Entity Application Preparation

- ☐ **Develop Project Narratives:** Prepare and provide narratives that fully describe the proposed project, associated mitigation measures, and how it meets eligibility criteria for the given application.
- ☐ **Clearly Identify Service Area:** Ensure the service area and beneficiary maps clearly identify and support all aspects of the proposed project, including justification for project selection. Review beneficiary documentation to ensure it accurately identifies beneficiaries within the project service area. Review the GLO's Beneficiary Manual found on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage for guidance.
- ☐ **Ensure Budget Alignment:** Ensure the CDBG-DR budget and all Non-CDBG funds align with the budget entries in TIGR and the supporting documentation including the SF-424 and budget tool.
- ☐ **Ensure Project Application Accuracy:** Draft and review project details, required narratives, budgets, maps, and schedules with key stakeholders prior to entry into TIGR for accuracy and consistency across all TIGR fields.
- ☐ **Ensure Posting for Public Comment:** Entity must provide public comment posting for a minimum of 14 days with application details including project description, locations, budget, schedule, and project beneficiaries as defined in the Citizen Participation Plan section of this guide.
- ☐ **Sign 2024 Disasters Local Communities Program Certification Form:** Review all requirements of the local certification found on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage and have it signed by the entity's authorized representative.
- ☐ **Ensure Document and Data Completion:** Ensure all data and documentation are complete. All applicants must complete the application in its entirety.
- ☐ **Ensure Document Signatures and Accuracy:** Ensure all supporting documentation is signed as required and accurately reflects the information to be entered into TIGR. Name all files descriptively as defined in 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention located on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage.
- ☐ **Initiate TIGR Portal Application Entry:** Initiate entry of application data and upload required documentation as progress is achieved. Once an application has been created, an applicant can access and update as needed until it is officially submitted.

1.3.3 Application Submission

- ☐ Ensure all fields are thoroughly completed and supporting documentation is uploaded as indicated in the application. Failure to respond to any question in the application may affect application eligibility.
- ☐ SF-424 must be signed by the chief elected official, entity executive, or a designee authorized to contractually obligate the applicant.
- ☐ Application documents must be uploaded in accordance with the naming convention prescribed by the GLO Document List and Naming Convention, available on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage.
- ☐ The application must be completed in its entirety.
- ☐ The application must be submitted in the TIGR Portal by the subrecipient or an authorized designee.

1.4 Important Submission Notes

- Applications are due on Friday, June 12, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.
- TIGR will record the time and date of the submission.
- Late applications will not be accepted, and incomplete applications will result in disqualification.

1.5 Post-Submission Request for Information

A request for information (RFI) may be issued for non-substantial items and will require a response from the applicant within three (3) business days. Such requests may be issued for required supporting documentation that was inadvertently not submitted with the application and will need to be provided quickly to complete the application requirements. Requests for information that do not comply with the designated due date will be disqualified. An RFI will not be issued for applications with substantial deficiencies, which will result in that application being disqualified.

2 Project

2.1 Key Project Application Considerations

- Changes between the 2024 Disasters LCP call for projects submission and the project application will not be allowed.
- GLO will not fund project delivery or engineering services beyond the prescribed fee caps, as published for this program. Costs beyond the fee caps at application or due to budget changes during project implementation are the responsibility of the subrecipient. See the 2024 Disasters Fee Caps file found on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage and Fee Caps section (4.4.5 Fee Caps) of this guide for more information.

2.2 Project Funding Restrictions

2.2.1 Levees and Dams

CDBG-DR funds may not be used to enlarge a dam or levee beyond the original footprint of the structure that existed prior to the disaster event. CDBG-DR funds for levees and dams are required to:

- Register and maintain entries regarding such structures with the USACE National Levee Database or National Inventory of Dams;
- Ensure that the structure is admitted in the USACE PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program (Rehabilitation Assistance for Non-Federal Flood Control Projects);
- Ensure the structure is accredited under the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP);
- Enter the exact location of the structure and the area served and protected by the structure into the DRGR system; and
- Maintain file documentation demonstrating a risk assessment prior to funding the flood control structure and documentation that the investment includes risk reduction measures.

2.2.2 Utilities

CDBG-DR funds may assist private utilities as part of a disaster-related eligible activity under section 105(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA) of 1974. LCP funds may assist private for-profit, non-profit, or publicly owned utilities as part of disaster related activities that are eligible under section 105(a) of the HCDA, provided that the subrecipient complies with the following alternative requirements:

- The funded activity must comply with applicable CDBG-DR requirements, including the requirements that the assisted activity will meet a national objective, the activity will address an unmet recovery need or a mitigation risk, and if the assistance is provided to a for-profit entity for an economic development project under section 105(a)(17), the grantee must first comply with any applicable underwriting requirements;
- Each subrecipient must carry out the grant consistent with the subrecipient's certification that: "With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG-DR funds, the action plan has been developed so as to give the maximum feasible priority to activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income families." To fortify compliance

with the existing certification, if the subrecipient carries out activities that assist privately-owned, for-profit utilities, the subrecipient must prioritize assistance to for-profit utilities that will benefit areas where at least 51 percent of the residents are LMI persons and demonstrate how assisting the private, for-profit utility will benefit those areas;

- The subrecipient must determine that the costs of the activity to assist a utility are necessary and reasonable and that they do not duplicate other financial assistance. To fortify these requirements and achieve a targeted use of funds and to safeguard against the potential over-subsidization when assistance is used to carry out activities that benefit private, for-profit utilities, the subrecipient must document that the level of assistance provided to a private, for-profit utility addresses only the actual identified needs of the utility; and
- The subrecipient must establish policies and procedures to ensure that the CDBG-DR funds that assist private, for-profit utilities reflect the actual identified financing needs of the assisted businesses by establishing a mix of financing terms (loan, forgivable loan, and/or grant) for each assisted private, for-profit utility, based on the business's financial capacity, in order to ensure that assistance is based on actual identified need.

2.2.3 Duplication of Benefits

No disaster recovery assistance will be considered with respect to any part of a disaster loss that is reimbursable by FEMA, the USACE, insurance, or another source due in part to the restrictions against duplication of benefits outlined in the Action Plan(s) relevant to your project application. An activity underway prior to the Presidential Disaster Declaration will not qualify unless the disaster directly impacted said project.

2.2.4 USACE Match

By law, (codified in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as a note to 105(a)), the amount of CDBG-DR funds that may be contributed to a USACE project is $250,000 or less.

2.2.5 Previous Flood Disaster Assistance

Section 582 of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 5154a) prohibits flood disaster assistance in certain circumstances. In general, it provides that no federal disaster relief assistance made available in a flood disaster area may be used to make a payment (including any loan assistance payment) to a person for ''repair, replacement, or restoration'' for damage to any personal, residential, or commercial property if that person at any time has received federal flood disaster assistance that was conditioned on the person first having obtained flood insurance under applicable federal law and the person has subsequently failed to obtain and maintain flood insurance as required under applicable federal law on such property. No disaster assistance may be provided for the repair, replacement, or restoration of a property to a person who has failed to meet this requirement.

2.2.6 Buildings for the General Conduct of Government

The prohibition on assisting buildings for the general conduct of government at 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and associated regulations at 24 CFR 570.207(a) are waived for non-Federal match. This waiver allows grantees to use CDBG-DR funds as the non-Federal match on any other Federal program providing funds for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of public improvements or facilities for the general conduct of government. This waiver is subject to the following alternative requirements: grantees are prohibited from using CDBG-DR funds for buildings that do not provide services all year around and for buildings that are used exclusively as emergency operations centers. CDBG-DR funds may not be used to provide compensation to beneficiaries.

2.2.7 Prohibition of Forced Mortgage Payoff

CDBG-DR funds cannot be used to force homeowners to pay off their remaining mortgage

2.3 Joint Project Applications

Joint applications are not allowed for the 2024 Disasters LCP. However, an entity may submit a project that requires coordination with local stakeholders due to ownership or functionality (e.g. drainage project submitted by a municipality requires coordination with a drainage district). Applicants that must coordinate efforts with local stakeholders must submit an Interlocal Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding, or similar document with the entities involved to define roles and responsibilities. The document must include, at a minimum: the entity submitting the application, a description of the proposed scope of work, tasks related to project implementation throughout the life of the contract, ongoing maintenance and upkeep, local financial contributions, liability for and transfer of property acquired for the project, and local processes for final acceptance and closeout, as applicable.

2.4 Project Eligibility

Applicants must develop their CDBG-DR projects in a manner that considers an integrated approach to housing, fair housing obligations, infrastructure, mitigation measures and overall community resilience.

Infrastructure activities must contribute to the long-term recovery and restoration of housing. The proposed project must address an unmet need in response to damage sustained by the corresponding disaster. Below is a list of the applicable disasters and associated disaster declaration numbers:

- Texas Severe Storms, Stright-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding (DR-4781) and;
- Hurricane Beryl (DR-4798)

The project proposed in the application must have documented proof of an impact by the disaster as applicable. CDBG-DR funds must be used for disaster-related expenses in the most impacted and distressed areas. An activity underway prior to a Presidential Disaster Declaration will not qualify unless the disaster impacted the project. Applicants must provide:

- Sufficient detail about the proposed project to identify the HUD national objective;
- Supporting documentation to establish the corresponding disaster tie-back specifically for the proposed project location;
- The population that will benefit;
- The estimated costs and materials needed;
- The projected schedule to completion;
- Any duplication of benefits;
- Any potential environmental impacts;
- Other details specific to the type of project proposed; and

- Any information required to prove eligibility.

All activities must contribute to the long-term recovery and restoration of housing.

Applicants should ensure the application is accurate and thorough to facilitate eligibility review. Failure to respond to ANY question in the application is likely to delay review or result in disqualification.

2.5 Project Definition

For application purposes, A *project* is defined as a discrete combination of:

- One entity (e.g., city, county, Indian Tribe);
- One activity (e.g., flood and drainage improvements, street improvements, etc.);
- One project service area (i.e., beneficiary population); and
- One HUD national objective (e.g., low- and moderate-income (LMI), urgent need UN), elimination of slum and blight S/B).

Example: A city proposes sewer system improvements at three lift stations. The entire system is only serviced by these three lift stations. The city is 58.42% LMI according to the current HUD low- and moderate-income summary data (LMISD). Although each lift station is at a distinct location, collectively they serve the entire city. In this scenario the project service area is defined as citywide, and the national objective is LMI.

2.6 Project Detail

Project application responses must be thorough and concise to inform the application reviewer of the proposed work, mitigation measures, service area, beneficiaries, and disaster tie-back. When providing project details the applicant must include at minimum the following information:

- Detailed scope of work for the proposed project:
  - Describe the performance measure (linear feet and/or public facilities) and type of work. Include objective and goals.
- Specific project location(s) that align with required maps:
  - Describe project location(s) with street names or other unique identifying information.
  - Complete project site information with to and from and/or address identifiers, location coordinates (latitude and longitude) or midpoint coordinates in decimal degrees to five decimal places.
  - Define starting, midpoint, and end location coordinates (latitude and longitude) in decimal degrees five decimal places in the supporting project maps. Applicant may also upload a location list with the associated coordinates in TIGR under "project" (document group), then "other supporting documentation" (document type) to support the summary and map submissions.
- Eligible service area:
  - Service area map must include the full extent of the service area.

  - Clearly delineate the project location(s), label associated census tract and block group(s)s in their entirety.
  - Include a legend and other identifying information.
- Project beneficiaries:
  - The persons who will benefit from the project within the defined service area.
  - Justification to support selection of the project service area.
- Acquisition of real property, easements, right-of-way, etc., if required for the project, including the estimated number of parcels needed and the associated budget.
- Description of the type of environmental review required, and any anticipated surveys or other assessments that may result from project location and required consultations:
  - Consider all anticipated environmental costs in the budget.
- Budget details, including CDBG-DR and Non-CDBG funds to indicate the total project costs:
  - A complete budget will include the following categories and reflect the amount and source (CDBG-DR or other) of funding for each:
    - Grant Administration
    - Environmental
    - Engineering
    - Construction
    - Acquisition
    - Planning
  - If a project does not require funds in one or more category, the entry should indicate "N/A" or "$0.00".
  - Non-CDBG funds may include contributions from the subrecipient, other stakeholders, insurance, other federal or state sources.
- Detailed schedule to include all activity from contract execution to contract closeout.
  - Schedules that do not conform to the program requirements may result in a project being deemed ineligible. See section (4.5.2 Project Schedule) of this guide for more information.
- National objective
- Project tie-back
  - Document how the proposed project was directly impacted by the 2024 Disasters. Narratives and supporting documentation should reflect the impact of the disaster to the specific project location(s) and the benefit service area.
  - Supporting documentation includes but is not limited to:
    - Photographs with date and location
    - Relevant news articles specific to proposed project
    - Reports documenting rainfall, stormwater volume, measurable impact to critical facilities, personnel activity relevant to response or recovery
    - Documentation from state, federal, or other government agencies
- Mitigation measures
  - Documentation of mitigation components the proposed project contributes to local and/or regional recovery and emergency resiliency plans. Mitigation measures may include, but not limited to reinforcement of structures, flood and drainage activities, elevation of critical infrastructure, installation of generators

for critical facilities, incorporation of resilient construction standards, or reduction in storm water runoff.

2.7 Eligible Activities

The proposed project must reflect an eligible activity. All activities must contribute to the long-term recovery and restoration of housing and infrastructure. Eligible activities include:

- Flood control and drainage repair improvements;
- Restoration of public infrastructure (such as water and sewer facilities, streets, provision of generators, bridges, communication systems, etc);
- Public Facilities;
- Buyouts or Acquisitions with or without relocation assistance, downpayment assistance, housing incentives, and demolition;
- Economic revitalization;
- Public service; and
- Eligible planning studies not to exceed 15% of the program's allocation

2.8 Ineligible Activities

Any activity not identified above.

2.9 Emergency Communications Equipment Projects

Emergency communication projects funded by the 2024 Disasters LCP must comply with the Texas Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (TSCIP). Applicants proposing these types of projects will be required to demonstrate compliance with the TSICP prior to drawing any 2024 Disasters LCP funding. Compliance includes, but is not limited to, documented acknowledgement from the Texas Statewide Interoperability Coordinator. An overview of the TSCIP and resources are available from the Texas Department of Public Safety:

- https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/infrastructure-operations/texas-statewide-interoperability-coordinator

Applicant must contact the Texas Statewide Interoperability Coordinator for additional information regarding compliance and acknowledgment.

3 Texas Integrated Grant Reporting System (TIGR)

The 2024 Disasters LCP project application and required documentation must be electronically submitted via the Texas Integrated Grant Reporting System (TIGR) Portal no later than:

- **Friday, June 12, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.**

Advance registration for TIGR access is required and achieved by completing the TIGR System Access Form located on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage.

3.1 TIGR Access and Account Form

Applicants for 2024 Disasters LCP funding must complete a TIGR System Access Form for all relevant stakeholders and vendors that will need TIGR access. A TIGR Application Information form will be required to capture the entity's account information for the TIGR account setup.

The TIGR Application Information form gathers general information about the applicant and identifies the:

- Applicant/Subrecipient;
- Employer Identification Number (EIN);
- Unique Entity ID (UEID);
- SAM.gov Registration Expiration:
- Fiscal Year End Date;;
- Website;
- Texas House District;
- Texas Senate District;
- U.S. Congressional District;
- Chief Elected Official

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The TIGR System Access and TIGR Application Information form may be filled out by an applicant or a third party but MUST be submitted directly by the applicant. The TIGR application may be submitted by an authorized third-party vendor on behalf of the applicant.

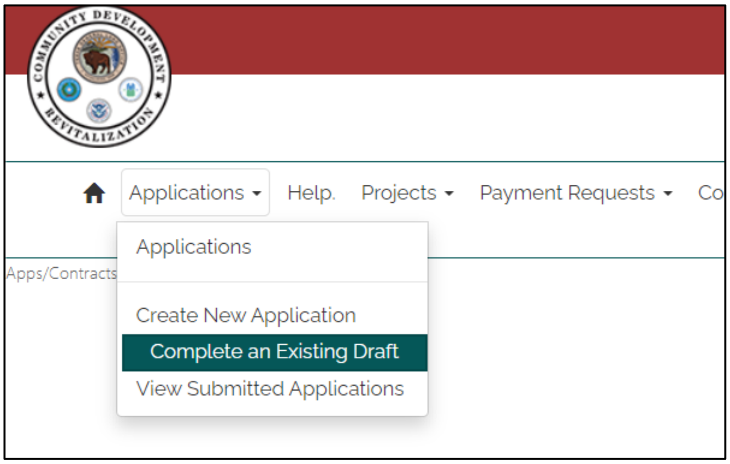
- Email completed forms to: TIGRhelp@recovery.texas.gov and cc cdr.infrastructure@recovery.texas.gov

Upon successful TIGR Portal registration and completion of the TIGR Application Information form, applicants may begin the application entry process. Applicants are highly encouraged to read this guide and prepare supporting documentation for upload. The TIGR system will allow applicants to access and save work on an application until submission. Once submitted**, the applicant will not have access to edit the application.** Ensure that all required attachments, including signed documents, are uploaded to the application module prior to submission. Incomplete applications and missing documentation may result in disqualification.

3.2 TIGR Application Draft Access

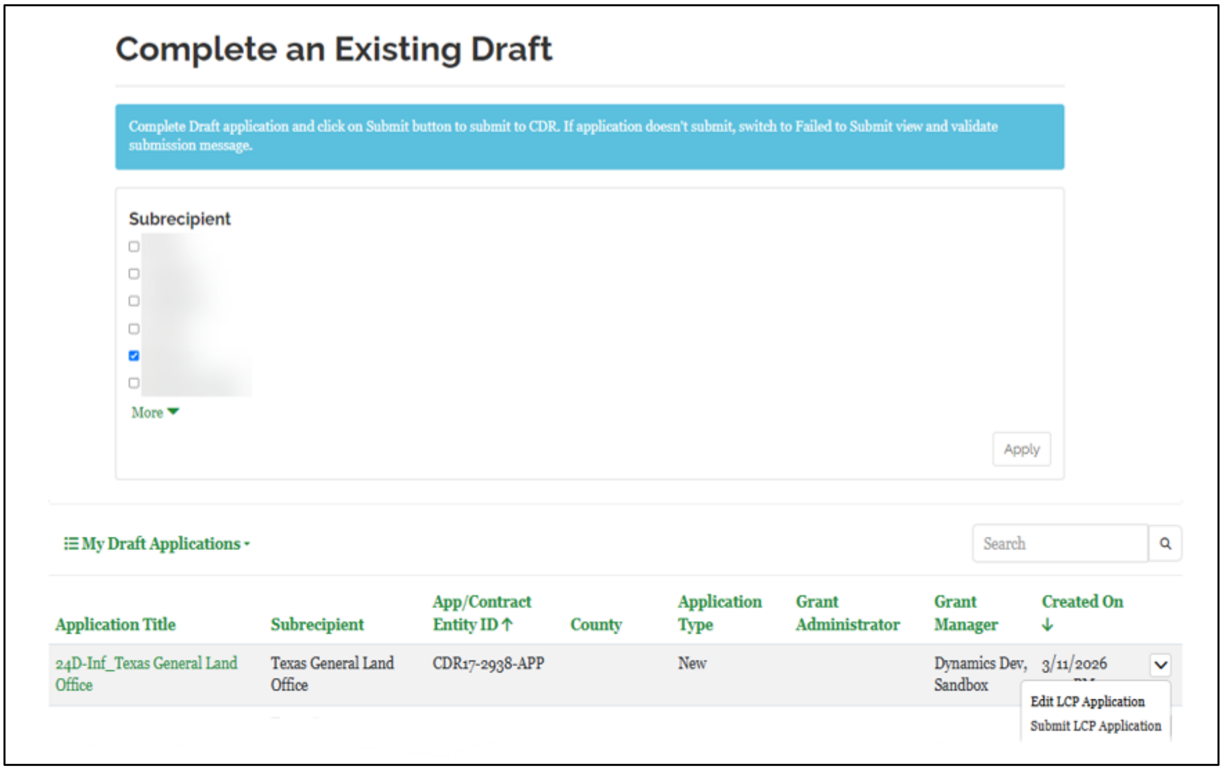
Entry of the application in TIGR will begin by accessing an "existing draft" created from information provided in the 2024 Disasters LCP call for projects survey submission. As indicated in the view below, select Applications > Complete an Existing Draft.

Figure 1: TIGR Application Draft Access



Select applicable subrecipient, which will be the entity name provided during the 2024 Disasters LCP Call for Projects survey submission, then click on the appropriate APP/Contract ID to modify the draft version. Select Edit LCP Application. Below is an example of what you will see:

Figure 2: TIGR Complete Existing Draft

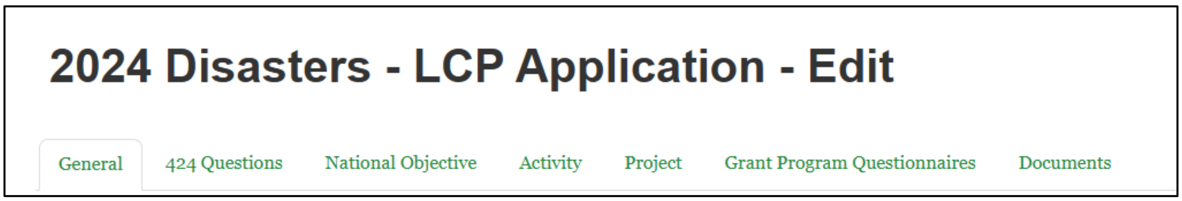


4 TIGR Application Sections

The 2024 Disasters LCP application consists of seven main sections in TIGR:

1. General;
2. SF-424 Questions;
3. National Objective;
4. Activity;
5. Project;
6. Grant Program Questionnaires; and
7. Documents.

Figure 3: 2024 Disasters LCP TIGR Application Sections



Details regarding the information required for each section are available in this guide and in the TIGR system. If additional space is needed to complete fields, such as project descriptions or other narratives, upload the full response as a separate document and reference the document by a unique descriptive title. Do not leave any questions unanswered in TIGR.

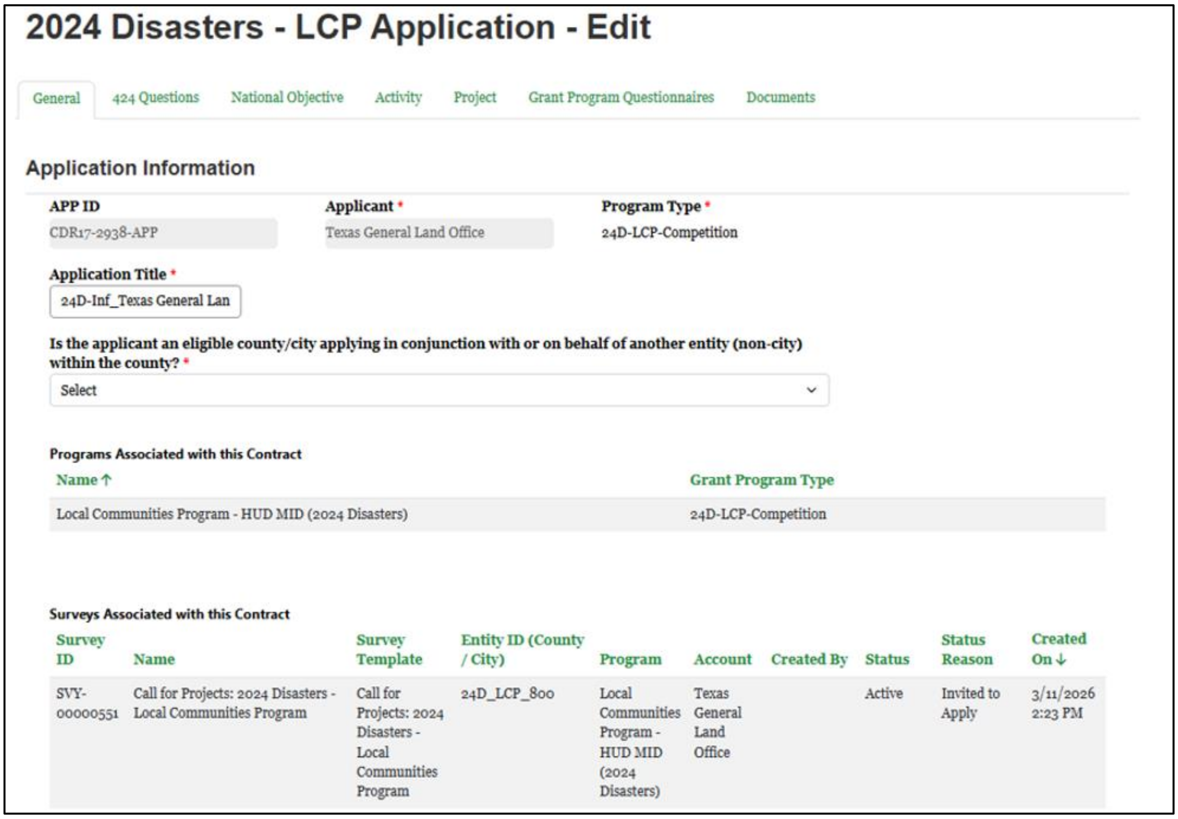
4.1 General

4.1.1 General Tab: Application Information

Application and applicant information will be collected in this section. The following fields will auto-populate:

- Application Number (*App ID*)
- Applicant Name (*Applicant*)
- Program (*Program Type*)
- Application Title

Figure 4: General Tab



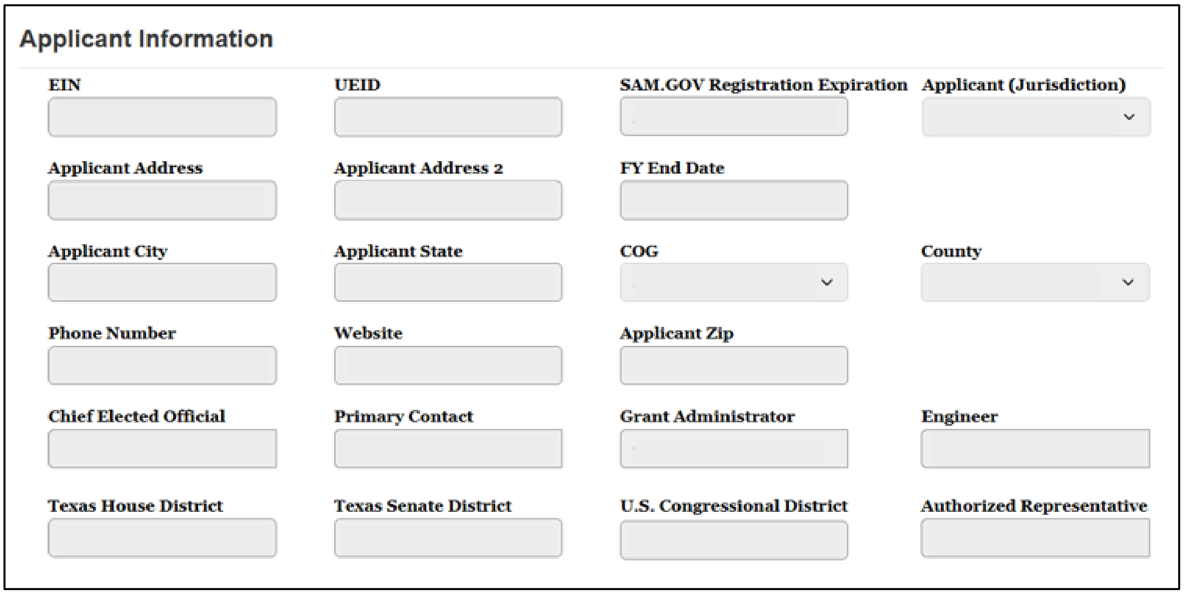
The applicant must respond to the following question in this General section:

- *Is the applicant an eligible county/city applying in conjunction with or on behalf of another entity (non-city) within the county?* – The applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection. An applicant that is applying for a project on behalf of or in coordination with another entity must provide an executed document (e.g. interlocal agreement, memorandum of understanding) to support the relationship and define responsibilities.

For any legally binding agreements, applicant to upload in the Documents Tab using the following prompts:

- Program: Select available program
- Document Group: Application Submission
- Document Type: MOU, ILA, or other binding documentation
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

Figure 5: General Tab - Applicant Information



Applicant information will be auto-populated based off the TIGR Access and TIGR Application Information forms. Text entry is not allowed in these fields, if any revisions are needed the applicant will need to submit an updated TIGR System Access Form and/or TIGR Application Information Form to TIGRhelp@recovery.texas.gov and cc CDR.Infrastructure@recovery.texas.gov. Below are definitions of each field.

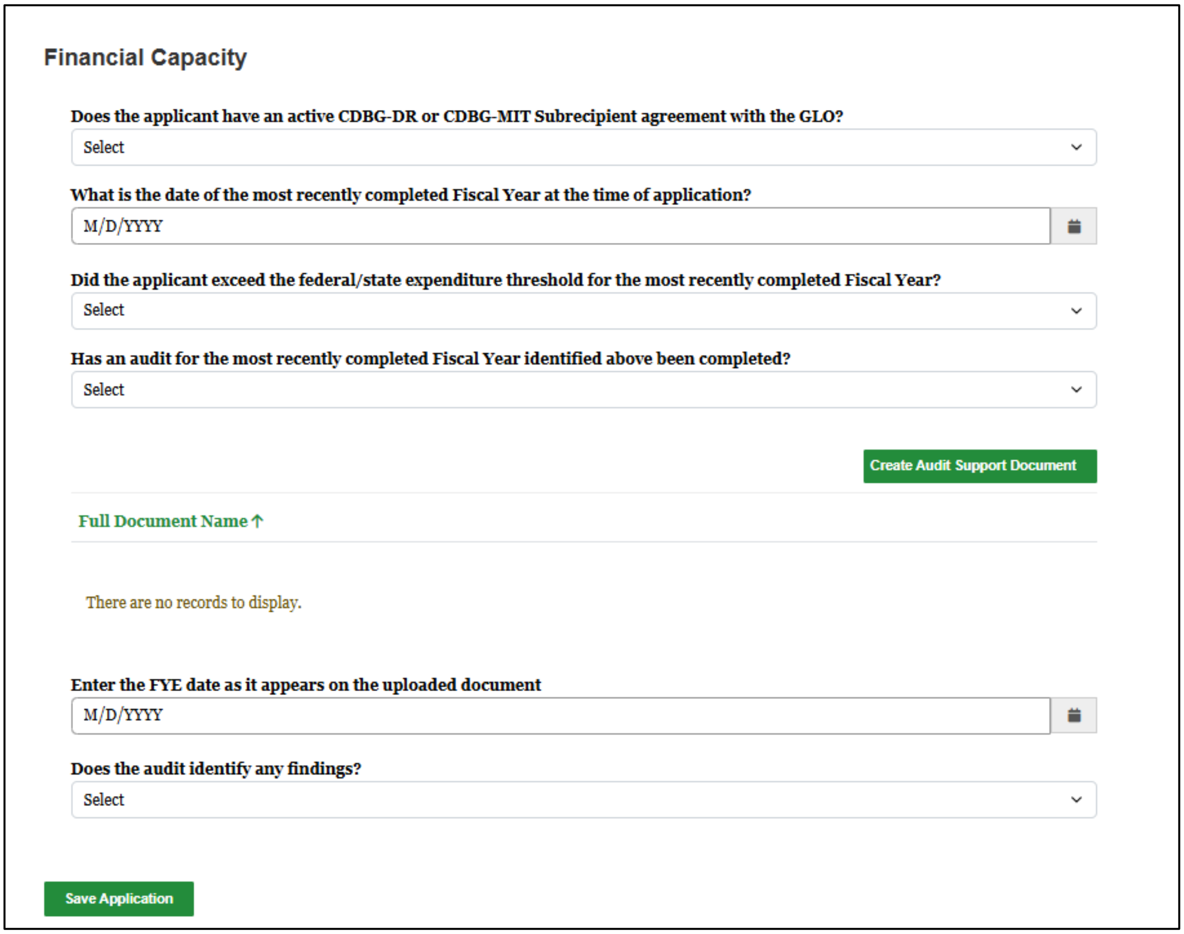
- *EIN* – The Employer Identification Number (EIN) is assigned by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This EIN must align with EIN inputted on the SF-424. More information on the EIN can be found here: https://www.irs.gov/businesses/employer-identification-number. Supporting IRS documentation (e.g. 147-C) must be uploaded to support the verification of EIN.
- *UEID* – The UEID is a unique 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by https://sam.gov. Enter the entity's UEID assigned by SAM.gov. A printout of the SAM.gov registration is required as supporting documentation. This number must align with the UEID input on the SF-424.
- *SAM.gov Registration Expiration* – All applicants are required to have an active registration in SAM.gov. If expiration is within 2 months of application submittal, proof of renewal is required and should be uploaded into the documents section. GLO requires a current registration to draft a new contract. Failure to provide a current SAM.gov registration and associated UEI may jeopardize funding due to strict contract terms and the applicant's ability to secure a timely update/renewal. A SAM.gov printout will be required upon application submission.
- *FY End Date* – Applicant's annual accounting period.
- *Applicant (Jurisdiction)*– Applicant will input the appropriate jurisdiction business type (Municipal, Township, County, Indian Tribe)
- *Applicant Address* – The applicant's mailing street address. This address will be used for all correspondence from the GLO.

- *Applicant City* – The city name for the mailing address.
- *Applicant State* –Texas.
- *COG* – Council of government.
- County – The eligible county as selected in the call for project survey submission.
- *Phone* Number – Main phone number for the entity.
- *Website* – Applicant's website URL, if available.
- *Applicant Zip* – Applicant's Zip code for the mailing address entered in *Street* field.
- *Authorized Rep* –The entry in this field should match the "Authorized Representative" identified on the TIGR System Access Form and the authorized representative identified on the SF-424. An authorized representative may not be a third-party vendor. The authorized representative must be a representative of the entity that has authority to contractually obligate the applicant and sign application documents on behalf of the applicant.
- *Chief Elected Official* –Chief elected official or executive officer for the entity.
- *Primary Contact* – The primary contact for the application process. The primary contact will match the TIGR System Access Form.
- *Grant Administrator* –This field will remain blank and will completed in the Procurement Tab, described in section (4.6.8 Procurement) of this guide.
- *Engineer* – This field will remain blank and will be completed in the Procurement Tab, described in section (4.6.8 Procurement) of this guide.
- *Texas House District* –If multiple district numbers apply, upload a document that shows all district number in the documents section. Texas House District information may be verified at https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home
- *Texas Senate District* – If multiple district numbers apply, upload a document that shows all district numbers in the documents section. Texas Senate District information may be verified at https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/
- *U.S. Congressional District* – If multiple district numbers apply, upload a document that shows all district numbers in the documents section. Congressional district information may be verified at http://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative

4.1.2 General Tab: Financial Capacity

Within the General Tab, applicants will respond to questions regarding financial capacity. A recipient of CDBG-DR funding must document the controls in place to affirm they have the fiscal responsibility to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the GLO.

Figure 6: General Tab - Financial Capacity



- *Does the applicant have an active CDBG-DR or CDBG-MIT Subrecipient agreement with the GLO?* – The applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection. Active subrecipient agreements are those that have not yet received a closeout letter from the GLO.
    - If *Yes*, the following question will appear:
    - *Please enter contract #s for the active subrecipient agreements*.– The applicant will enter the whole contract number(s) separated with a comma, if applicable.
- *What is the date of the most recently completed Fiscal Year at the time of application?* – Enter the fiscal year end date. The fiscal year end date establishes the date an audit is due to the GLO. The applicant must enter this information to identify the required documentation to establish financial capacity for federal funding.
- *Did the applicant exceed the federal/state expenditure threshold for the most recently completed Fiscal Year?*
    - The applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection. A current subrecipient of CDBG DR or CDBG-MIT funding must submit an annual Audit Certification Form to the GLO to comply with active contractual obligations.

NOTE: As of October 1, 2024, the current single audit threshold is $1,000,000. If the single audit threshold is met or exceeded, a single audit is required no later than nine months following the end of the applicant's fiscal year.

- *Has an audit for the most recently completed Fiscal Year identified above been completed?* – The applicant must respond Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
  - If *Yes*: Enter the Fiscal Year End (FYE) date as it appears on the uploaded document. The applicant must enter the FYE that aligns with the uploaded document.
  - If *No: The application will not be eligible if the submitting entity has not completed an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the most recently ended fiscal year. However, if the entity has a fiscal year that ended within nine (9) months of the date of the submission, then a completed ACFR for the prior fiscal year will suffice*.

Documents may be uploaded by clicking on the "Create" button. Documentation to support financial capacity can be uploaded by using the following prompts:

- Program: Select Program Available
- Document Group: Application Submission
- Document Type: ACFR, Single Audit, or other required supporting documentation
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

- *Enter the FYE date as it appears on the uploaded document*
- *Does the audit identify any findings?* – The applicant must select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
  - If *Yes*: Summarize findings as indicated in the most recently completed Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) or Single Audit, as applicable.
    - Include any corrective action implemented to address the findings.
    - If corrective action has not been taken, indicate so and explain when corrective action will be implemented.

4.2 SF-424 Tab

All applications must include a complete and signed Application for Federal Assistance Form (SF-424). The SF-424 applicable for this application is available on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage. All responses entered in the *424 Questions* tab must match the uploaded form.

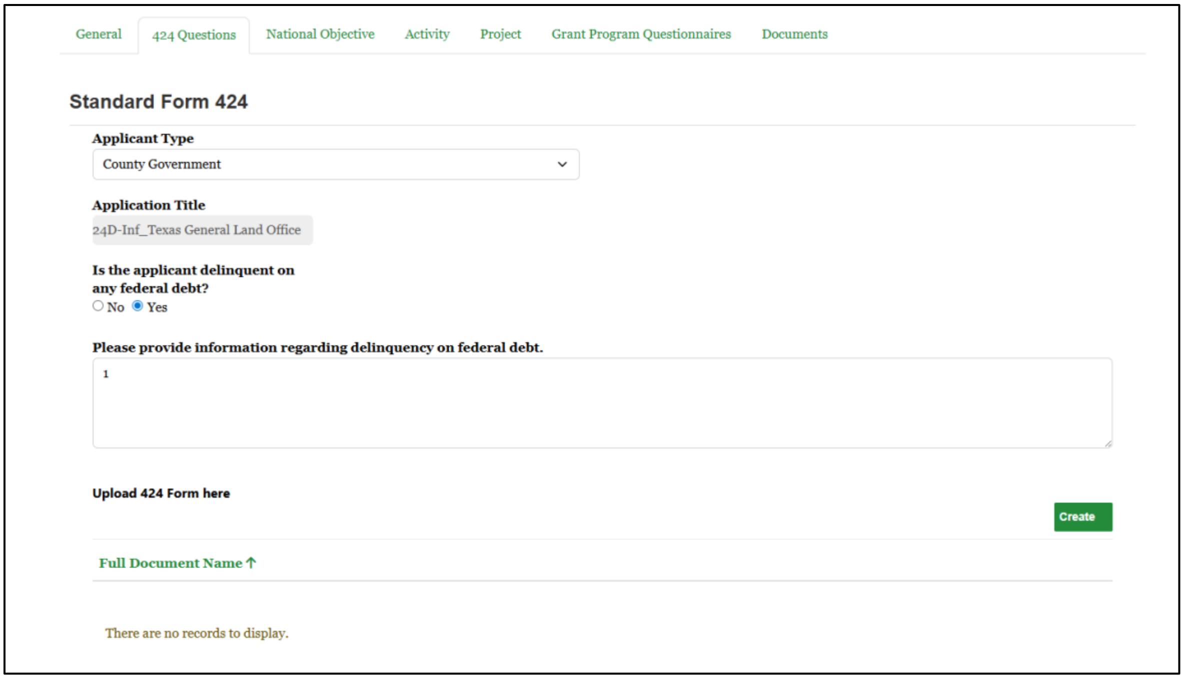
The SF-424 must be signed by an individual authorized to contractually obligate the applicant. This is typically the chief elected official or executive officer (e.g. county judge, mayor, city manager, or executive director).

The applicant will complete the *424 Questions* tab in TIGR and upload the signed SF-424. The document may be uploaded by clicking on the "Create" button and using the following prompts:

- Program: Select Program Available
- Document Group: Federal Application
- Document Type: SF-424 - Signed

- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

Figure 7: SF-424 Questions Tab



Enter responses to the questions in this section as indicated below:

- *Applicant Type* – The applicant will select from one of the following options.
    - *County Government*
    - *City or Township Government*
    - *Indian/Native American Tribal Government (federally recognized)*
    - *Indian/Native American Tribal Government (other than federally recognized)*
    - *Indian/Native American Tribal Designated Organization*
    - *Public/Indian Housing Authority*
- *Application Title* – This field will be auto-populated based on previous selections.
- *Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt?* – Applicant must respond Yes or No to this question.
    - If *Yes*: Enter an explanation regarding delinquent federal debt and upload any supporting documentation to explain the delinquency. Applicants with delinquent federal debt may not be eligible for 2024 Disasters LCP funding.

In addition to the questions listed above applicants must enter information from the SF-424 directly into TIGR. The responses in TIGR must match the signed form.

4.2.1 Instructions: SF-424

The SF-424 is a standard form used to apply for federal grants. The GLO uses this form to document required information, but not all fields on the SF-424 are required for the 2024 Disasters LCP application. Please note the SF-424 identifies the minimum required fields in yellow for federal funding. The GLO has identified the required fields for the 2024 Disasters

LCP application as indicated in the following guidance. Ensure all the required fields listed below are completed on the signed form and in TIGR.

1. *Type of Submission*: Select "Application"
2. *Type of Application*: Select "New"
3. *Date Received*: Enter date the form is signed by the Authorized Representative
4. *Applicant Identifier*: N/A, leave this field blank

5a. *Federal Entity Identifier*: Enter "HUD-CDBG-DR"

5b. *Federal Award Identifier*: Enter the applicable disaster year for this application
   - 2024 Disasters LCP

6. *Date Received by State*: State use only, leave this field blank
7. *State Application Identifier*: State use only, leave this field blank
8. *Applicant Information*:

   a. *Legal Name*: Enter the legal name of the entity applying for 2024 Disasters LCP funds. This is the organization that has registered with the System for Award Management (SAM). Information on registering with or updating/renewing a registration may be obtained by visiting https://sam.gov.

   b. *Employer/Taxpayer Number (EIN/TIN)*: Enter the employer or taxpayer identification number (EIN or TIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service

   c. *UEI*: Enter the organization's 12-character Unique Entity Identifier (UEID) assigned by SAM.gov

   d. *Address*: Enter applicant's complete mailing address: Street 1 (required); City (required); County (required); ZIP/Postal Code (required).

   e. *Organizational Unit*: N/A, leave these fields blank

   f. *Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application*: This may be a person employed by the entity or a third-party vendor designated by the applicant. At minimum complete the following fields in this section: First Name, Last Name, Title, Organizational Affiliation, Telephone Number, and Email.
9. *Type of Applicant: Select Applicant Type*: Select one applicant type from the list below.

   B: County Government

   C: City or Township Government

   I: Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized)

   J: Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized)

   K: Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization

   L: Public/Indian Housing Authority
10. *Name of Federal Agency*: Enter "HUD"
11. *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number*: This is now referred to as the Assistance Listing Number (ALN). Enter 14.228
12. Funding Opportunity Number/Title: Enter the Funding Opportunity Number and title of the opportunity under which assistance is requested as found in the program announcement.

Number	*Title*
N/A	2024 Disasters
13. *Competition Identification Number*: N/A, leave this field blank

14. *Areas Affected by Project*: Leave this field blank. This information is provided elsewhere in the application
15. *Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project*: Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. The title must match the project title entered in TIGR under the project tab.
16. *Congressional Districts*:
    a. *Applicant*: Enter the applicable congressional district(s).
    b. *Program/Project*: Enter the primary district affected by the program or project. Enter in the following format: 2-character state abbreviation – 3 characters district number, e.g., TX-037 for Texas District 37. Attach an additional list of program/project congressional districts, if needed to the uploaded SF-424.
17. *Proposed Project Start and End Dates*: Enter 8/1/2026 for the proposed start date and calculate the end date of the project based on the total number of months anticipated from contract execution to contract closeout. This must not exceed a total of 36 months.
18. *Estimated Funding*: Enter the amount in the appropriate field:
    a. *Federal*: Amount of CDBG-DR funding requested
    b. *Applicant*: Amount to be contributed by the applicant. This will require a resolution approved by the governing body to commit the exact amount identified in the budget.
    c. *State*: Enter "0"
    d. *Local*: Amount to be contributed by a local entity other than the applicant. This will require a MOU/ILA to define roles and responsibilities and commit the designated amount.
    e. *Other*: Amount to be contributed by an entity not previously identified. This may be another federal or state agency, or other source. An award letter or similar document to support commitment of the designated funds will be required.
    f. *Program Income*: Enter the amount of program income contributing towards the overall project budget, if applicable.
    g. *TOTAL*: Ensure the various entry lines add up to a correct total that aligns with all supporting budget documentation.

    The value of in-kind contributions should be entered on the appropriate lines as applicable. Ensure the breakdown on the SF-424 matches budget numbers entered elsewhere and the total budget adds up correctly.
19. *Is Application Subject to Review by State Under Executive Order*: Applicants should select "b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the state for review."
20. *Is the Applicant Delinquent on any Federal Debt?* Select the appropriate box. This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of federal debt include but may not be limited to delinquent audit disallowances, loans, and taxes. If *Yes*, include an explanation in an attachment as referenced in an earlier TIGR question

21. *Authorized Representative*: To be signed and dated by the Chief Elected Official, Executive Officer, or authorized representative. Complete the following fields in this section: First Name, Last Name, Title, Telephone Number, and Email. The Authorized Representative signing the SF-424 must have the ability to contractually obligate the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization to sign this application as the official representative must be on file in the applicant's office

4.3 National Objective

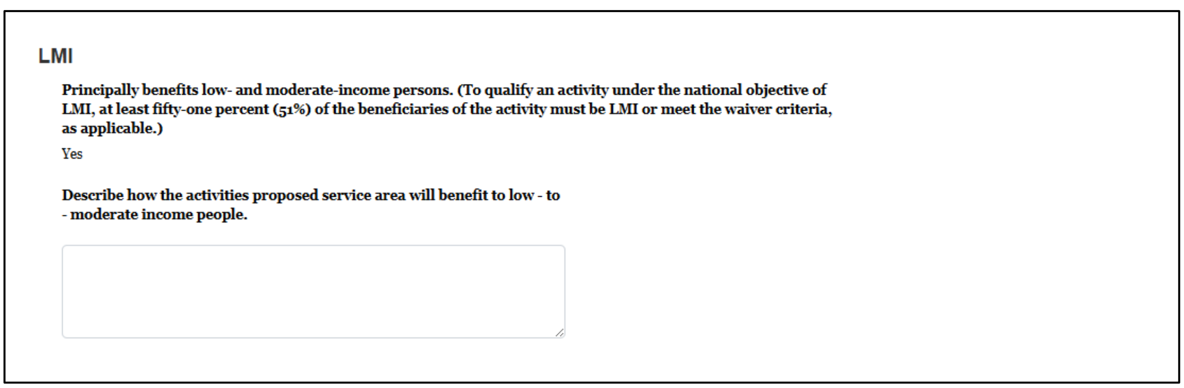
All CDBG-DR funded activities must meet a national objective. In this section the applicant must select from Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) Persons or Urgent Need (UN) and provide information to support the selection. Guidance regarding documenting beneficiaries is available on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage in the Documenting Beneficiaries Manual.

Applicant will see the national objective selected in the call for projects submission. Changes between the 2024 Disasters LCP call for projects submission and the project application will not be allowed.

4.3.1 Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI)

If the applicant selected the Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) Persons national objective the details are entered in this section. Projects meeting the LMI national objective principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

Figure 8: National Objective Tab


LMI

Principally benefits low- and moderate-income persons. (To qualify an activity under the national objective of LMI, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the beneficiaries of the activity must be LMI or meet the waiver criteria, as applicable.)

Yes

Describe how the activities proposed service area will benefit to low - to - moderate income people.

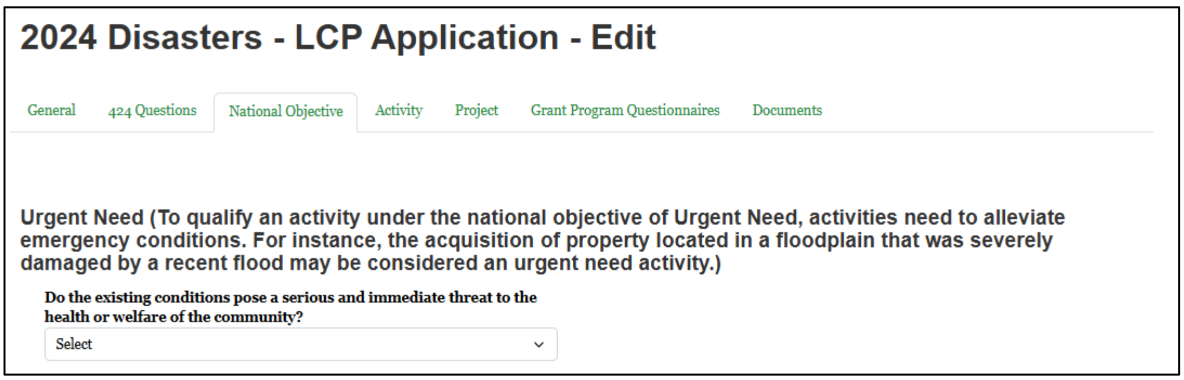
- *Describe how the activities proposed service area will benefit low-to-moderate income people.* – Applicant must describe the activity's proposed service area that LMI persons. The description should include a justification to support selection of the project service area, and the process used to determine LMI beneficiaries. Include details as needed to establish the impact of the proposed project relative to the identified service area. Ensure the description in this section aligns with similar descriptions elsewhere in the application.

4.3.2 Urgent Need

The Urgent Need (UN) national objective applies to projects or activities that are designed to alleviate emergency conditions. Urgent Need qualified activities must meet the following criteria:

- The existing conditions must pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.
- The existing conditions are of recent origin or recently became urgent. A tie-back to the disaster is still applicable.
- The applicant certifies that it is unable to finance the activity on its own and other sources of funding are not available.

Figure 9: National Objective Tab - Continued

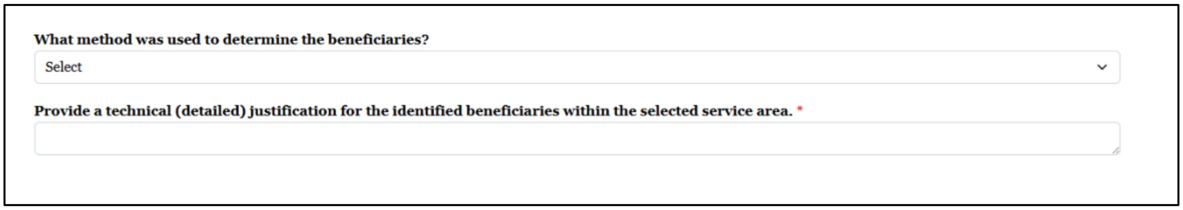


- *Do the existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community*? The applicant must select Yes or No from the dropdown list.
- If *Yes*, the applicant must document a serious and immediate threat exists to the health and welfare of the project beneficiaries in addition to the required storm tie-back.
  - A project that is not LMI does not automatically qualify as urgent need. Documentation is required to support the approach to determining beneficiaries including a breakdown of total and LMI persons to benefit from the project.
  - Documentation to support the urgent need national objective must describe the urgent need including severity and degree.
  - Explain how the proposed project addresses the urgent need.
  - Identify a timeline indicating when the need arose and the tie-back to the disaster.
  - An urgent need project that benefits less than a significant portion of the Census geographic area is not eligible to utilize LMISD and must provide a complete survey to document the beneficiaries. See the Documenting Beneficiaries Manual located on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage for additional guidance.

4.3.3 Beneficiary Information

Accurate and detailed beneficiary information is essential for effective program implementation and compliance. This section outlines the requirements for identifying low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons, the total number of beneficiaries, and their demographic profiles. Be sure to download and reference the Documenting Beneficiaries Manual found on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage.

Figure 10: National Objective Tab - Beneficiary Information - Continued



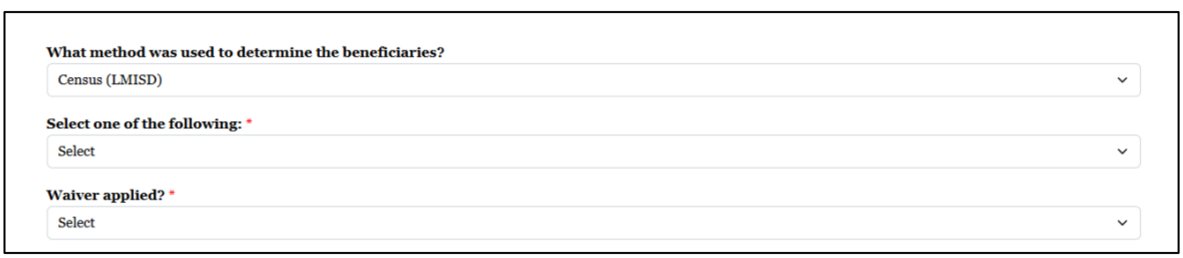
What method was used to determine the beneficiaries?
Select

Provide a technical (detailed) justification for the identified beneficiaries within the selected service area. *

The applicant must summarize the approach used to identify the method selected to document beneficiaries for the application. If LMISD was selected, the applicant must ensure that the project serves a significant portion of the applicable Census geographic area. If surveys were selected, a survey of the residents in the selected Census geographic area is required.

- *What method was used to determine the beneficiaries?* – Applicant must select the method used to determine beneficiaries from the dropdown menu: Census (LMISD), Surveys. For further guidance on determining the appropriate method, review the GLO's Documenting Beneficiaries Manual found on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage.
- *Provide a technical (detailed) justification for the identified beneficiaries within the selected service area.* – Include a justification indicating selection of the applicable service area.

Figure 11: National Objective Tab - Beneficiary Information Census (LMISD) - Continued



What method was used to determine the beneficiaries?
Census (LMISD)

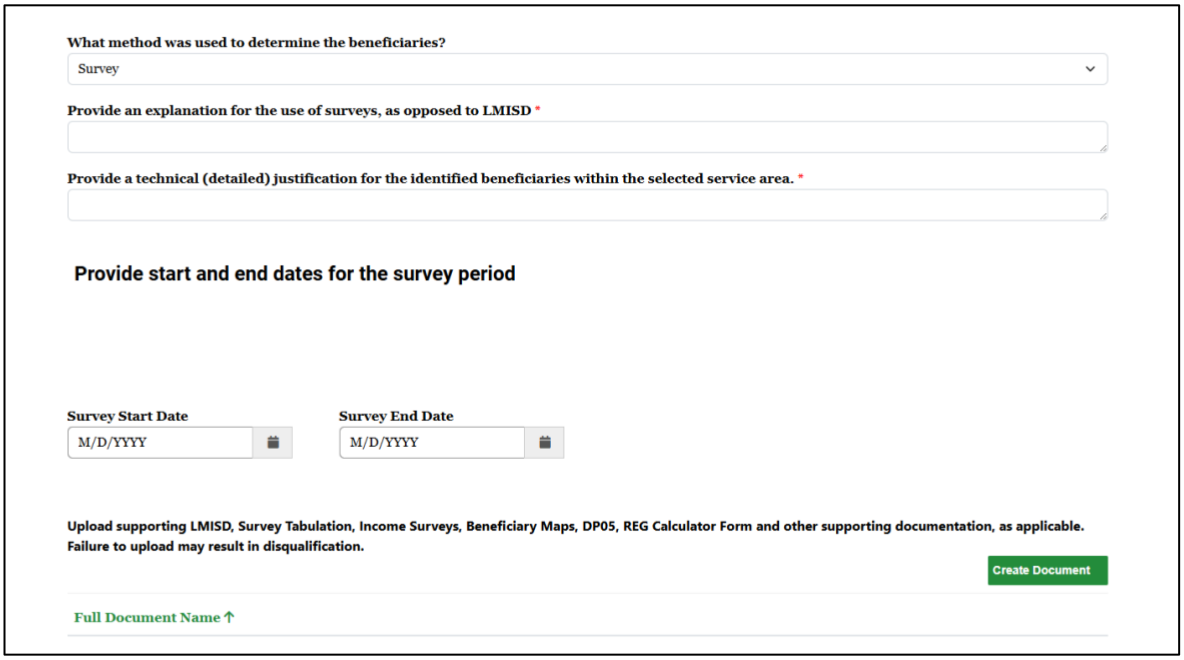
Select one of the following: *
Select

Waiver applied? *
Select

- *If Census (LMISD) method was used, select one of the following:* - applicant will select appropriate dataset utilized from the dropdown menu:
    - County_LMISD
    - Block Group_LMISD
    - Place_LMISD
- *Waiver Applied?* – Communities that are eligible for the waiver for Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data – State Median Income (SMI), will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection. See section 3.2 of the GLO's Documenting Beneficiaries Manual located on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage for further guidance.
  NOTE: SMI waiver may have adverse effects on places that previously were considered LMI places under the original (Standard) LMISD methodology. In cases where the

application of the SMI waiver results in a place being classified as "negative impact", the applicant may utilize the Standard LMISD.

Figure 12: National Objective Tab - Beneficiary Information (Survey) - Continued



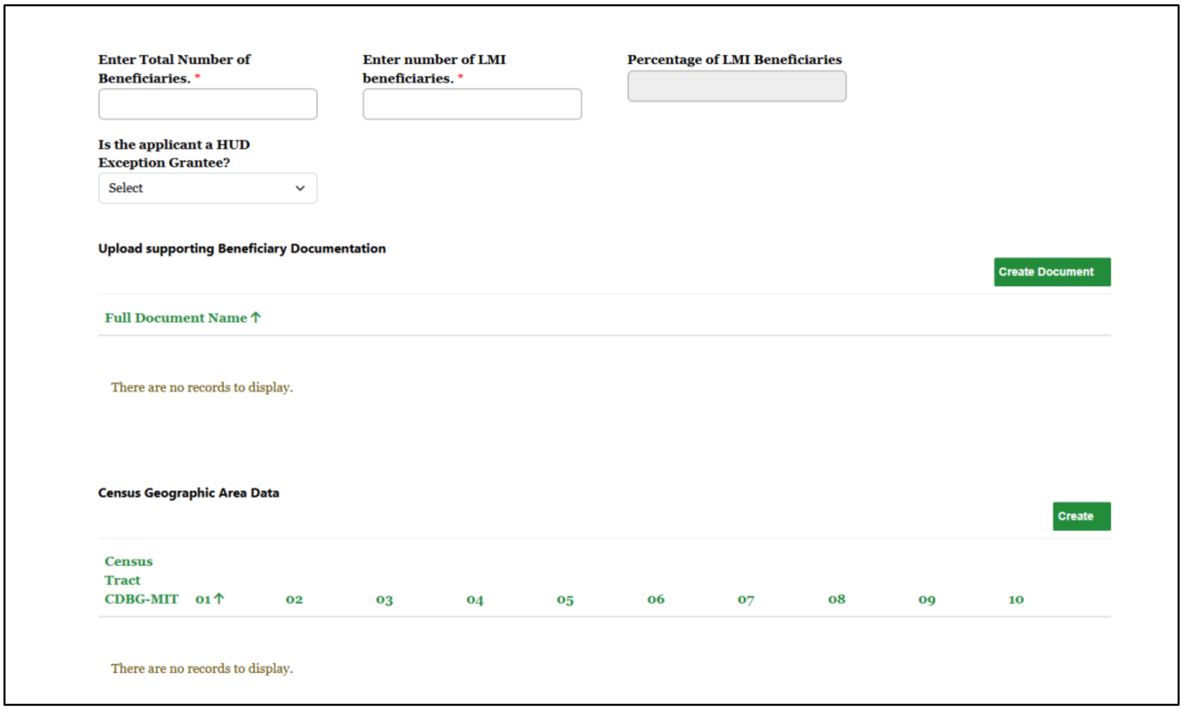
- *If Survey method was used, provide an explanation for the use of surveys, as opposed to LMISD data* – The applicant must provide the details of the approach to using surveys, including the reason why LMISD was not an acceptable approach for the proposed project.
- *Survey Start Date* and *Survey End Date* – Enter the start and end dates of the period during which the surveys were conducted in Month, Day, Year format. Dates entered in TIGR must align with the Survey Tabulation form submitted.

All applications must include documentation to support the identified beneficiaries, regardless of the methodology selected. Detailed information regarding documenting beneficiaries is available in the GLO's Documenting Beneficiaries Manual located on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage. Failure to upload supporting beneficiary data could result in disqualification.

Documents may be uploaded by clicking on the "*Create*" button. Documentation to support beneficiaries can be uploaded by using the following prompts:

- Program: Select available program
- Document Group: Beneficiary Information
- Document Type: LMISD data and/or CDBG Survey Documentation
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

Figure 13: National Objective Tab - Beneficiary Information - Continued



- *Enter Total Number of Beneficiaries* – Applicant will enter the total number of beneficiaries identified for the project service area. Documentation provided must support this number.
- *Enter number of LMI beneficiaries* - Applicant will enter the total number of LMI beneficiaries identified for the project service area. Documentation provided must support this number.
- *Percentage of LMI Beneficiaries* – This field will be automatically populated based off the numbers inputted for "total" and "LMI" beneficiaries.
- *Is the applicant a HUD Exception Grantee?* – Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection. See section 3. State of Texas Waiver in the GLO's Documenting Beneficiaries Manual and Upper Quartile datasets located on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage.
- *Census Geographic Area Data – Applicant will click "Create". A pop-up grid will appear that allows entry for Census Tract and Block Groups. TIGR will create a grid per Census tract and its associated block group(s). TIGR allows selection of multiple block groups per grid. For projects that cross multiple Census tracts, a new grid creation will be required for each Census Tract. Applicant must ensure to capture all Census tract(s) and Block Groups identified in the Census Geographic Area and for the project's service area.*
  NOTE: All Census tract and block groups captured in the TIGR grids must align with supporting beneficiary maps.

4.3.4 Beneficiary Map(s)

All applications must include a project map(s) identifying the benefit area. Project service area maps must clearly show all the Census and other geographic areas and identifiers (e.g., city, county, place, Census tract, Census block group(s), roads, etc.) within the project service area. Coordinates (i.e., latitude and longitude) starting, center/middle (i.e., centroid), and end location coordinates for projects with verifiable linear feet, if applicable, are required. Latitude and longitude must be provided in Decimal Degrees to five decimal places (e.g., 30.35860) within both the TIGR Project Summary field and the project map(s). Further guidance can be found on project coordinates details in Section 4.5.6.

Maps must clearly show:

- Boundaries of all applicable Census geographic areas;
- Location of the service area;
- Location(s) of the proposed project within the service area;
- Coordinates (i.e., latitude and longitude) for each project (start, center/middle/centroid, and end location for projects with verifiable linear feet, if applicable); and
- Legible labels of all applicable map components.

Applicants using surveys to document project beneficiaries must provide additional maps which clearly show:

- All the street names where surveys were used to document project beneficiaries and locations of the project activities on the same map;
- Points on the map that identify the residences surveyed or attempted to be surveyed;
- Legend on the map that identifies elements of the map and the symbology of the residences surveyed or attempted to be surveyed; and
- Proposed project service area and survey area clearly identified.

Refer to the GLO's Documenting Beneficiaries Manual located on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage for additional information.

Mapped locations of all proposed project activities should match the description of the locations provided. If project beneficiaries are determined on the basis of area benefit, the project service area must also be clearly delineated on the map. The applicant is required to use maps based on one of the following options:

- **Maps built from a Geographic Information System (GIS)**: Maps produced by the applicant or its designee (e.g., grant administrator or engineer) should be designed, titled (titled and/or numbered with the corresponding project title), and labeled appropriately for thorough review by the GLO.
- **AutoCAD or AutoCAD Map 3D**: Maps produced by the grantee or its designee (e.g., grant administrator or engineer). Electronic files of maps produced through AutoCAD should also be submitted with the application.
- **Census Bureau Maps**: A free, online resource, with maps that can be based on entire cities or Census designated places (CDPs). Census maps, and affiliated data sets, can be shared with the GLO for use in your beneficiary identification methods. Additional resources on Census Bureau maps can be found here:
    a. Interactive Maps: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/data/interactive-maps.html

b. How to Create a Map from Scratch Using https://data.census.gov/: https://www.census.gov/library/video/2022/how-to-create-a-map-from-scratch-using-data-census-gov.html

Applicants must:

- Provide all maps as PDFs (layered or flattened), and
- Upload files by clicking on the "*Create*" button. Documentation to support beneficiaries can be uploaded by using the following prompts:
    - Program - Select Program Available
      Document Group: Beneficiary Information
    - Document Type: Supporting census tract/block group or other beneficiary data maps
    - Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

Applicants may upload the electronic files in an appropriate package to the TIGR application in formats such as a:

- Zipped map package (mpkx),
- Geodatabase (.gdb),
- Compressed KML file (.kmz),
- Zipped CAD file (.dwg) with all associated files (e.g., .shx, .ctb, .xrefs, or images), or
- Another file format.

Other comparable map formats will be allowable if maps are legible and indicate appropriate details and the service area. For questions or assistance on developing beneficiary maps, reach out through the 2024 Disasters LCP email for technical questions. You may also access the 2024 Disasters LCP Mapping Viewer for assistance in creating your GIS maps. These resources are indicated in section 1.1 Applicant Resources and Contact Information of this guide.

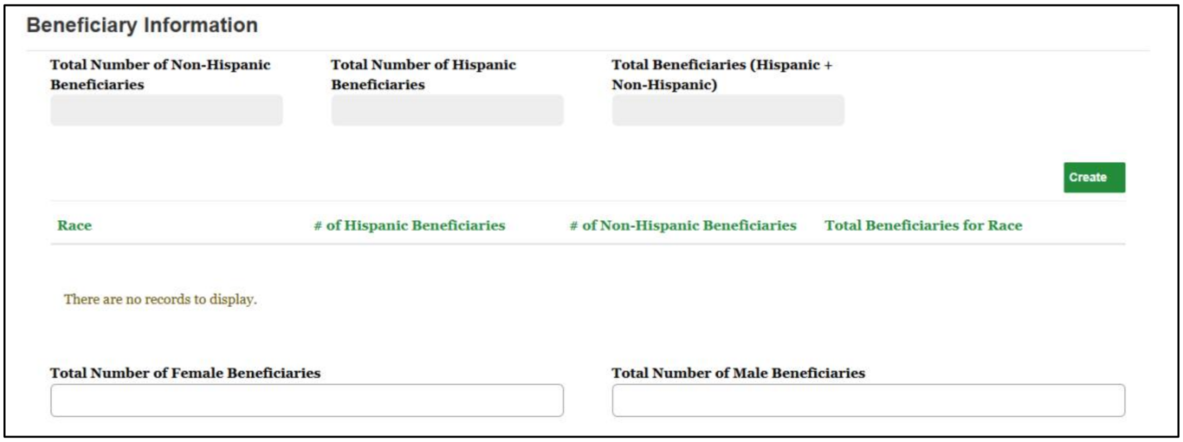
Maps must:

- Be appropriately titled and/or numbered with the corresponding project title;
- Be legible;
- Be created using appropriate software;
- Include a legend;
- Be uploaded as a layered or flattened PDF; and
- If GIS and/or AutoCAD maps are created, those files (i.e., file types) can also be uploaded in addition to the PDF as outlined above.

Applicants must consistently use the correct project title on all references to a particular location on maps, supporting documentation, and in the application. Multiple maps may be submitted to show overall project location, details by sections, etc., if applicable.

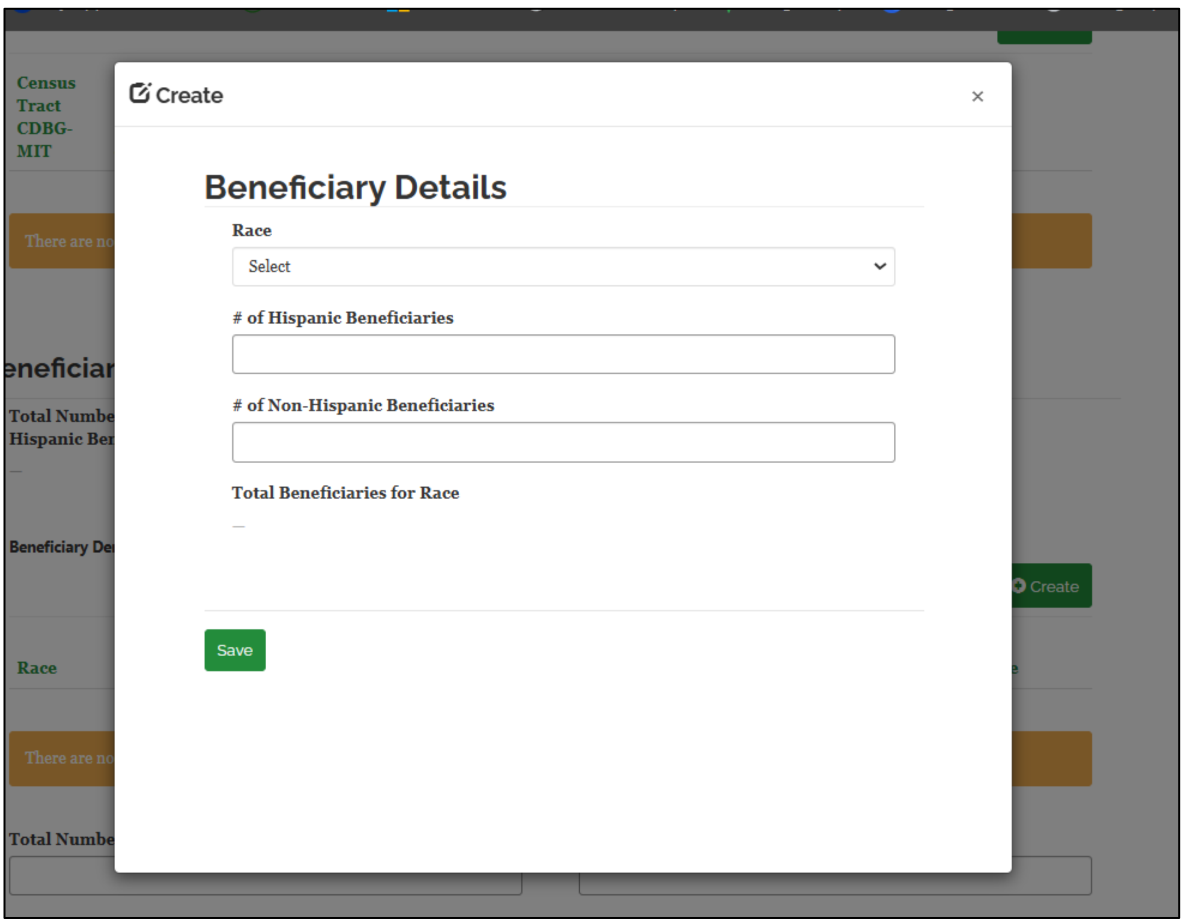
The applicant must ensure that all beneficiaries of the proposed project are identified. The race, gender, and ethnicity for the total beneficiaries claimed for the proposed project must be tabulated in the space provided.

Figure 14: National Objective Tab - Beneficiary Information – Continued



Click Create to enter beneficiary demographics by Race and Ethnicity, a pop-up grid will appear.

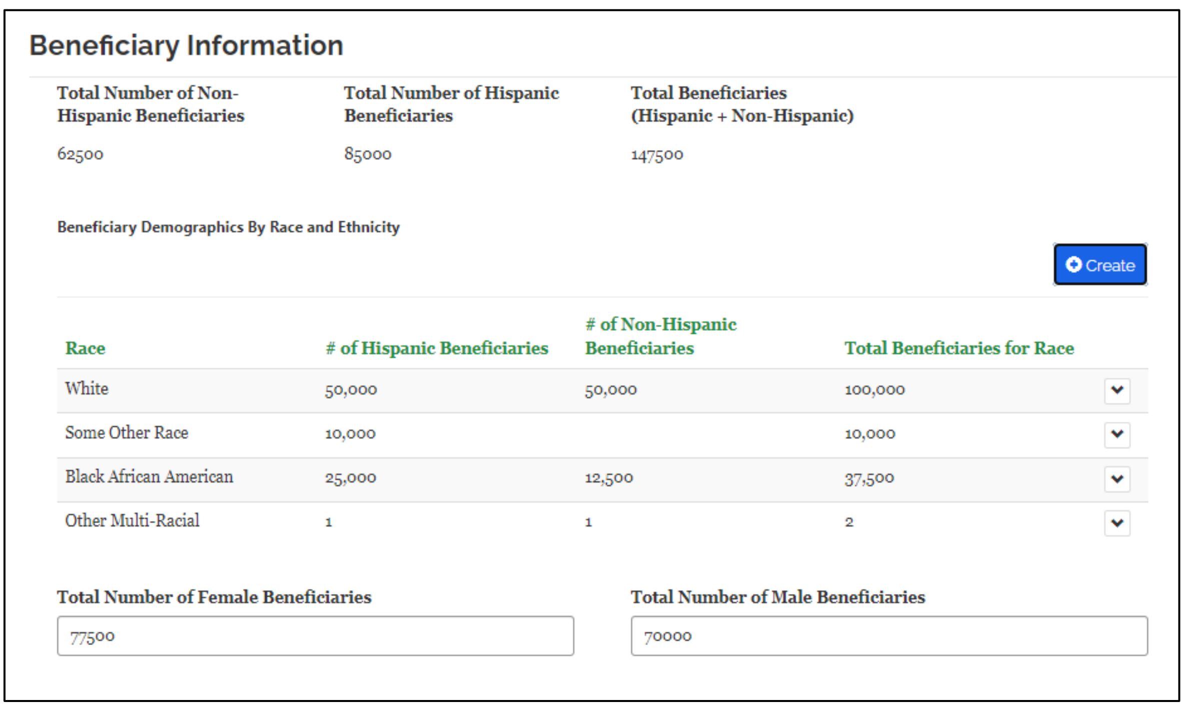
Figure 15: National Objective Tab - Beneficiary Details



- *Race – select from options listed in the dropdown menu below*:
    - Some Other Race
    - White

  - Black African American/White
  - Asian
  - Asian/White
  - American Indian/Alaskan Native
  - American Indian/Alaskan Native/African American
  - Other Multi-Racial
  - Black African American
  - Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander
  - American Indian/Alaskan Native/White
  - Unknown
- *# of Hispanic Beneficiaries* – Enter the number of beneficiaries identified as Hispanic based on the survey questionnaires or the Race/Ethnicity/Gender Calculator.
- *# of Non-Hispanic Beneficiaries* – Enter the number of beneficiaries identified as Non-Hispanic based on the survey questionnaires or the Race/Ethnicity/Gender Calculator.
- *Total Beneficiaries for Race (auto-calculated)* – This field will be calculated based on information entered in other fields.
- *Total Number of Female Beneficiaries* – Enter total number of female beneficiaries as identified on the survey questionnaires and the Race/Ethnicity/Gender Calculator
- *Total Number of Male Beneficiaries* - Enter total number of male beneficiaries as identified on the survey questionnaires and the Race/Ethnicity/Gender Calculator

Figure 16: National Objective Tab - Beneficiary Information - Continued



Beneficiary Information

Total Number of Non-Hispanic Beneficiaries	Total Number of Hispanic Beneficiaries	Total Beneficiaries (Hispanic + Non-Hispanic)
62500	85000	147500

Beneficiary Demographics By Race and Ethnicity

Create

Race	# of Hispanic Beneficiaries	# of Non-Hispanic Beneficiaries	Total Beneficiaries for Race
White	50,000	50,000	100,000
Some Other Race	10,000		10,000
Black African American	25,000	12,500	37,500
Other Multi-Racial	1	1	2

Total Number of Female Beneficiaries: 77500

Total Number of Male Beneficiaries: 70000

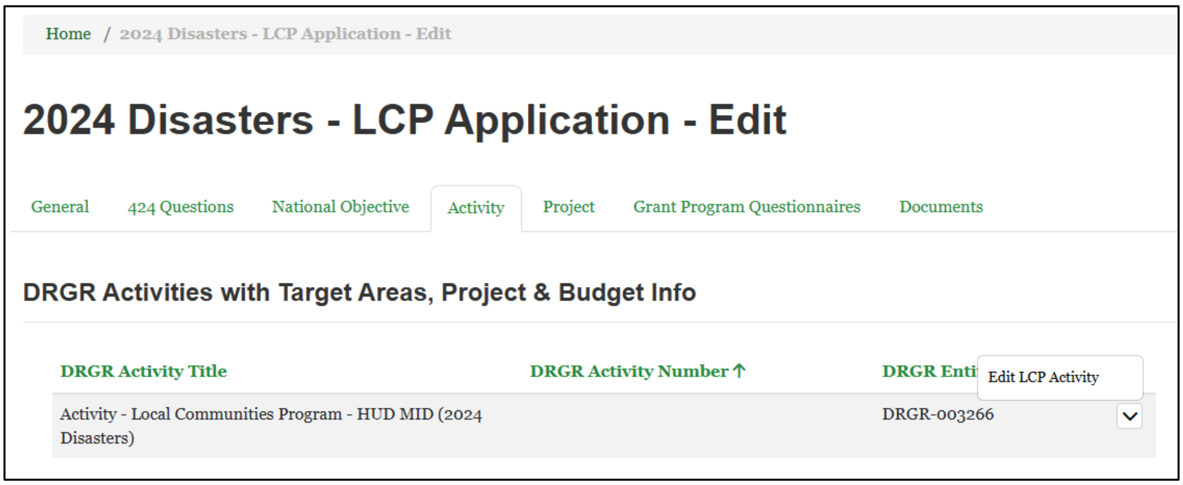
Upon entry of the beneficiary data, it will display as indicated in the example above.

4.4 Activity

The activity proposed in an application must demonstrate a tie-back to the 2024 Disasters, supported by documented proof of impact. CDBG-DR funds must be used for disaster-related expenses in the most impacted and distressed areas. An activity underway prior to a Presidential Disaster Declaration will not qualify unless the disaster impacted the project.

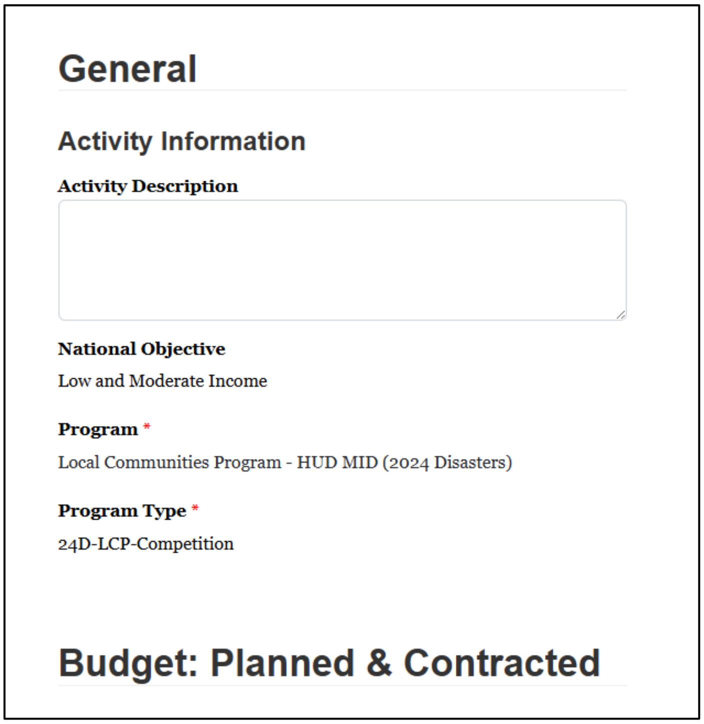
Further information will need to be collected for the proposed DRGR Activity. This can be completed by selecting the dropdown arrow and selecting "Edit LCP Activity."

Figure 17: Activity Tab



A pop-up window will appear with two sections on it: General-Activity Information and Budget- Planned and Contracted.

Figure 18: Activity Tab - General



General

Activity Information

Activity Description

National Objective
Low and Moderate Income

Program *
Local Communities Program - HUD MID (2024 Disasters)

Program Type *
24D-LCP-Competition

Budget: Planned & Contracted

- *Activity Description*: Applicant will enter information to specify the exact activity to be performed for the proposed project and scope of work. The activity description should give a high-level overview of the activity being performed and align with information provided elsewhere in the application.

The following fields will auto-populate based on the call for projects submission.

- *National Objective*
- *Program*
- *Program Type*

4.4.1 Budget Preparation

Applicants are required to prepare a comprehensive budget including total project costs for construction, engineering, acquisition, and project delivery (grant administration and environmental services). Budget costs are entered directly into TIGR and supporting budget tool must be uploaded. The budget should also reflect a breakdown of such costs between CDBG-DR funds and leveraged funds (local or other funds). Leveraged Funds are required to be exhausted prior to the release of CDBG funds for the applicable line of the proposed budget.

Guidance regarding fee caps applicable to engineering and project delivery is available in section 4.4.5 of this guide.

PDF and upload the budget tool in the Documents Tab using the following prompts:

- Program: Select program available
- Document Group: Budget

- Document Type: Project Budget
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

CDBG-DR Construction

Construction budget estimates must be prepared by a professional engineer or architect licensed to practice in the state of Texas using the *CDBG-DR Budget Justification of Retail Costs* form (BJRC, formerly known as Table 2) on the GLO recovery website. Guidance for completing the BJRC is available in section 4.4.2 of this guide.

CDBG-DR Engineering

Engineering costs include fees for all engineering services associated with the design, bidding, construction, and closeout phases. This includes but is not limited to:

- Surveying;
- Geotechnical testing;
- Materials testing;
- Onsite inspections;
- Construction oversight;
- Environmental support required to deliver the approved project;
- Completion of required documentation and reporting for program compliance; and
- Coordination to ensure timely expenditures and on-schedule completion.

Engineering and design activities will be capped at 15 percent of the total construction costs. Engineering fees that exceed the prescribed 15% fee cap will be the responsibility of the subrecipient. An applicant may provide justification in support of the total engineering fees beyond the fee cap for consideration. GLO will review such costs and justification for cost reasonableness during the application eligibility review phase.

The calculated amount of CDBG-DR engineering funds requested for each project must be consistent with the construction costs identified in the BJRC provided for each activity.

CDBG-DR Acquisition

Costs associated with acquisition required to complete the proposed project must be documented in the budget per project. In addition to the cost of acquiring real property, other costs to consider may include but are not limited to surveying, appraisals, title reviews, legal fees, and recording fees. Provide the amount of CDBG-DR acquisition funds required for real property, easements, right-of-way, etc.

Acquisition totals must be consistent with the acquisition costs identified in the *Budget Justification of Retail Costs* (formerly Table 2) provided for each activity.

CDBG-DR Grant Administration (Project Delivery)

Costs associated with administrative tasks and related costs required to implement the proposed project are documented as administration costs in the application budget. Grant administration may be carried out by a properly procured vendor or by the subrecipient. The applicant must clearly establish the portion of CDBG-DR funds to be used to pay for third-party vendor grant administration services, and/or the portion of CDBG-DR funds to be used to reimburse the applicant for in-house grant administration services and/or costs.

General grant administration costs should not exceed the prescribed fee caps defined for this program. Refer to section 4.4.5 for more information.

CDBG-DR Environmental (Project Delivery)
Costs associated with completing the required environmental review record, associated requests for information, subsequent assessments, and re-evaluations required to achieve and maintain environmental clearance in compliance with applicable state and federal requirements are identified as environmental costs. Applicants should consider and include costs for any special reviews, permitting, or studies that will be required to secure the Authority to Use Grant Funds.

An applicant should assess the appropriate environmental review needs per project with consideration to project description, geographic location, special environmental requirements, budget, and schedule. The overall project should include all estimated environmental costs.

Environmental costs are included in the total project delivery fees cap.

Other Funds
Specific use of Other Funds (FEMA, insurance, local, etc.) committed to the proposed project must be identified in the appropriate line of the proposed budget. Applicants must disclose all funding sources to be utilized on the proposed project and identify the use of other funding sources in the application budget.

If the budget includes local or other funding to leverage CDBG-DR funds, the applicant must upload documentation indicating the commitment of other funds including at a minimum, the source, amount, and project description for each additional funding source contributing to the proposed project.

Acceptable documentation to support leveraged costs includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Commitment letter from an elected or appointed official with the ability to allocate the funds
- Resolution from the applicable governing body
- Meeting minutes indicating the amount and approval from the applicable governing body

Documentation regarding leveraged funds from all sources will be assessed during the eligibility review to affirm the amount of leveraged funds utilized for the proposed project.

Applicant must ensure that the budget total equals the amounts entered on the required Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 (SF-424).

4.4.2 Instructions: CDBG-DR Budget Justification of Retail Costs (formerly Table 2)

Completion of the *CDBG-DR Budget Justification of Retail Costs* (formerly Table 2) is required for all construction/public works projects. Costs related to non-construction activities, such as public services, should not be included on this form.

This form requires the signature and seal of the Registered Engineer/Architect responsible for the construction and acquisition budget justification.

Figure 19: Example of Budget Justification of Retail Costs

CDBG-DR: Budget Justification of Retail Costs
(Former Table 2)

Cost Verification Controls must be in place to assure that construction costs are reasonable and consistent with market costs at the time and place of construction.

Applicant/Subrecipient:	
Site/Activity Title:	
Eligible Activity:	

Materials/Facilities/Services	$/Unit	Unit	Quantity	Construction	Acquisition	Total
	$ -		0	$ -	$ -	$ -
	$ -		0	$ -	$ -	$ -
	$ -		0	$ -	$ -	$ -
	$ -		0	$ -	$ -	$ -
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	$ -		0	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ -			$ -	$ -	$ -

1. Identify and explain the annual projected operation and maintenance costs associated with the proposed activities.

2. Identify and explain any special engineering activities.

Date:

Phone Number:

Seal

Signature of Registered Engineer/Architect Responsible For Budget Justification:

Applicant/Subrecipient: Enter the applicant's name.

Site/Activity Title: Ensure the title used on this form matches the Project Title entered in the TIGR System for ease of identification.

Eligible Activity: Select from the list below.

- *Public Facilities*
- *Debris Removal*

- *Street Improvements*
- *Water Facilities*
- *Sewer Facilities*
- *Public Services*
- *Flood and Drainage Facilities*
- *Clearance Demolition Activities*
- *Planning*

The next section of the Budget Justification of Retail Costs (BJRC) is used to convey the nature of the project and associated costs. One lump sum entry for the cost of the project is not acceptable. The estimated costs identified on the BJRC should be itemized and provide an overview of the construction and acquisition needs for the proposed project. This table should only include Construction and/or Acquisition costs.

In determining estimated construction costs, the engineer must provide the following:

- *Materials/Facilities /Services*: Itemize the material, facility component, or service associated with construction of the overall project. For example, "36" PVC pipe" or "50 kW generator." Applicants must provide a reasonable level of detail regarding project materials or components. A material line item of "Wastewater System Improvements" is too broad to determine size, unit, or composition, and greater detail is required.
- *$/Unit*: Enter the unit price.
- *Unit*: Enter the unit measure (e.g. linear feet, cubic yards, each).
- *Quantity:* Enter the number of units for each line item.

Contingency/Allowances/Incidental costs are not to be listed on this cost estimate. All estimated project costs must be considered and built into the materials/facilities/services details.

The BJRC should be based on the parametric cost estimating method (or the equivalent of) to ensure a high-confidence estimate. The construction budget must include an itemization of the key elements related to and necessary to complete the proposed scope of work. Cost savings resulting from favorable bids at construction completion will be deobligated. Additional funds are not available for projects that are impacted by unfavorable bids. A reduction of the construction budget will impact the overall awarded and associated fee caps. The applicant must consider the impact to fee caps (see section 4.4.5) and responsibility for costs beyond the fee caps resulting from any reduction in construction or overall grant award.

- *Construction*: The BJRC includes a formula in this field that will calculate the cost of construction per line item based on unit cost and quantity.
- *Acquisition:* Enter the anticipated cost of acquisition of real property, easements, rights-of-ways, etc., if applicable. Acquisition costs should include all anticipated efforts required to comply with the requirements of the Uniform Real Property Acquisition and Relocation Policies Act of 1970 (URA).
- *Total(column)*: This field will calculate the costs of construction and acquisition per line item.
- *Total (row)*: Totals will auto calculate for the appropriate columns.

In-house or force account labor costs must be based on the estimated CDBG-DR contract-related construction hours to be worked by force account workers and the hourly wages to be paid and cannot be based on labor costs estimated through the bid/contract method.

The value of materials/supplies to be provided by the applicant, and already owned by the applicant, must be based on the purchase price of the materials and supplies at the time of purchase, and cannot be based on the current purchase price of such materials/supplies. All costs for materials that will be attributed to the grant funds must demonstrate procurement of such goods in compliance with 2 CFR 200.

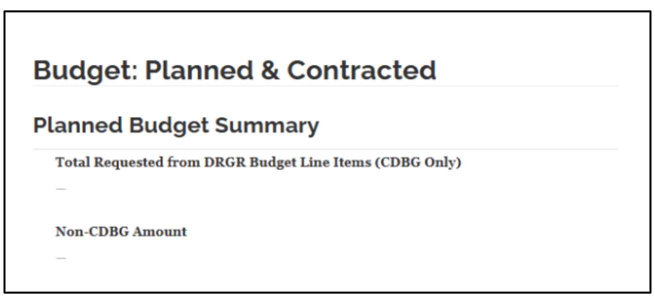
Equipment costs for equipment owned by the locality must be based on a use allowance or depreciation (only if the equipment is not already fully depreciated and based on acquisition cost).

PDF and upload the BJRC in the Documents Tab using the following prompts:

- Program: Select program available
- Document Group: Budget
- Document Type: DR - Budget Justification of Retail Costs form
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

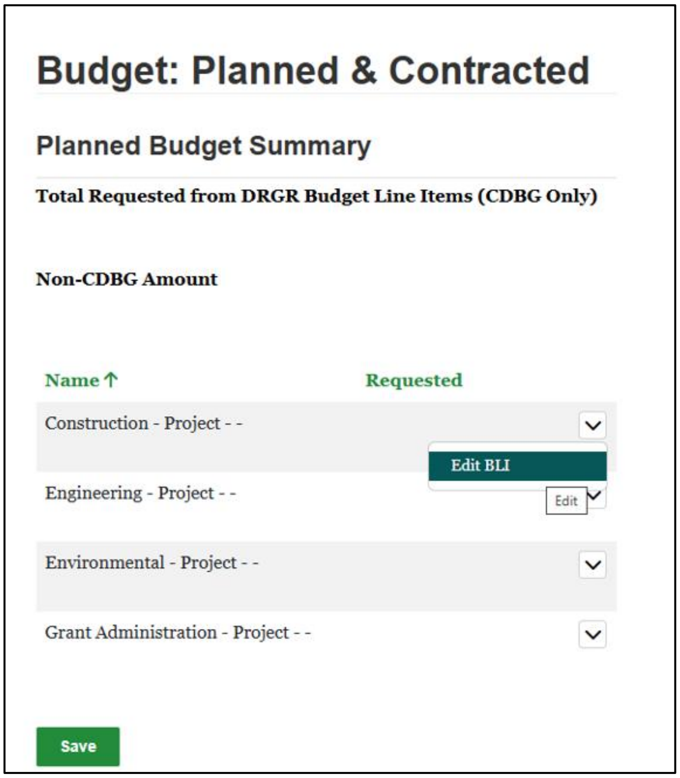
4.4.3 Entering the Budget in TIGR Portal

Figure 20: Activity Tab - Planned Budget Summary



- *Total Requested from DRGR Budget Line Items (CDBG Only)*: This field will be auto populated once the budget line-item dollar figures have been entered.
- *Non-CDBG Amount:* This field will be auto populated once the budget line-item amounts have been entered.

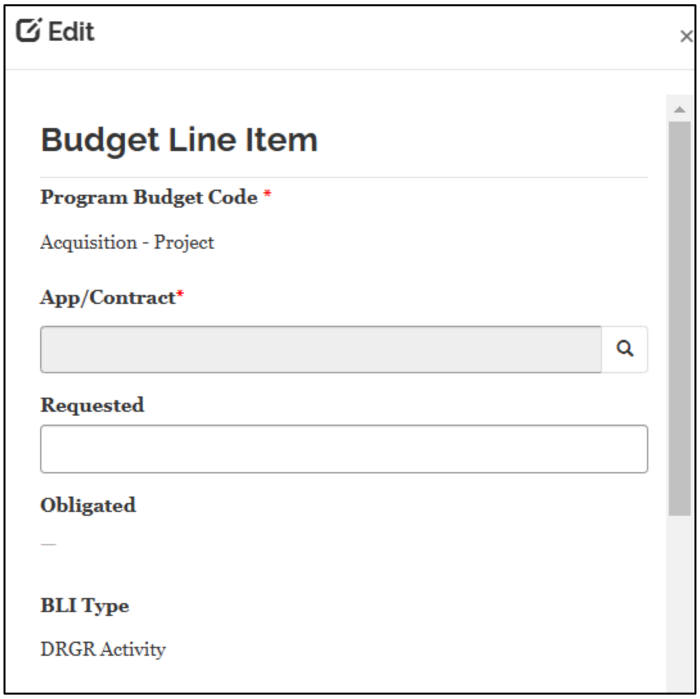
Figure 21: Activity Tab - Planned Budget Summary - Continued



The budget is entered by selecting the dropdown arrow "*Edit Budget Line Item*" next to the applicable budget line item. The required budget line items for 2024 Disasters LCP infrastructure projects are as follows. If an applicant does not have a cost associated with a line item, please enter "$0.00".

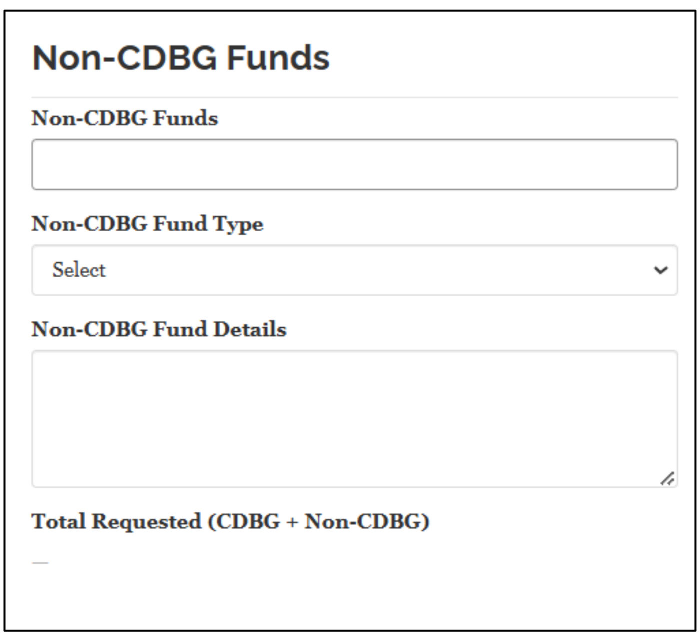
- *Construction*
- *Engineering*
- *Acquisition*
- *Environmental*
- *Grant Administration*
- *Grant Administration - Planning Study*
- *Planning*

Figure 22: Activity Tab- Budget Line Item



- *App/Contract*: This field will auto-populate based on previous selections
- *Requested:* Enter the dollar amount in numerical format only (do not include "$") for the associated budget line item.

Figure 23: Activity Tab- Non-CDBG Funds



- *Non-CDBG Funds*: Enter the dollar amount in numerical format only (do not include "$") for the associated budget line item, if applicable.

- *Non-CDBG Fund Type*: Select the appropriate Non-CDBG Fund Type for the dollar amount entered via the dropdown selection of Federal, State, Local, Applicant, Other.
- *Non-CDBG Fund Details:* Identify the source details for the selected funding type. Source details to include Federal (what agency), State (what agency), Local (identify the source/entity of local funding), Applicant (identify where the funds are coming), Other (identify what other source). Indicate details such as whether the funds have been awarded or are pending award.
- Select *Submit.*
- *Repeat steps for all applicable budget line items.*

Once all budget line items have been entered, confirm the "Total Requested from DRGR Budget Line Items (CDBG Only)" field reflects the correct sum of all budget line items for the proposed project. Confirm the "Non-CDBG Amount" has the correct sum of all budget line items for the proposed project, if applicable.

Applicants must present a thorough budget that includes all elements required for an eligible and successful project. Any discrepancies between the supporting documentation and information entered in TIGR Portal may delay the application review.

4.4.4 Cost Verification

Each proposed project will undergo cost verification to verify the planned project costs are eligible and reasonable.

4.4.5 Fee Caps

Fee caps are applicable to Project Delivery and Engineering costs. These costs are a key component of the overall budget.

Project Delivery

Project Delivery includes, but is not limited to, grant administrator fees, costs associated with environmental clearance, and eligible costs for in-house grant administration efforts. For instance, applicants may choose to utilize a portion of their project delivery grant funds to supplement costs for their single audit or pay for appropriately documented staff administration efforts.

Project Delivery costs must be included in the application budget. The maximum allowable project delivery cost eligible for grant funding is based on the amount of CDBG-DR funding and shall be less than or equal to the caps as outlined here.

Table 1: 2024 Disasters LCP Project Delivery Fee Caps (Non-Housing)

Total 2024 Disasters CDBG-DR Award (Non-Housing activities)	Percentage Cap
$500,000 - $749,999.99	11%
$750,000 - $999,999.99	10%
$1,000,000 - $5,000,000	8%

Project Delivery completed by the applicant with in-house staff for reimbursement is considered self-administration. Applicants may choose to self-administer eligible grant administration and/or environmental review tasks, procure a third-party vendor to perform grant administration and/or environmental services, or pursue a combination of the two.

If utilizing a combination of procured and in-house services, the application budget must clearly establish the portion of 2024 Disasters LCP funds for third-party grant administration services, and the portion retained to reimburse the applicant for in-house efforts:

Engineering and Design

Engineering and design activities will be capped at 15 percent of the total construction costs unless special services are necessary; in such cases, the GLO must review and approve the request.

The prescribed fee caps are established as a maximum percentage. Changes to the grant award or construction costs will impact the amount eligible for reimbursement as indicated by the fee cap. Costs beyond the applicable fee cap are the responsibility of the applicant/subrecipient.

Fee caps are not intended to supersede the requirement to perform an independent cost or price analysis for every procurement effort, including contract modifications in compliance with 2 CFR 200. Procurement guidance is available at the GLO Procurement and Contract Guidelines webpage.

4.5 Project

A project is defined as a discrete combination of:

- One entity (e.g., city, county, public housing authority, Indian Tribes);
- One activity (e.g., water, sewer, etc.);
- One project service area (i.e., beneficiary population); and
- One HUD national objective (e.g., LMI or Urgent Need).

Project details are required. Any questions not answered will be considered incomplete. Project detail must be provided by the applicant in TIGR. This is completed by selecting the “Project” tab and then selecting ‘Edit’.

Figure 24: Project Tab

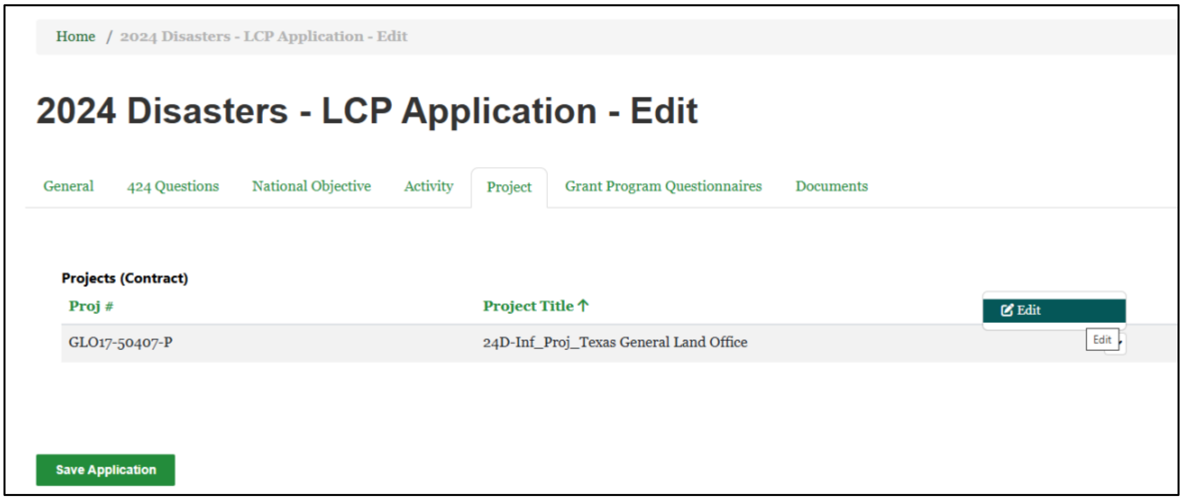
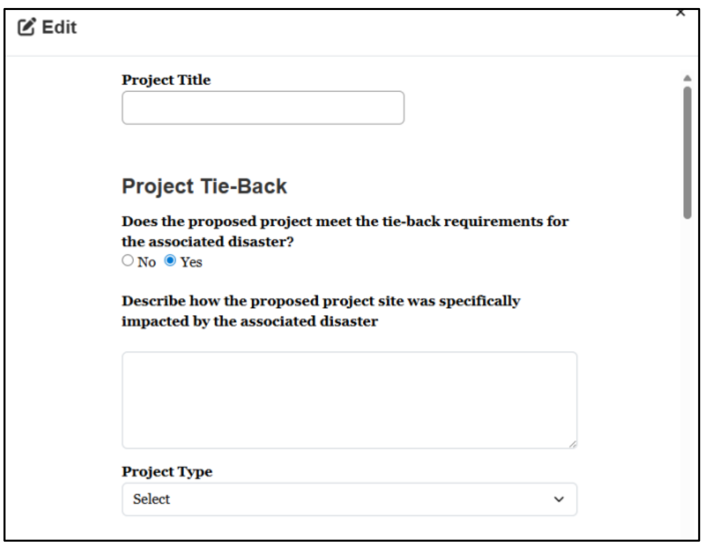


Figure 25: Project Tab - Project Information

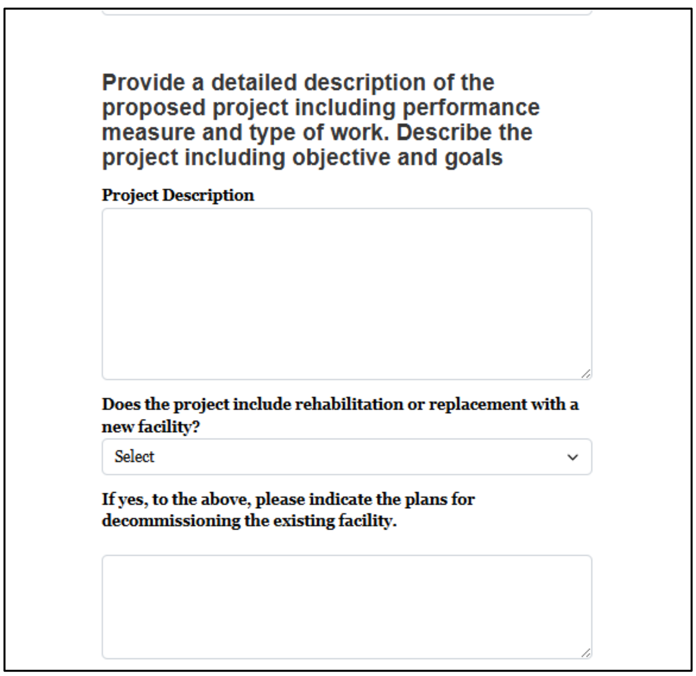


- *Project Title:* The spelling and capitalization, together with any associated site number(s) identified in the application, must be consistently used throughout the application to ensure clear identification of the full project scope, e.g., a project title of “Green Acres, Site 3” here should appear at every other reference in this application and submitted documents (SF424, Project Budget, Project Schedule, etc). If titles do not match, it could delay the eligibility review process.
- *Does the proposed project meet the tie-back requirements for the associated disaster?* The applicant will respond Yes or No via the selection. The Project must establish a disaster tie-back. The project is not eligible to proceed unless it meets the tie-back requirement. Describe how the proposed project site was specifically impacted by the

associated disaster: Provide a detailed description of how the proposed project site was specifically impacted by the 2024 Disasters.

- *Project Type*: Select the applicable project type that aligns with the DRGR Activity type submitted. The project type must be clearly defined in the scope of work. Select from the list below:
    - *Public Facilities*
    - *Debris Removal*
    - *Street Improvements*
    - *Water Facilities*
    - *Sewer Facilities*
    - *Public Services*
    - *Acquisition – General*
    - *Acquisition – Buyout*
    - *Flood and Drainage Facilities*
    - *Clearance Demolition Activities*
    - *Planning*

Figure 26: Project Tab - Project Information - Continued


Provide a detailed description of the proposed project including performance measure and type of work. Describe the project including objective and goals

Project Description

Does the project include rehabilitation or replacement with a new facility?

Select

If yes, to the above, please indicate the plans for decommissioning the existing facility.

- *Project Description:* Provide a detailed description of the scope of work to describe the type of work to be performed to include material to be used, material, size, quantity, and project description should summarize specific project locations, as applicable. This information must align with project information provided in other sections of the application. The project location must be defined with location coordinates in decimal degrees to five decimal places. The project description must include objectives, goals and justification to support the project service area and the associated beneficiaries. Indicate if the project will require acquisition and the estimated number of parcels.
- *Does the project include rehabilitation or replacement with a new facility?*

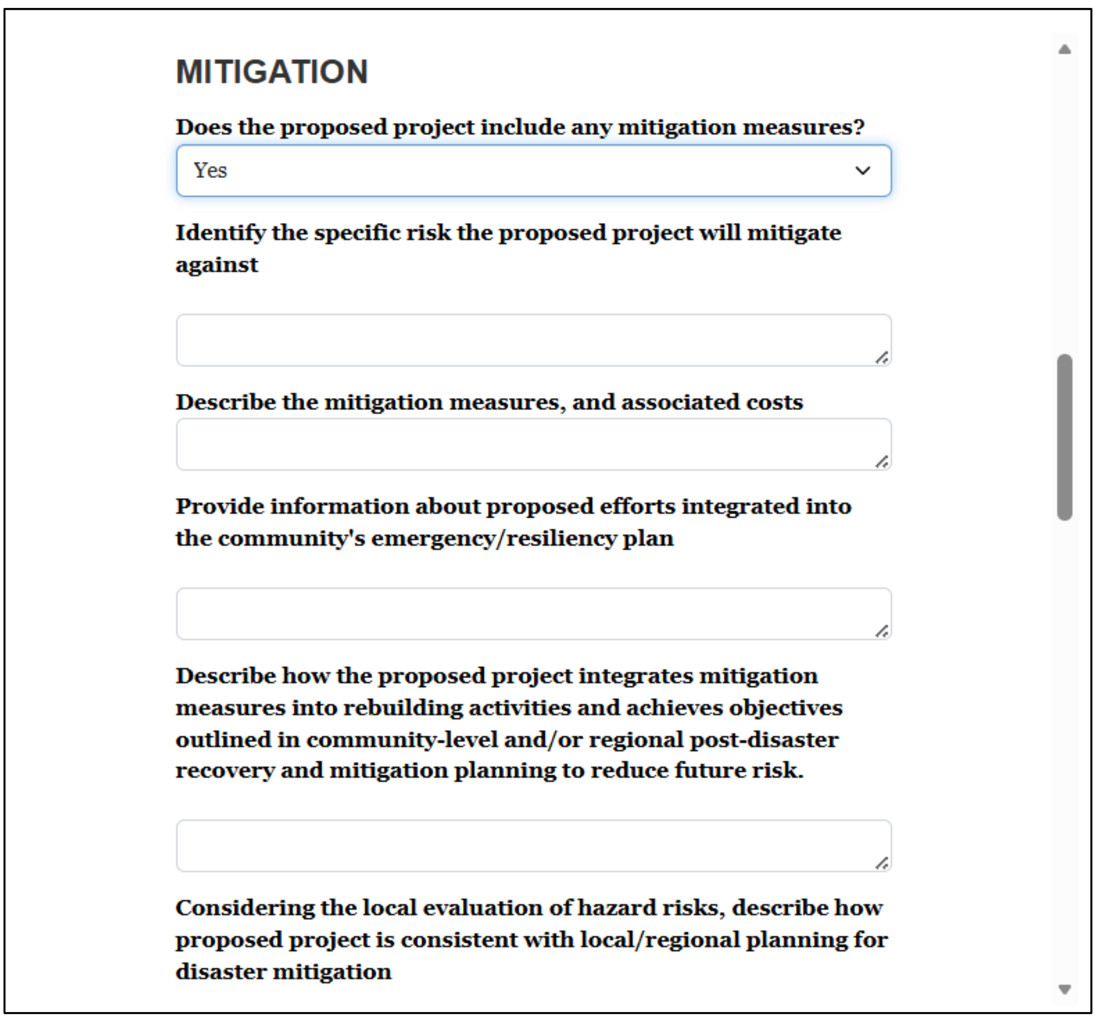
The applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection. Rehabilitation is to rehabilitate/add to an existing facility within the scope of work. Replacement is defined as decommissioning the existing facility and reconstructing a new facility.

- If *yes to the above, please indicate the plans for decommissioning the existing facility*. Provide a detailed plan and ensure it is accounted for in the Budget Justification of Retail Cost (BJRC), if applicable.

4.5.1 Mitigation Measures

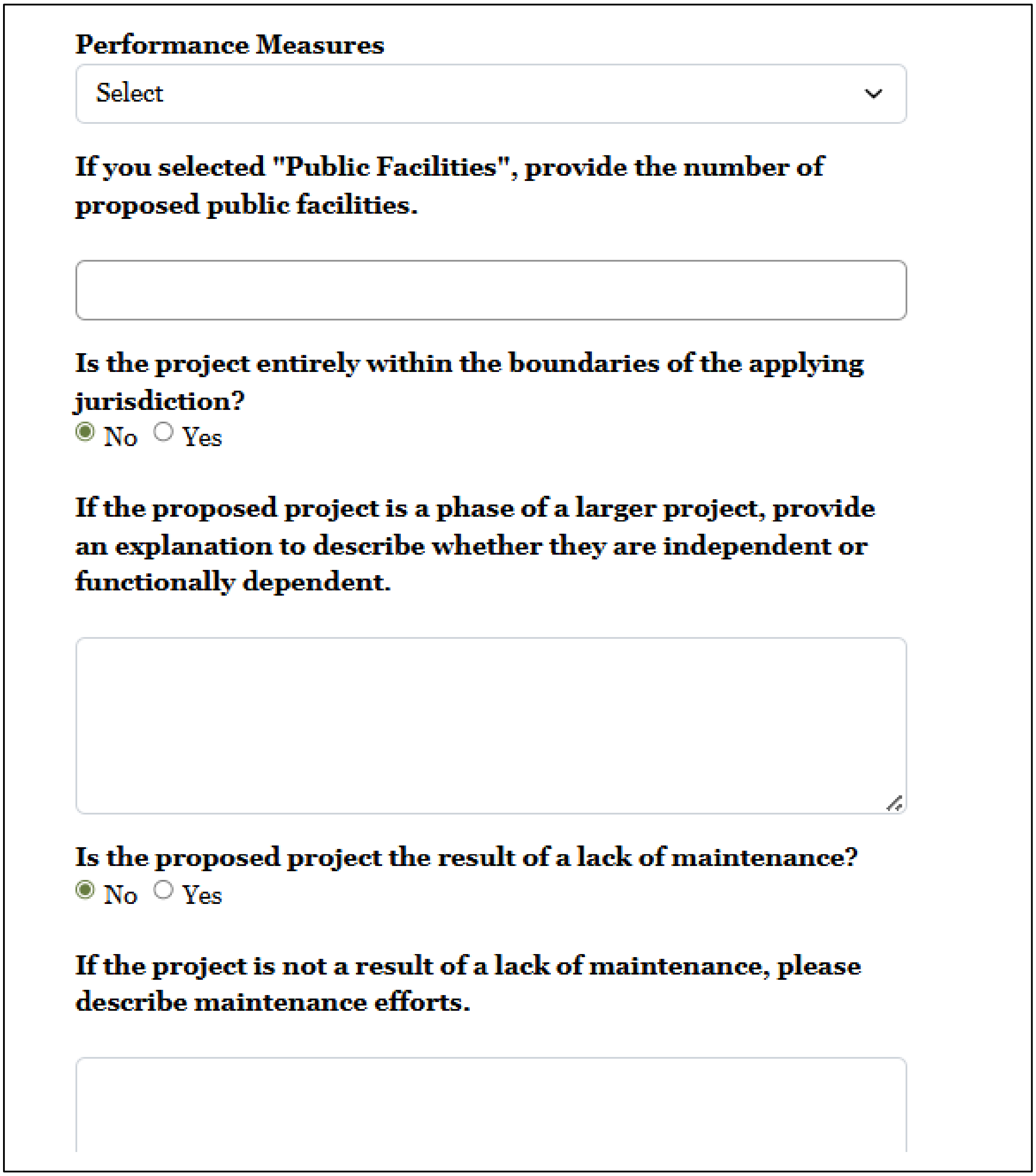
In accordance with the provisions in the updated Universal Notice, as amended, and the Allocation Announcement Notice, HUD has designated mitigation activities to be achieved by a mitigation set-aside amount in the Local Communities Program. Mitigation measures are defined as those activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters. GLO is requiring applicants participating in the 2024 Disasters LCP to report any mitigation measures incorporated in eligible disaster recovery activities.

Figure 27: Project Tab - Mitigation



- *Does the proposed project include any mitigation measures?* The applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection. Mitigation measures may include, but not limited to reinforcement of structures, flood and drainage activities, elevation of critical infrastructure, installation of generators for critical facilities, incorporation of resilient construction standards, or reduction in storm water runoff.
  - If *Yes,* the following questions will appear:
  - *Identify the specific risk the proposed project will mitigate against* – Please identify the adverse impact of not implementing the mitigation measure - the applicant must identify what risks will impact the project location and benefitting service area if the mitigation measure is not taken.
  - *Describe the mitigation measures, and associated costs* – Applicant to describe the type of mitigation measure(s) the proposed project will implement and how the implemented measures will advance resilience to current and future hazards. Applicant to input the estimated monetary value towards the associated mitigation costs of the project.
  - *Provide information about proposed efforts integrated into the community's emergency/resiliency plan* – Applicant to describe how the mitigation efforts of the proposed project integrate into local emergency and resiliency plans
  - *Describe how the proposed project integrates mitigation measures into rebuilding activities and achieves objectives outlined in community-level and/or regional post-disaster recovery and mitigation planning to reduce future risk* – Applicant to describe how the project's mitigation measures achieve community and regional disaster recovery efforts
  - *Considering the local evaluation of hazard risks, describe how the proposed project is consistent with local/regional planning for disaster mitigation* – Applicant to describe the consistency of the proposed project's considering the hazard risks identified locally and/or regionally

Figure 28: Project Tab - Project Information - Continued



Performance Measures

Select

If you selected "Public Facilities", provide the number of proposed public facilities.

Is the project entirely within the boundaries of the applying jurisdiction?

No Yes

If the proposed project is a phase of a larger project, provide an explanation to describe whether they are independent or functionally dependent.

Is the proposed project the result of a lack of maintenance?

No Yes

If the project is not a result of a lack of maintenance, please describe maintenance efforts.

- *Performance Measures*: Linear feet or Public Facilities to be selected via the dropdown selection. Do not document performance measures based on material.
- *If you selected "Linear Feet," provide the proposed total number of linear feet.* Enter the performance measure in total linear feet for the entire project. Project types such as street improvements, installation of water/sewer lines, ditch regrading, channel construction, etc.

- *If you selected "Public Facilities", provide the total number of proposed public facilities.* Enter the total number of public facilities that will be constructed or improved by the proposed project.
- *Is the project entirely within the boundaries of the applying jurisdiction?* – Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
- *If the project is a phase of a larger project, provide an explanation to describe whether they are independent or functionally dependent.* Projects that are identified as functionally independent, but part of a larger infrastructure improvement must be fully operational at construction completion, despite the status of improvements completed in other phases of the greater effort.
- *Is the need for the project a result of a lack of maintenance?* - Applicant to select Yes or No via the dropdown selection as appropriate. Proposed projects due to lack of maintenance are ineligible.
- *If the project is not a result of a lack of maintenance, please describe maintenance efforts.* - Applicant must describe local maintenance efforts that are on-going for the proposed project. Response should also capture efforts for maintenance after project completion. This should align with maintenance efforts outlined in the BJRC.

4.5.2 Project Schedule

Applicants are required to provide sufficient detail regarding the projected schedule for the completion of each project. To fulfill this requirement, the Project Schedule section in TIGR as well as the Fillable Schedule Format must be completed. To present the most accurate implementation schedule, please use August 1, 2026, as the start date to initiate the "Start-up Documentation" phase, which represents the estimated date to initiate contract start. NOTE: the actual start date will be based on the contract execution date.

From the date of contract execution, subrecipients will have a maximum of three years to complete the project. Submissions with a shorter projected timeline may result in a completion period of less than three years, so it is important for entities to carefully consider the timeline provided in their submission. Each project contract will have a specific timeline, which will vary based on the execution date and the project submission details.

The Schedule Phase options that are available in TIGR and on the Fillable Schedule format are defined below. Applicants must include all available schedule items that will occur during the contract term. Include at minimum: Start Up Documentation, Engineering Design, Environmental Review, Acquisition, Construction, Subrecipient Contract Closeout (Infrastructure).

Schedule Phase Definitions

Procurement of Grant Administration Service Provider: If the subrecipient plans on hiring a Grant Administration Service Provider, the requirements in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart D, specifically § 200.318 through § 200.327 must be followed. This may occur prior to contract execution.

Procurement of Environmental Service Provider: The subrecipient will follow the appropriate requirements in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart D, specifically § 200.318 through § 200.327 to procure an Environmental Service Provider. This may occur prior to contract execution.

Procurement of Engineering/Architectural Service Provider: The subrecipient will follow the appropriate requirements in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart D, specifically § 200.318 through § 200.327 to procure a, Engineering or Architectural Service Provider. This may occur prior to contract execution.

Start Up Documentation: During this phase, the subrecipient will provide documentation that is requested by the program prior to submitting the first draw. A period of 60 days will be documented in the executed contract to complete this phase. Do not exceed 60 days.

Engineering Design: This phase includes activities such as feasibility studies, site assessments, preparation of plans and specifications, special permitting (if applicable) and cost estimation.

Environmental Review: Applicants must consider any factors, such as special permitting, endangered species, wildlife migratory patterns and seasonal issues that may impact completion of the project. This phase concludes with the receipt of the Authority to Use Grant Funds (AUGF) or environmental clearance notification from the GLO. Projects must follow the project schedule milestones; however, any project needing extra time for environmental review should evaluate whether completing construction within the set contract schedule is feasible.

Acquisition: The process by which a subrecipient obtains real property or land through purchase, donation, or other means for the purpose of carrying out activities eligible under the 2024 Disasters LCP program. All acquisitions must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, including the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA), to ensure fair and equitable treatment of property owners and occupants. The purchase of real property or land may not occur until after the date of the AUGF.

Construction Bid Advertisement: The public notification process undertaken by a subrecipient to solicit competitive bids from qualified contractors for construction-related activities. This process ensures full and open competition, allowing potential bidders adequate time and information to prepare and submit proposals in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local procurement regulations, including 2 CFR Part 200.

Construction Contract Award: The formal process of selecting and legally committing to a contract with the most qualified and responsive bidder to execute construction-related activities. This decision is based on a transparent procurement process that adheres to federal, state, and local regulations, including the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, ensuring fair and open competition.

Construction NTP: A formal document issued by the subrecipient to the selected contractor, authorizing the commencement of construction activities as specified in the contract.

Construction: All work required to complete the project in accordance with approved plans and specifications.

Construction Completion: The date that all construction activities will be completed.

Submission of As-Builts/COCC/FWCR: The process of delivering final project documentation to confirm that construction activities have been completed in accordance with approved plans, specifications, and funding requirements.

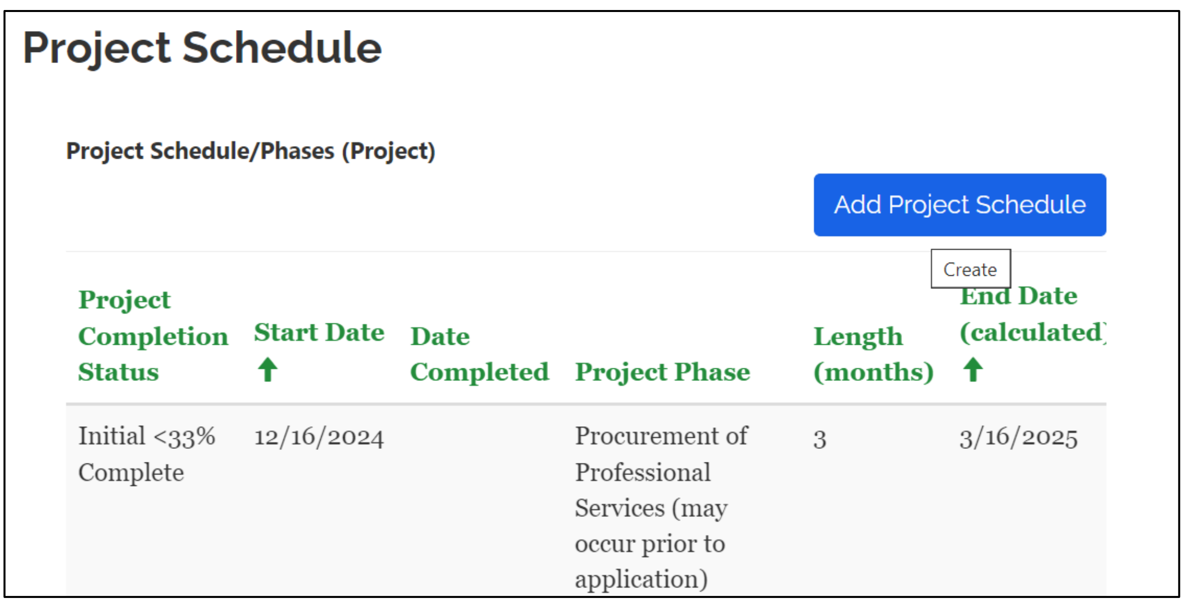
- *As-Builts*: Revised drawings or plans that reflect all changes made during construction, accurately documenting the final dimensions, materials, and locations for the completed project.
- *Certificate of Construction Completion (COCC)*: A formal document issued to verify that the project has been constructed and completed in compliance with all contractual obligations, program requirements, and applicable standards.
- *Final Wage Compliance Report (FWCR)*: A report submitted to confirm compliance with applicable federal labor laws, including the Davis-Bacon Act, documenting that all workers were paid prevailing wages and other labor standards were met.

Subrecipient Contract Closeout (Infrastructure): The submission of the grant completion report. This phase is limited to and should not exceed 30 days.

4.5.3 TIGR Project Schedule Entry

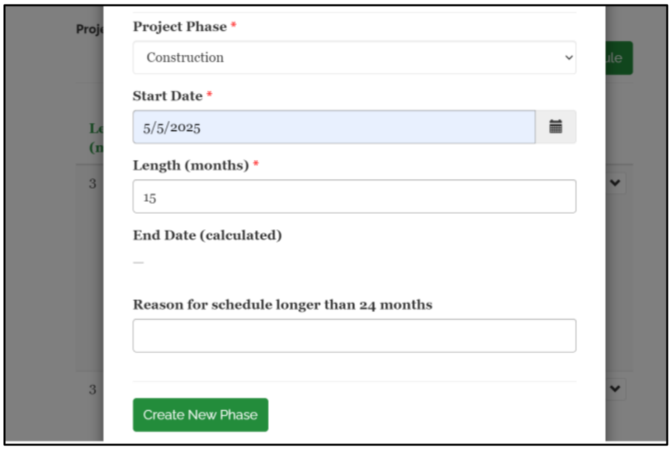
- Scroll to the *Project Schedule Section* and click "*Add Project Schedule*" .

Figure 29: Project Schedule



- Select the dropdown under *Project Phase* to select the applicable phase from the options listed above. Enter the *start date* in Month, Day, Year format and *length* of project in months and click '*Create New Phase."*

Figure 30: Project Schedule - Project Phase



- The newly created phase will appear on the overall project schedule grid in TIGR.
- *Start Date* – Applicant will enter start date in Month, Day, Year format.
- *Length months* – include the total number of months to complete the associated project phase.
- *End Date* – this field is calculated by TIGR based on applicant responses and may include overlap leading to a term longer than 36 months. Applicant must ensure the fillable schedule does not exceed 36 months, regardless of the total number of months calculated in the previous field or the end date represented in this field.
- Click “Create New Phase”. The newly created phase will appear on the overall project schedule grid in TIGR.

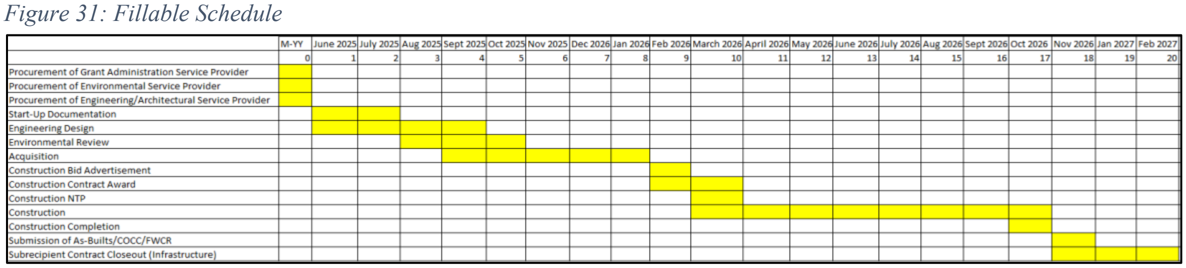
  NOTE: Applicant must ensure the overall project schedule does not exceed 36 months, regardless of the total number of months.

4.5.4 Instructions: Fillable Schedule

The fillable schedule format is available on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage.

- Type in the Applicant/Subrecipient name, Project Title, and TIGR Application ID at the top of the Project Schedule.
- Use August 1, 2026, as the start date to initiate Month 1, “Start-up Documentation” phase.

Figure 31: Fillable Schedule



- If procurement occurred prior to the Start-Up phase, indicate so by shading the box in the "0" column (B7 – B-9).
- Continue shading the appropriate boxes to enter the time needed for the remaining schedule items (example above).

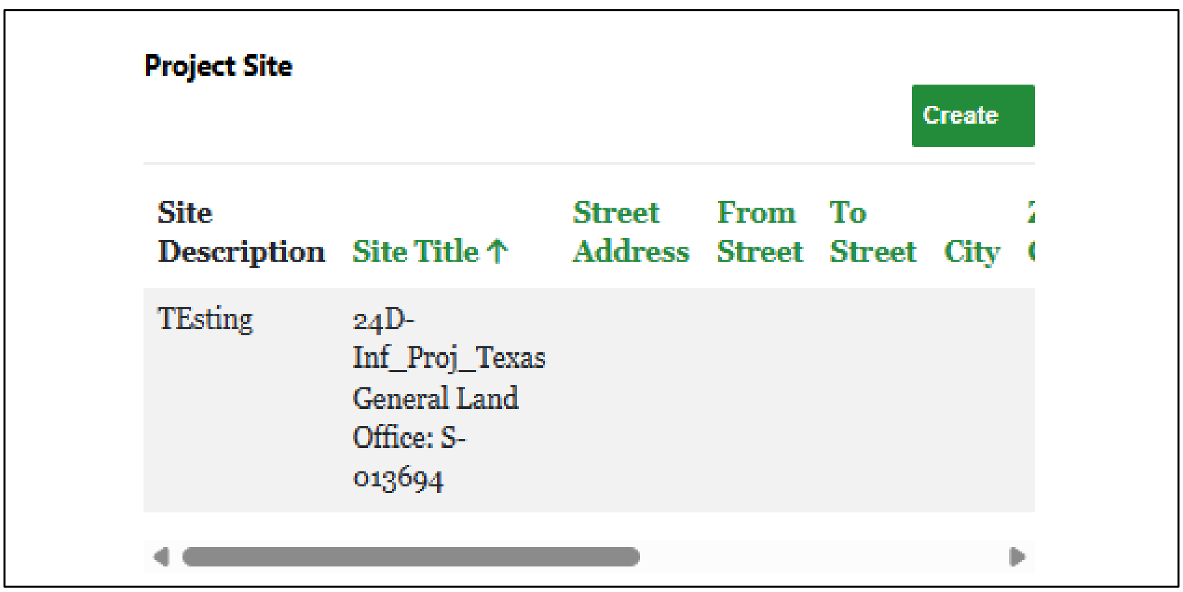
PDF and upload the project schedule in the Documents Tab using the following prompts:

- Program: Select available program
- Document Group: Project
- Document Type: Project Schedule
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

4.5.4 Project Site

For application purposes, a project is defined as having one project service area. Although one project can serve one project service area, there may be project sites at various locations throughout the service area.

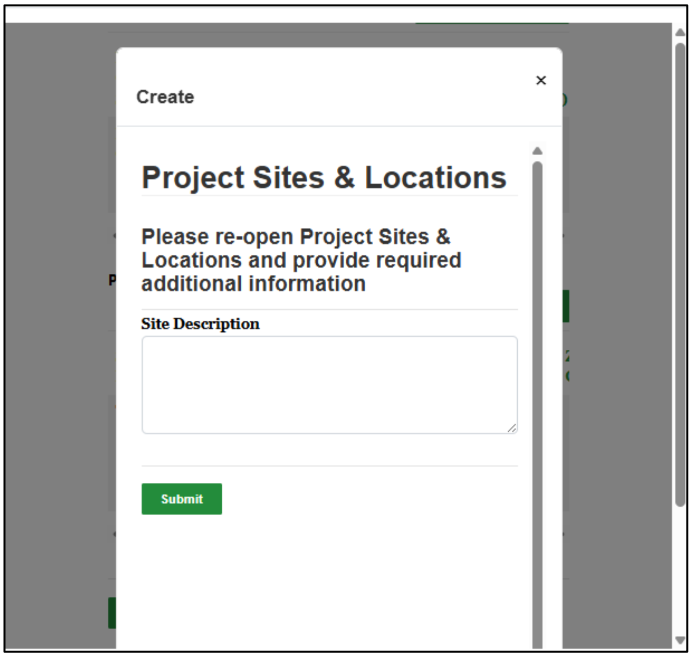
Figure 32: Project Site



TIGR will require a creation of a project site grid(s) in an effort to capture each project site location.

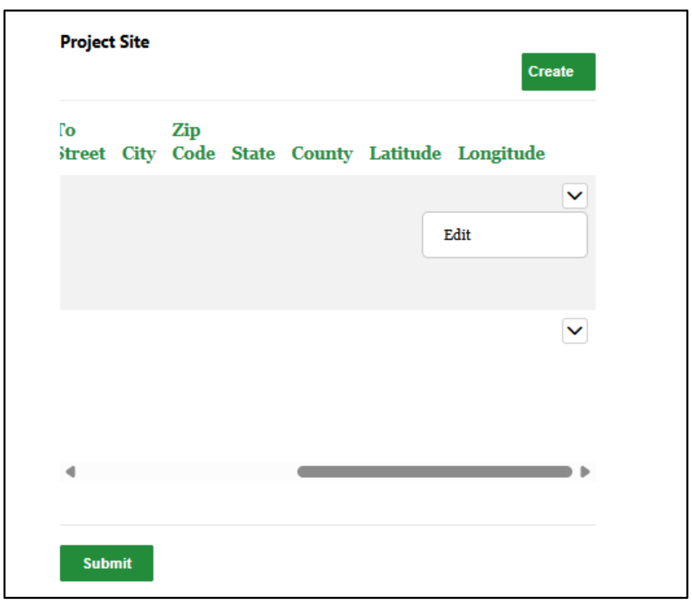
Under the project site section, click "Create".

Figure 33: Project Sites and Locations



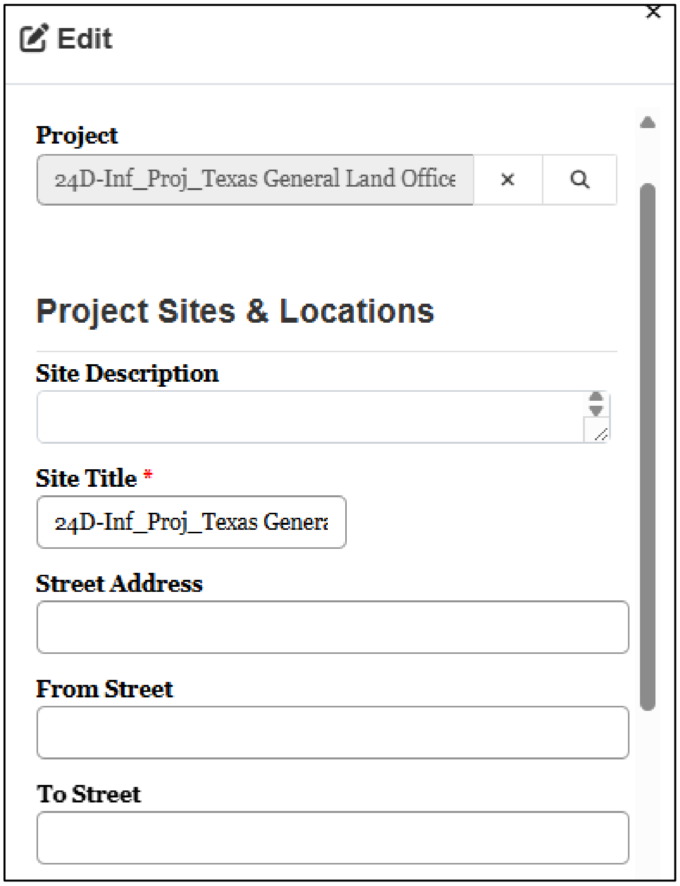
Applicant to provide a brief site description detailing work to be done on the specific project site. Click Submit.

Figure 34: Project Site Edit



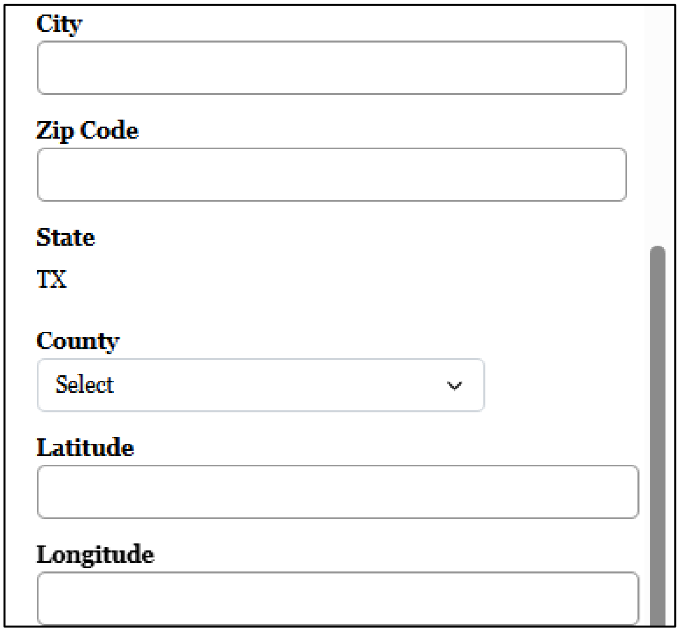
The site grid will appear, click to dropdown arrow and select “Edit”.

Figure 35: Project Site Edit- Continued



- *Project* – The project title will be pre-populated from prior entry in this section.
- *Site Description* – The site description will be pre-populated from prior entry in grid creation
- *Site Title* – Applicant to provide a distinctive site title for each project site creation (e.g. Green Acres Road, Lift Station 1, etc)
- *Street Address* – Applicant to provide street address, if no to or from street can be provided (i.e. public facilities)
- *From Street* – Applicant to identify the beginning cross street, or closest available, for the stretch of work to be completed
- *To Street* - Applicant to identify the ending cross street, or closest available, for the stretch of work to be completed

Figure 36: Project Site Edit- Continued



- *City* – Applicant to enter respective City
- *Zip Code* – Applicant to enter respective Zip Code
- *County* – Applicant to enter respective County
- *Latitude* – Applicant to enter midpoint (centroid) coordinates for latitude in decimal degrees to five decimal places. For project sites that cannot be measured in verifiable linear feet, enter exact location coordinates.
- *Longitude* – Applicant to enter midpoint (centroid) coordinates for longitude in decimal degrees to five decimal places. For project sites that cannot be measured in verifiable linear feet, enter exact location coordinates.

4.5.5 Service Area Detail

A project service area consists of the geographic area in which the proposed project will be implemented and ultimately provide benefit to the defined population.

Each project service area detail must satisfy the requirements identified above by providing sufficient information to clearly identify the proposed project, specify the location to the greatest extent possible:

- Specify the populations who will receive benefit from the recovery project;
- Indicate whether acquisition (i.e., real property, easements or rights-of-way) is required;
- Clearly describe the scope of work;
- Identify environmental review expectations;
- Provide realistic timelines and deliverables; and
- Outline funding detail to include any other funding to be used.

4.5.6 Mapping

A map must be provided, as detailed in section (4.3.4 Beneficiary Map(s)) of this guide, that shows the location of the proposed project with clearly marked coordinates and labels of the project elements, including any other necessary identifying information. Maps must be titled and/or numbered with the corresponding project title. Coordinates (i.e., latitude and longitude) are required for each project site, with start, center/middle (i.e., centroid) and end location for projects with verifiable linear feet, if applicable. For project sites that are measured in verifiable linear feet, linear feet should be provided for each site. Latitude and longitude must be provided in decimal degrees to five decimal places (e.g., 30.35860) within both the TIGR Project Summary field and the project map.

Latitude

Enter the latitude point of the project in the TIGR Project Summary field for each proposed site as outlined above. If the project performance is to be measured in linear feet, enter the start, center/middle (i.e., centroid) and end location latitude points.

Example: 30.35860

Longitude

Enter the longitude point of the project in the TIGR Project Summary field for each proposed site as outlined above. If the project performance is to be measured in linear feet, enter the start, center/middle (i.e., centroid) and end location longitude points.

Example: -97.74747

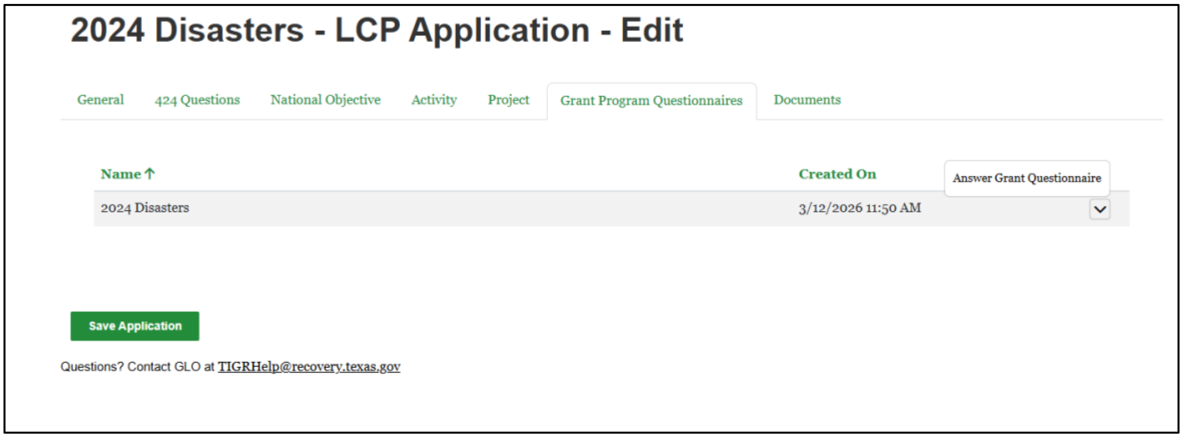
Project area mapping is a required element for every proposed project. Project area map information must coincide with and be supported by beneficiary map information. You will upload these map documents, as defined in section (4.3.4 Beneficiary Map(s)) of this guide, in the "Documents" tab of the TIGR application once your project has been created.

Upload all necessary project area maps along with any explanatory documentation.

- *Document Group*: Project
- *Document Type*: Maps
- *Document Title*: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

4.6 Grant Program Questionnaires

Figure 37: Grant Program Questionnaires Tab



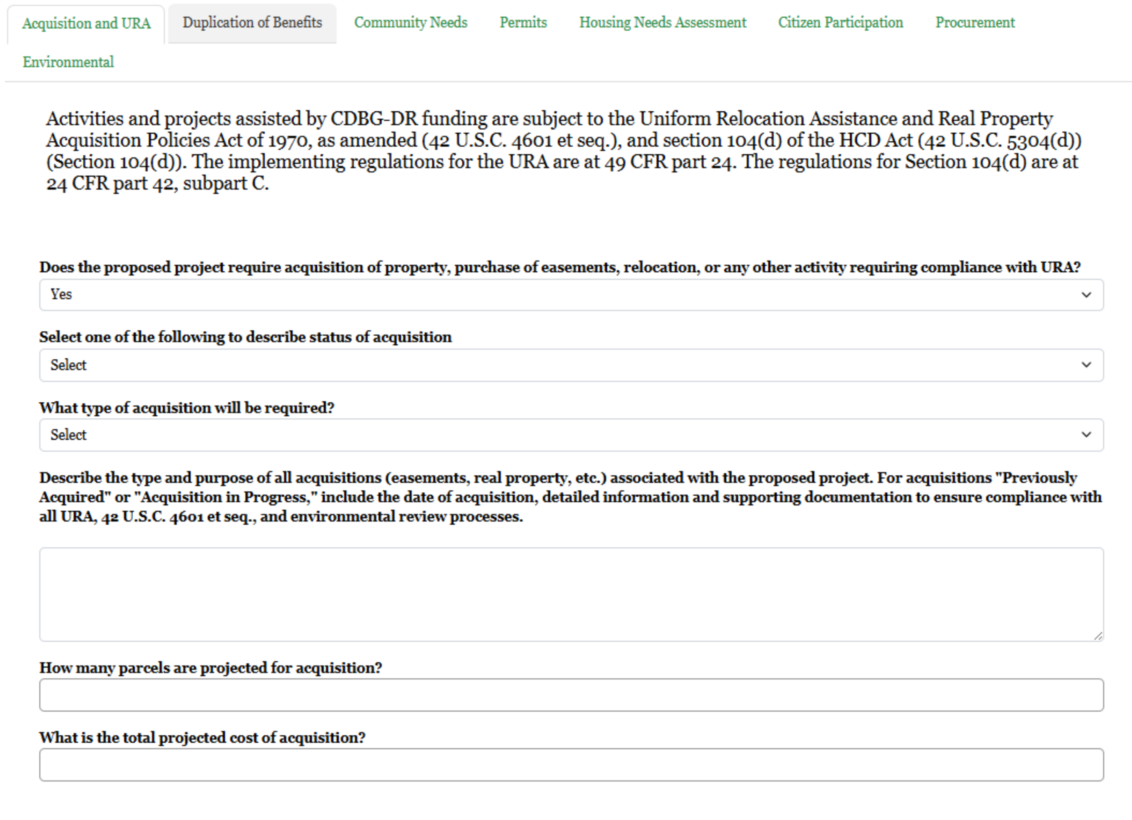
To answer the Grant Program questions, click the dropdown arrow and select *Answer Grant Questionnaire*. Subsections of the Grant Program Questionnaire include:

1. Acquisition and URA
2. Duplication of Benefits
3. Community Needs
4. Permits
5. Housing Needs Assessment
6. Citizen Participation
7. Procurement
8. Environmental

4.6.1 Acquisition and URA

Activities and projects assisted by CDBG-DR funding are subject to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.), and section 104(d) of the HCD Act (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)). Implementing regulations for the URA are at 49 CFR part 24. The regulations for Section 104(d) are at 24 CFR part 42, subpart C.

Figure 38: Grant Program Questionnaires - Acquisition and URA Tab



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Does the proposed project require acquisition of property, purchase of easements, relocation, or any other activity requiring compliance with URA?
Yes

Select one of the following to describe status of acquisition
Select

What type of acquisition will be required?
Select

Describe the type and purpose of all acquisitions (easements, real property, etc.) associated with the proposed project. For acquisitions "Previously Acquired" or "Acquisition in Progress," include the date of acquisition, detailed information and supporting documentation to ensure compliance with all URA, 42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq., and environmental review processes.

How many parcels are projected for acquisition?

What is the total projected cost of acquisition?

- *Does the project require acquisition of property, purchase of easements, relocation, or any other activity requiring compliance with URA?*
  Applicant to select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
- *Select one of the following to describe status of acquisition.* The applicant will select the appropriate option from the dropdown menu. *NOTE*: This section may appear even if the applicant indicates “no” to the first question. If this occurs, please enter *N/A*.
  - *Previously Acquired*
  - *Acquisition in Progress*
  - *To be Acquired*
  - *N/A*
- *What type of acquisition will be required?* The applicant will select the appropriate option from the dropdown menu. *NOTE*: This section may appear even if the applicant indicates “no” to the first question. If this occurs, please select *N/A*. To determine the type of acquisition that will be required for the proposed project, see Chapter 8 of the GLO Implementation Manual.
  - *Voluntary*
  - *Involuntary*
  - *To Be Determined*
  - *N/A*
- *Describe the type and purpose of all acquisitions (easements, real property, etc.) associated with the proposed project*. For acquisitions "Previously Acquired" or

"Acquisition in Progress," include the date of acquisition, detailed information and supporting documentation to ensure compliance with all URA, 42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq., and environmental review processes. *NOTE*: see Chapter 8 of the GLO Implementation Manual for additional guidance.

- The following questions will populate if "Yes" was answered to *Does the project require acquisition of property, purchase of easements, relocation, or any other activity requiring compliance with URA?*
    - *How many parcels are projected for acquisition*? – Applicant must document an estimated number of parcels and associated costs in line with the application budget.
    - *What is the total projected cost of acquisition*? - Applicant must document an estimated number of parcels and associated costs in line with the application budget.

Documents may be uploaded by clicking on the "*Create*" button. Documentation to support acquisition can be uploaded by using the following prompts:

- Program: Program will be pre-populated
- Document Group: Acquisitions and URA
- Document Type: Acquisitions
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

4.6.2 Duplication of Benefits

As stated in the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 115– 56, approved September 8, 2017) the use of funds for activities reimbursable by, or for which funds are made available by, FEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or any other Federal program are prohibited. This non-duplication of benefits restriction that prohibits the use of funds for activities reimbursable by other means remains in effect and cannot be waived. Therefore, GLO must ensure that disaster recovery projects comply with this restriction.

Common sources of potentially duplicative funding include but are not limited to:

- FEMA
- SBA
- Insurance
- Other sources of local, state, and federal funding

FEMA: Any entity with a project that sustained direct damage must have applied for FEMA Public Assistance. CDBG-DR funding may be used as the non-federal share for FEMA grants that include a cost sharing requirement. If FEMA PA funds were used for the proposed project, an explanation regarding why funds are needed above and beyond the FEMA funding is required. An award letter or similar document indicating funds received, scope of work, and amount received will be required.

Small Business Administration (SBA): All SBA proceeds received for benefit of any project proposed in this application must be fully disclosed and detailed to ensure that funds are used most efficiently, and that duplication of benefit does not occur.

If SBA funding was received, provide all relevant documentation and evidence of funds committed/received/expended on the proposed project.

Insurance Coverage: Any and all insurance proceeds received for benefit of any project proposed in this application must be fully disclosed and detailed to ensure that funds are used most efficiently, and that duplication of benefit does not occur.

If insurance proceeds were received, provide all relevant insurance documentation and evidence of funds committed/received/expended on the proposed project. Also, explain why funds are needed above and beyond the insurance funding.

If a policy was in place for the proposed project, but a claim was not made, provide an explanation as to why.

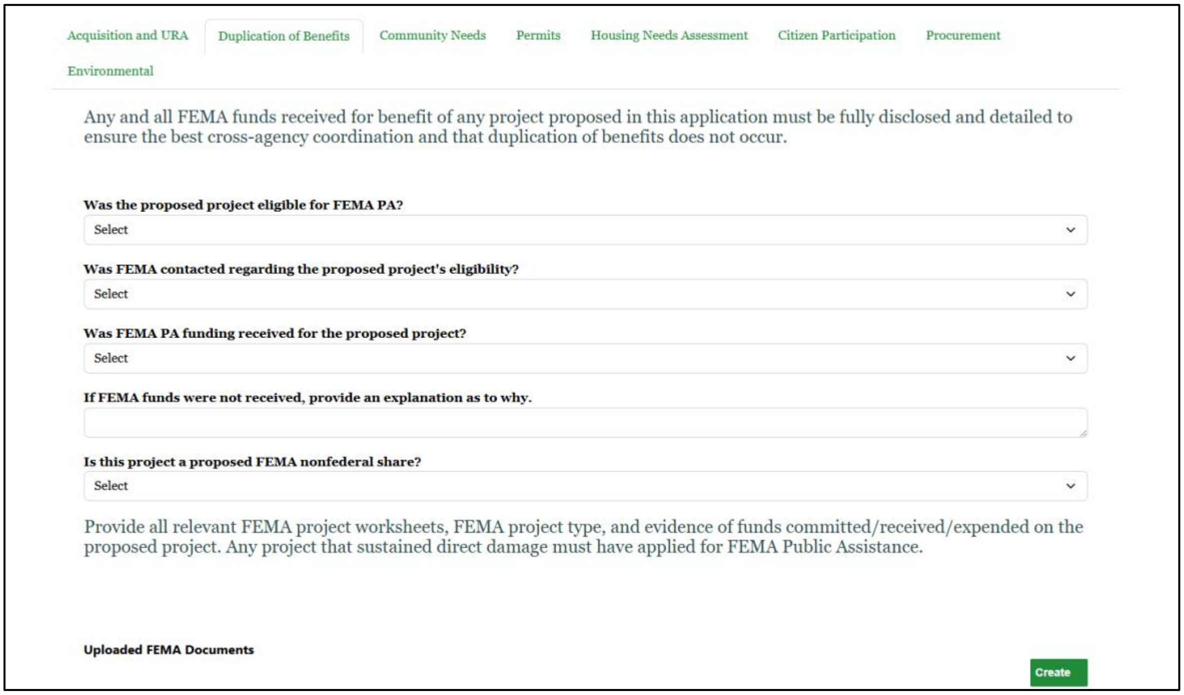
Other Local, State, or Federal Funding: Any and all funds identified for use on any project proposed in an application must be fully disclosed and detailed to ensure accuracy in the budget, eligible use of all funds, schedule coordination, and that a duplication of benefit does not occur.

If other funds are available to address the proposed project in whole or in part, report all sources of that funding and reflect the specific uses (e.g. construction, engineering, administration, environmental) and amounts in the application budget.

Documentation identifying other state and/or federal agencies contacted for funding and the results of the funding must be provided.

Overall, any and all insurance proceeds received for benefit of any project proposed in this application must be fully disclosed and detailed to ensure that funds are used most efficiently, and that duplication of benefit does not occur. Any and all funds identified for use on any project proposed in an application must be fully disclosed and detailed to ensure accuracy in the budget, eligible use of all funds, schedule coordination, and that a duplication of benefit does not occur. Make sure the information is complete and matches the budget provided.

Figure 39: Grant Program Questionnaires - Duplication of Benefits Tab - FEMA

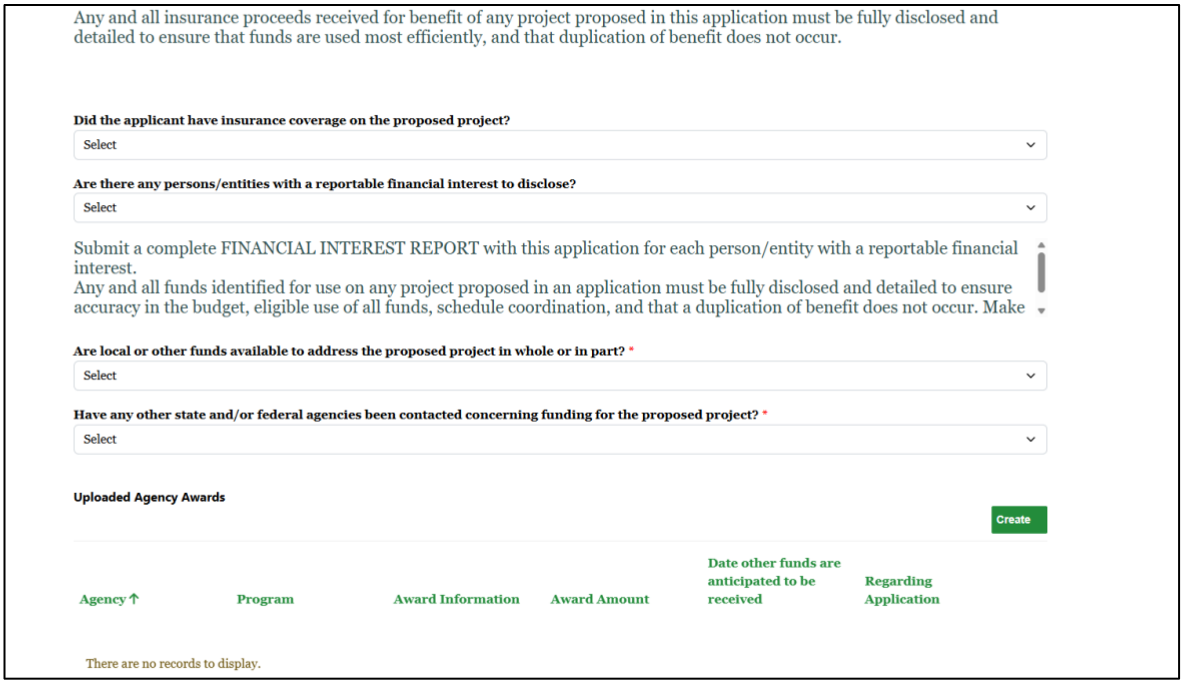


- *Was the proposed project eligible for FEMA PA?* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
- *Was FEMA contacted regarding the proposed project's eligibility?* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection. Any entity with a project that sustained direct damage must have applied for FEMA Public Assistance.
- *If Yes, did you receive FEMA PA*? Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown.
- *Was FEMA PA funding received for the proposed project?* Applicant will select *Yes* or *No* via the dropdown selection. If the response is Yes, provide the applicable documentation to support funding received for the proposed project. If FEMA PA funds were used for the proposed project, an explanation regarding why funds are needed above and beyond the FEMA funding is required.
- *If FEMA funds were not received, provide an explanation as to why.* Applicant will use this field to explain why FEMA funds were not received at the time of the disaster in accordance with the response to a previous question. If this field is not applicable, mark N/A.
- *Is this project a proposed FEMA nonfederal share?* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown. The applicant must provide details of the overall budget for the proposed project and explain the need for the non-federal share requested in the application.
- *Upload FEMA Documents*: Applicant must upload all relevant FEMA project worksheets, FEMA project type, and evidence of funds committed/received/expended on the proposed project. Any project that sustained direct damage must have applied for FEMA Public Assistance.

Documents may be uploaded by clicking on the "*Create*" button. Documentation to support permits can be uploaded by using the following prompts:

- Program: Program will be pre-populated
- Document Group: Budget
- Document Type: Documentation of other funding (FEMA, insurance, Small Business Administration, etc.)
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

Figure 40: Grant Program Questionnaires - Duplication of Benefits Tab - Insurance



Any and all insurance proceeds received for benefit of any project proposed in this application must be fully disclosed and detailed to ensure that funds are used most efficiently, and that duplication of benefit does not occur.

Did the applicant have insurance coverage on the proposed project?
Select

Are there any persons/entities with a reportable financial interest to disclose?
Select

Submit a complete FINANCIAL INTEREST REPORT with this application for each person/entity with a reportable financial interest.
Any and all funds identified for use on any project proposed in an application must be fully disclosed and detailed to ensure accuracy in the budget, eligible use of all funds, schedule coordination, and that a duplication of benefit does not occur. Make

Are local or other funds available to address the proposed project in whole or in part? *
Select

Have any other state and/or federal agencies been contacted concerning funding for the proposed project? *
Select

Uploaded Agency Awards

Create

Agency ↑	Program	Award Information	Award Amount	Date other funds are anticipated to be received	Regarding Application

There are no records to display.

- *Did the applicant have insurance coverage on the proposed project?* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
    - If *Yes*, the following questions will appear:
    - *Name of Insurance Company*.
    - *Was a claim filed with insurance for the proposed project?* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
        - If *Yes*, the following question will appear:
        - *Amount claimed/received for the project*
        - If *No*, the following question will appear:
        - *If a claim was not filed, please explain below*
- *Are there any persons/entities with a reportable financial interest to disclose*? Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
  NOTE: A complete FINANCIAL INTEREST REPORT must be submitted with this application for each person/entity with a reportable financial interest.
- *Are local or other funds available to address the proposed project in whole or in part?* Applicant to select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
- *Have any other state and/or federal agencies been contacted concerning funding for the proposed project?* Applicant to select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.

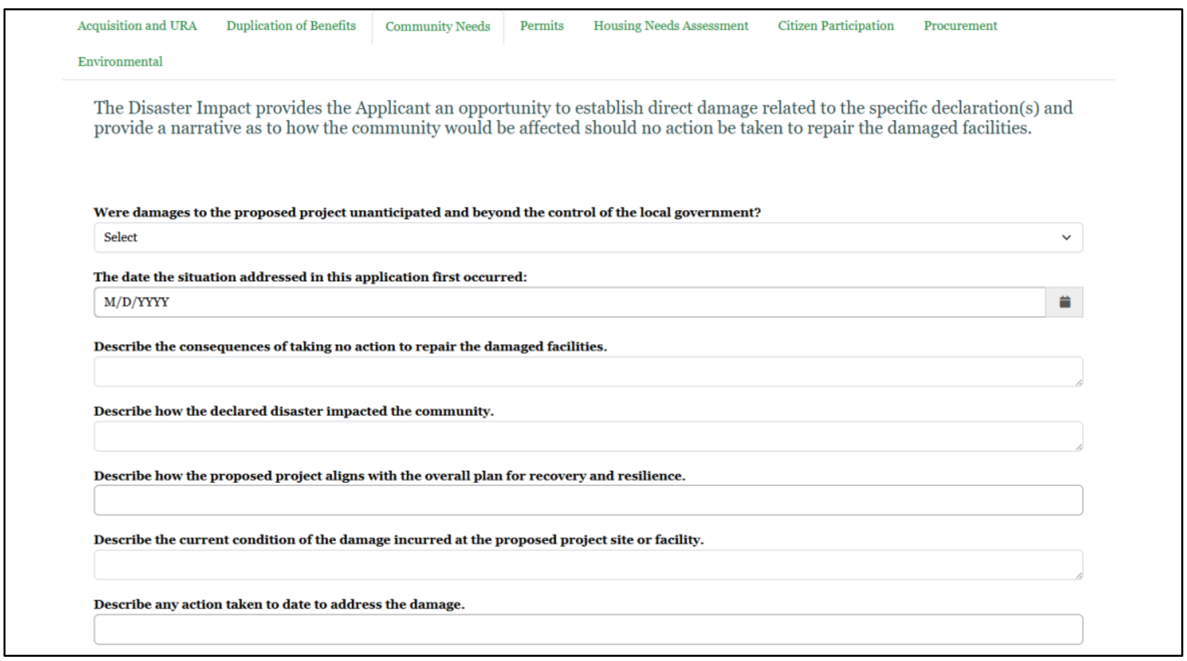
Documents may be uploaded by clicking on the "*Create*" button. Documentation to support agency awards can be uploaded by using the following prompts:

- Program: Program will be pre-populated
- Document Group: Duplication of Benefits
- Document Type: DOB Documentation
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

4.6.3 Community Needs

The Community Needs section provides the applicant an opportunity to establish the disaster impact associated with the proposed project. Applicant must identify the direct damage related to the specific declaration(s) for the 2024 Disasters and provide a narrative describing the community impact if action is not taken to address the proposed project.

Figure 41: Grant Program Questionnaires - Community Needs Tab



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The Disaster Impact provides the Applicant an opportunity to establish direct damage related to the specific declaration(s) and provide a narrative as to how the community would be affected should no action be taken to repair the damaged facilities.

Were damages to the proposed project unanticipated and beyond the control of the local government?
Select

The date the situation addressed in this application first occurred:
M/D/YYYY

Describe the consequences of taking no action to repair the damaged facilities.

Describe how the declared disaster impacted the community.

Describe how the proposed project aligns with the overall plan for recovery and resilience.

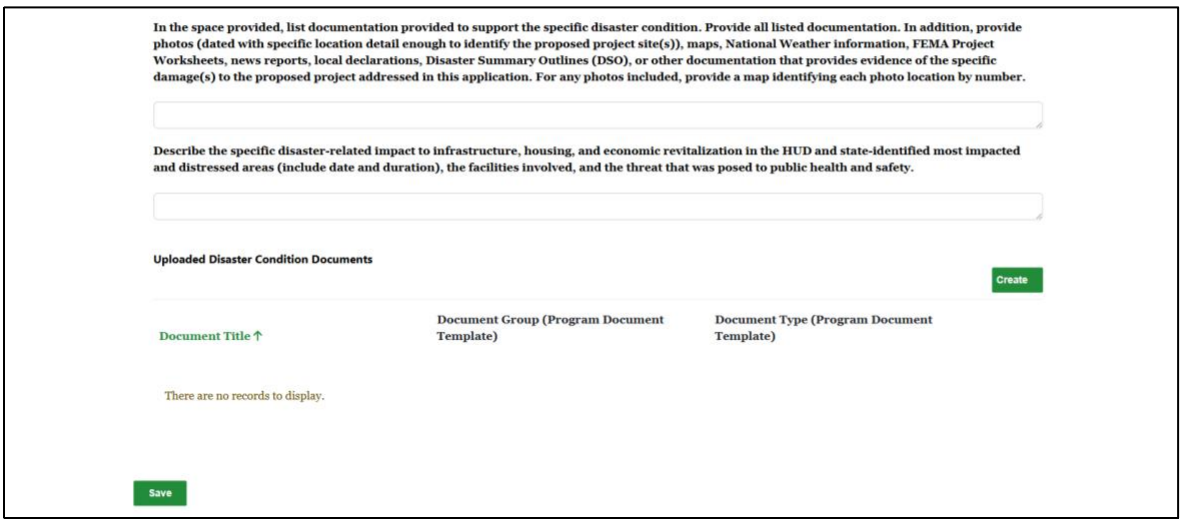
Describe the current condition of the damage incurred at the proposed project site or facility.

Describe any action taken to date to address the damage.

- *Were the damages to the proposed project unanticipated and beyond the control of the local government?* – Applicant to select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
- *The date the situation addressed in the application first occurred*. – Applicant to select date the situation first occurred as a result of the disaster. Response should be Month, Day and Year. The date the situation first occurred must align with the supporting documentation to establish tie-back for the presidentially declared event.
- *Describe the consequences of taking no action to repair the damaged facilities*. – Applicant should explain the impact to the service area if action is not taken through the proposed project.

- *Describe how the declared disaster impacted the community* – Applicant must explain how the disaster impacted the community overall and provide details of the impact to the proposed project service area.
- *Describe how the proposed project aligns with the overall plan for recovery and resilience* – Applicant must explain how the proposed project aligns with the entity's plan for disaster recovery to build resilience.
- *Describe the current condition of the damage incurred at the proposed project site or facility* – Applicant should explain the current condition, including descriptions of the type and severity of the damage at the proposed project site.
- *Describe any action taken to date to address the damage* –The applicant should explain in detail whether the damages caused have been repaired or patched in any way, and whether subsequent disaster recovery activities were impacted by the existing damage. If repairs to the damage have been made, the applicant should explain how unmet need still exists.

Figure 42: Grant Program Questionnaires - Community Needs Tab Continued



- *In the space provided, list documentation provided to support the specific disaster condition.* – Provide all applicable documentation including, but not limited to photos dated with specific location detail to align with the proposed project location, maps, National Weather Service information, FEMA Project Worksheets, news reports, local declarations, Disaster Summary Outlines (DSO), or other documentation that provides evidence of the specific damage(s) to the proposed project addressed in this application. For any photos included, provide a map identifying each photo location by number.
- *Describe the specific disaster-related impact to infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization in the HUD and state-identified most impacted and distressed areas (include date and duration), the facilities involved, and the threat that was posed to public health and safety.*
- *Upload Disaster Condition Documents* – Documentation is required to support the specific disaster condition for the proposed project area and its intended beneficiaries.

All activities must show documented proof of impact by the declared disaster(s). 2024 Disasters LCP funds must be used for disaster-related expenses ONLY.

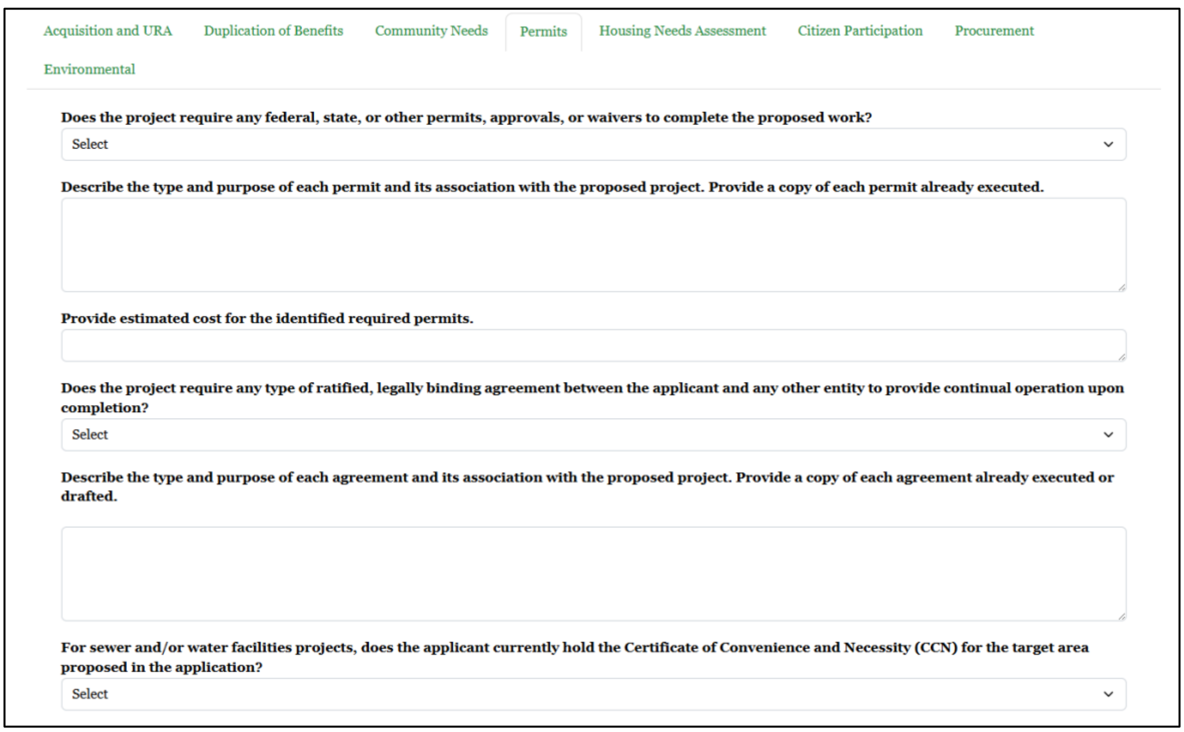
Documents may be uploaded by clicking on the "*Create*" button. Documentation to support disaster tie-back can be uploaded by using the following prompts:

- Program: Program will be pre-populated
- Document Group: Community Needs
- Document Type: Community Needs Documentation
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

4.6.5 Permits

Applicant must identify any federal, state, or other permits, approvals, or waivers required to complete the proposed project. A copy of the applicable permit or other document must be submitted to GLO to comply at the appropriate time.

Figure 43: Grant Program Questionnaires - Permits Tab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Does the project require any federal, state, or other permits, approvals, or waivers to complete the proposed work?
Select

Describe the type and purpose of each permit and its association with the proposed project. Provide a copy of each permit already executed.

Provide estimated cost for the identified required permits.

Does the project require any type of ratified, legally binding agreement between the applicant and any other entity to provide continual operation upon completion?
Select

Describe the type and purpose of each agreement and its association with the proposed project. Provide a copy of each agreement already executed or drafted.

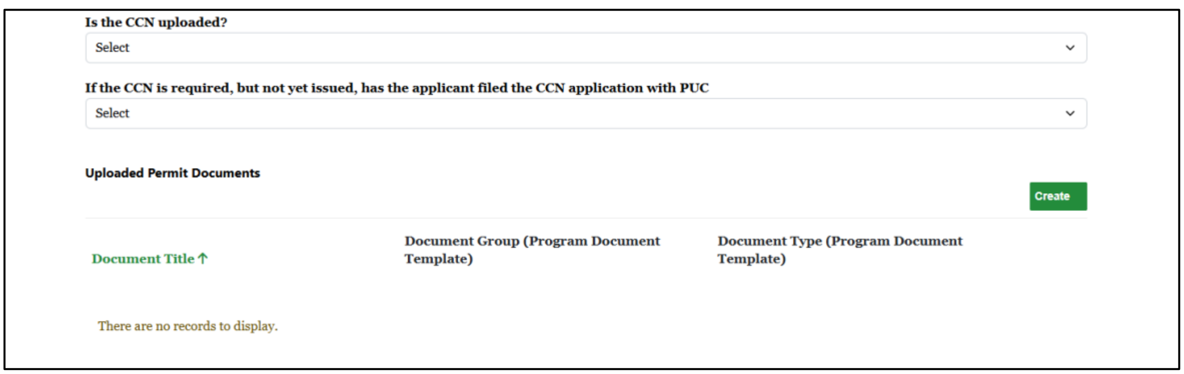
For sewer and/or water facilities projects, does the applicant currently hold the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) for the target area proposed in the application?
Select

Applicant will respond to the following questions in this section:

- *Does the project require any federal, state, or other permits, approvals, or waivers to complete the proposed work?* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown.
  - *If yes*, *describe the type and purpose of each permit and its association with the proposed project. Provide a copy of each permit already executed.* Applicant should describe the type and purpose of each permit and provide details for the permit affects the proposed project.

- *Provide estimated cost for identified required permits*. Applicant should provide the estimated cost associated with the identified permits.
- *Does the project require any type of ratified, legally binding agreement between the applicant and any other entity to provide continual operation upon completion?* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
    - If *yes*, *describe the type and purpose of each agreement and its association with the proposed project*. Provide a copy of each agreement already executed or drafted as a supporting document.
- *For sewer and/or water facilities projects, does the applicant currently hold the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) for the target area proposed in the application?* Applicant will select Yes, No or N/A via the dropdown selection. Applicants must provide a copy of the CCN, if applicable to confirm the proposed water or sewer project is within the applicant's jurisdiction.
    - *NOTE*: If the applicant does not have a CCN because they are a municipality, a map showing the municipal service area must be uploaded as a supporting document. The service area map must include the service area boundary and the municipal boundary, and both must be labeled.

Figure 44: Grant Program Questionnaires - Permits Tab - Continued



- *Is the CCN uploaded?* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown.
- *If a CCN is required, but not yet issued, has the applicant filed the CCN application with PUC.* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection. This question applies in situations where the applicant does not hold the CCN but is in the process of applying for the applicable CCN from PUC. In this scenario, the applicant will provide documentation to indicate an application has been filed with PUC for the CCN associated with the proposed project.

Documents may be uploaded by clicking on the "*Create*" button. Documentation to support permits can be uploaded by using the following prompts:

- Program: Program will be pre-populated
- Document Group: Environmental
- Document Type: Copies of required permits
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

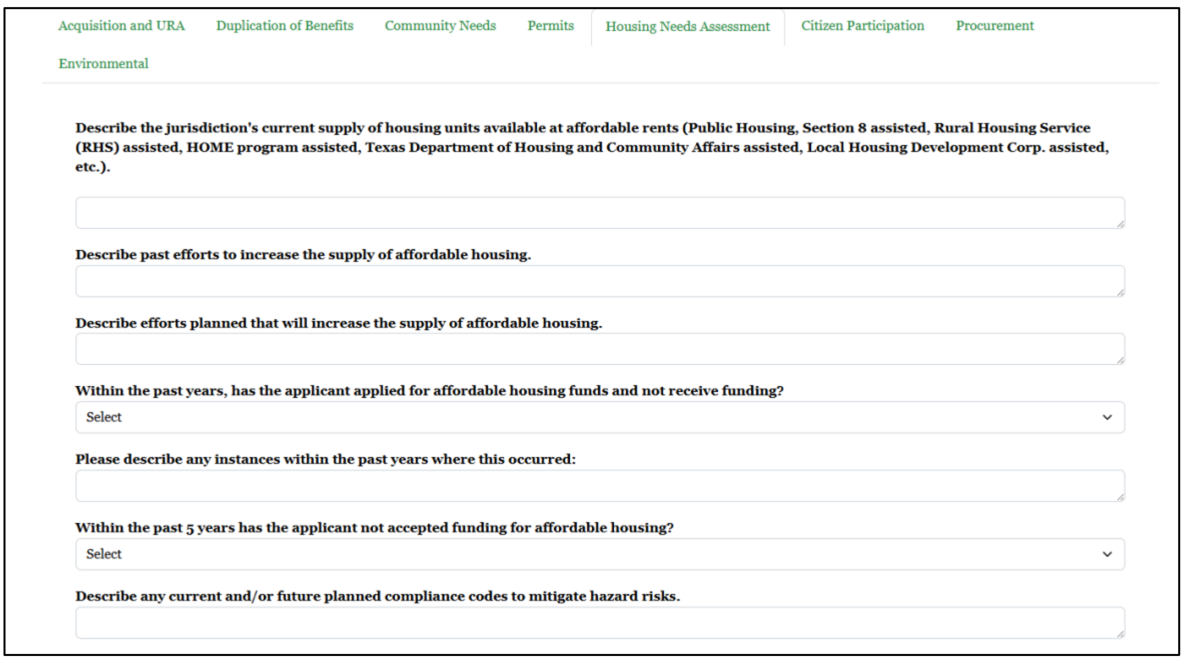
For any legally binding agreements, applicant to upload in the Documents Tab using the following prompts:

- Program: Select available program
- Document Group: Application Submission
- Document Type: MOU, ILA, or other binding documentation
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

4.6.6 Housing Needs Assessment

Any locality receiving 2024 Disasters LCP infrastructure funds must identify and assess their housing needs as part of their recovery plan and indicate how the proposed infrastructure project supports housing. CDBG-DR infrastructure projects must support an applicant's housing needs.

Figure 45:Grant Program Questionnaires - Housing Needs Assessment Tab



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Describe the jurisdiction's current supply of housing units available at affordable rents (Public Housing, Section 8 assisted, Rural Housing Service (RHS) assisted, HOME program assisted, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs assisted, Local Housing Development Corp. assisted, etc.).

Describe past efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing.

Describe efforts planned that will increase the supply of affordable housing.

Within the past years, has the applicant applied for affordable housing funds and not receive funding?

Select

Please describe any instances within the past years where this occurred:

Within the past 5 years has the applicant not accepted funding for affordable housing?

Select

Describe any current and/or future planned compliance codes to mitigate hazard risks.

Provide responses to the questions below regarding the applicants' housing needs.

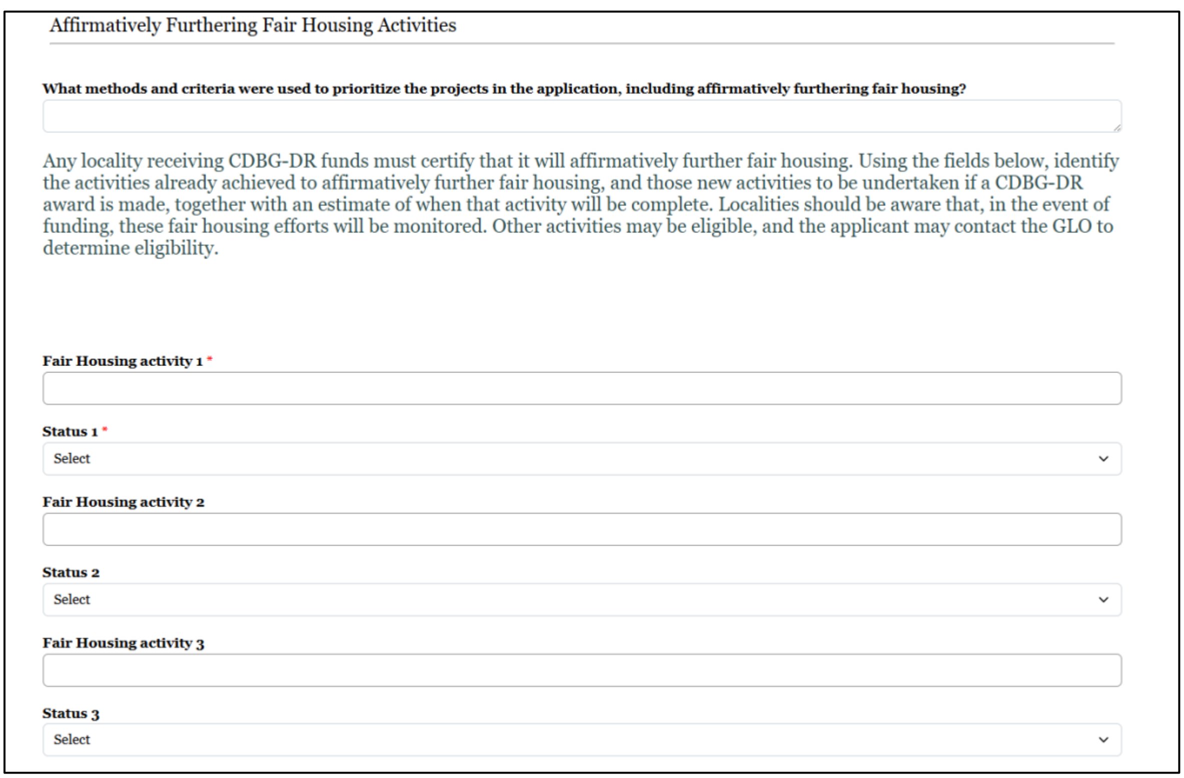
- *Describe the jurisdiction's current supply of housing units available at affordable rents (Public Housing, Section 8 assisted, Rural Housing Service (RHS) assisted, HOME program assisted, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs assisted, Local Housing Development Corp. assisted, etc.)* Applicant will provide details regarding the availability of affordable rental housing units within their jurisdiction.
- *Describe past efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing.* Applicant will provide details regarding any action taken by the jurisdiction to increase the number of affordable housing units.

- *Describe efforts planned that will increase the supply of affordable housing.* Applicant will provide details regarding any plans to increase the number of affordable housing units within the jurisdiction.
- *Within the past 5 years, has the applicant applied for affordable housing funds and received funding?* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
  - If Yes, provide details regarding any funds applied for or received for affordable housing units within the past five years.
  - If *No*, the applicant will explain why applications for funding have not been submitted.
- *Within the past 5 years has the applicant not accepted funding for affordable housing?* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown selection.
- *Describe any current and/or future planned compliance codes to mitigate hazard risks.* Applicant should describe any current or future efforts regarding the jurisdiction's compliance codes that may contribute to mitigating any hazard risks to the jurisdiction.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Activities

Applicants must certify that the grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619), and implementing regulations, and that it will affirmatively further fair housing.

Figure 46: Grant Program Questionnaires - Housing Needs Assessment Tab - Continued



Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Activities

What methods and criteria were used to prioritize the projects in the application, including affirmatively furthering fair housing?

Any locality receiving CDBG-DR funds must certify that it will affirmatively further fair housing. Using the fields below, identify the activities already achieved to affirmatively further fair housing, and those new activities to be undertaken if a CDBG-DR award is made, together with an estimate of when that activity will be complete. Localities should be aware that, in the event of funding, these fair housing efforts will be monitored. Other activities may be eligible, and the applicant may contact the GLO to determine eligibility.

Fair Housing activity 1 *

Status 1 *

Select

Fair Housing activity 2

Status 2

Select

Fair Housing activity 3

Status 3

Select

- *What methods and criteria were used to prioritize the projects in the application, including affirmatively furthering fair housing?* Provide a narrative to address at minimum the following:
  - Explain why the proposed project was selected.
  - Identify the selected project location and explain why the project could not be implemented at any other location.
  - Identify the project beneficiaries and how the outcomes will affect and/or benefit them in the future.
    - Address and identify any benefits as well as any adverse effects to the community.
    - Use Census data to support beneficiary information. Consider the protected classes data.
    - Provide details regarding protected classes.
    - Describe the needs identified in any areas of higher concentration of protected classes. Are those needs eligible for CDBG-2024 Disasters LCP funding?
    - Does the proposed project address any issues regarding patterns of segregation?
    - Will the proposed project remove disparities in access to opportunities?

- Applicant will respond to the following questions in this section:
  - *Fair Housing activity 1 – 4*: Describe the fair housing activity. See GLO Implementation Manual Chapter 11.4.2 for additional information
  - *Status:* Applicant to select status of *Planned* or *Completed* for each fair housing activity via the dropdown selection. *NOTE*: If an action is complete, supporting documentation for that activity is required as part of the application.

Documents may be uploaded by clicking on the "*Create*" button. Documentation to support AFFH can be uploaded by using the following prompts:

- Program: Program will be pre-populated
- Document Group: General Eligibility
- Document Type: Fair Housing Activity Information
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

Refer to additional guidance provided below for more details in addressing Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).

- **AFFH Certification requirement:** The applicant must provide a certification on entity letterhead signed by the chief elected official or executive officer that certifies the applicant, has taken meaningful actions to address significant disparities affecting protected classes. These actions should work together to tackle substantial disparities in housing needs and access to opportunities. This includes efforts to replace segregated living patterns with genuinely integrated and balanced living environments, transform areas of concentrated poverty into areas filled with opportunities, and ensure compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws. It is important to recognize that the responsibility to actively promote fair housing considerations applies to all participants' activities and programs related to housing and urban development.

Sample language for the AFFH certification can be located on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage.

Additional information regarding AFFH and HUD resources are available on the GLO Disaster Recovery webpage to assist applicants with the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing requirement as part of HUD funding.

Recognizing that each project and community is different and comes with its own unique circumstances, needs, and considerations, applicants are expected to candidly and objectively assess as much information as possible such that the determinative factors differ between and inform project choices. Include both positive and negative features, concerns, or assessment factors, as applicable. Factors to assess are as follows:

Tier I: "Hard Data"

- Census data – Demographic information by Census block group for the town/county. This may be presented as maps and/or in chart/table form with block groups identified. Include the percentage of population below poverty level, income, and ethnicity/race
- Crime rates – Include immediate and surrounding geographic areas
- Household sizes
- Age group data
- Other information and/or relevant factors

Tier II: Community Features

Applicant Fair Housing assessments should include distance to each of the following positive and negative features, as well as public transportation time to each, if applicable.

Proximity to Positive Features:

- Jobs – Identify any large employment center(s)/opportunities
- Schools – Quality measures and demographics as compared to other area public schools
- Other education – Community colleges, technical schools, higher education, other opportunities
- Grocery stores – Identify nearest full-size grocery store(s), other desirable retail
- Health care facilities – Local clinic(s) and/or nearest hospital, etc.
- Public transportation – Nearest bus stop(s). *NOTE*: State if no public transportation in community
- Library – Public library and available resources such as computer access
- Parks, athletic fields, playgrounds – Public recreation areas
- Community facilities – Childcare, senior centers, other community centers
- Other – May include features unique to the community

Proximity to Negative Features:

- Unsightly facilities, industrial sites, etc.
- Environmental/health hazards – May overlap with negative uses

- Features undesirable for family life – Retail/business density, type of retail/businesses, etc.
- Additional subsidized or low-income housing – Public housing and/or LIHTC developments, etc.
- Other – May include features unique to the community

Tier III: Trends/Other Plans or Projects

- Area revitalization – Identify economic trends in the area
- Government plans impacting the area – Identify pending or approved projects/plans/bonds, etc.
- Other development projects/investment – Identify public or private projects in the immediate or larger area which may affect the proposed project

Once all information is gathered, applicants are expected to conduct a candid and objective assessment, identify the determinative factors between potential projects, and utilize those factors when making project choices. Applicants should consider both positive and negative features, concerns, or assessment factors in their final proposed project selections.

Identify activities already achieved to further fair housing, those activities to be undertaken if an award is made by CDBG-DR, and when that activity will be complete.

All proposed projects must undergo an Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH) review by the applicant before GLO approval. Such review must include assessments of:

- A proposed project's area demography;
- Socioeconomic characteristics;
- Housing configuration and needs;
- Educational, transportation, and health care opportunities;
- Protected classes data);
- Environmental hazards or concerns; and
- All other factors material to the AFFH determination.

Viable options to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing:

- Passing a Fair Housing Ordinance
- Initiating a Fair Housing counseling service
- Assisting Fair Housing groups
- Establishing a local complaint and monitoring process
- Providing Housing Choices outside historically minority and/or LMI neighborhoods
- Assisting Housing Projects that are racially mixed
- Enforcing Fair Housing Guidelines that are equivalent to a Fair Housing Ordinance
- Adopting and distributing Fair Housing practices
- Designating a Fair Housing Month
- Holding a special hearing to solicit input from the community
- Developing an anti-NIMBYism (Not in My Backyard) action plan
- Publishing the contact information – at the local, state, and federal levels – for reporting a Fair Housing complaint
- Developing policies and procedures that take the location of protected classes into account when deciding where to locate undesirable infrastructure improvements

- Other – Describe your process and how it affirmatively furthers fair housing

Any locality receiving 2024 Disasters LCP funds must certify that it will affirmatively further fair housing and identify fair housing activities. Applicant should be aware that, in the event of funding, the fair housing activity identified in the application or thereafter will be monitored throughout the contract term. Other activities may be eligible, and the applicant should contact GLO to determine eligibility.

- Upload documentation to support AFFH Certification efforts in the *Documents* section Note: Sample language/template can be found on the GLO 2024 Disaster LCP Webpage:
    - Document Group: AFFH Certification
    - Document Type: AFFH Certification
    - Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document

List of Unmet Needs
The applicant must consider any unmet needs in their jurisdiction. Taking into consideration the disaster-related impact to infrastructure and housing in the HUD and state-identified most impacted and distressed areas described, citizen participation responses, and the assessment of housing and affirmatively furthering fair housing, provide a list (in priority order) of all the unmet disaster-related needs in your community.

Figure 47: Grant Program Questionnaires - Housing Needs Assessment Tab - Continued

Taking into consideration the disaster-related impact to infrastructure and housing in the HUD and state-identified most impacted and distressed areas described, citizen participation responses, and the assessment of housing and affirmatively furthering fair housing, provide a list (in priority order) of all the unmet disaster-related needs of your community.

Unmet Needs 1

Unmet Needs 2

Unmet Needs 3

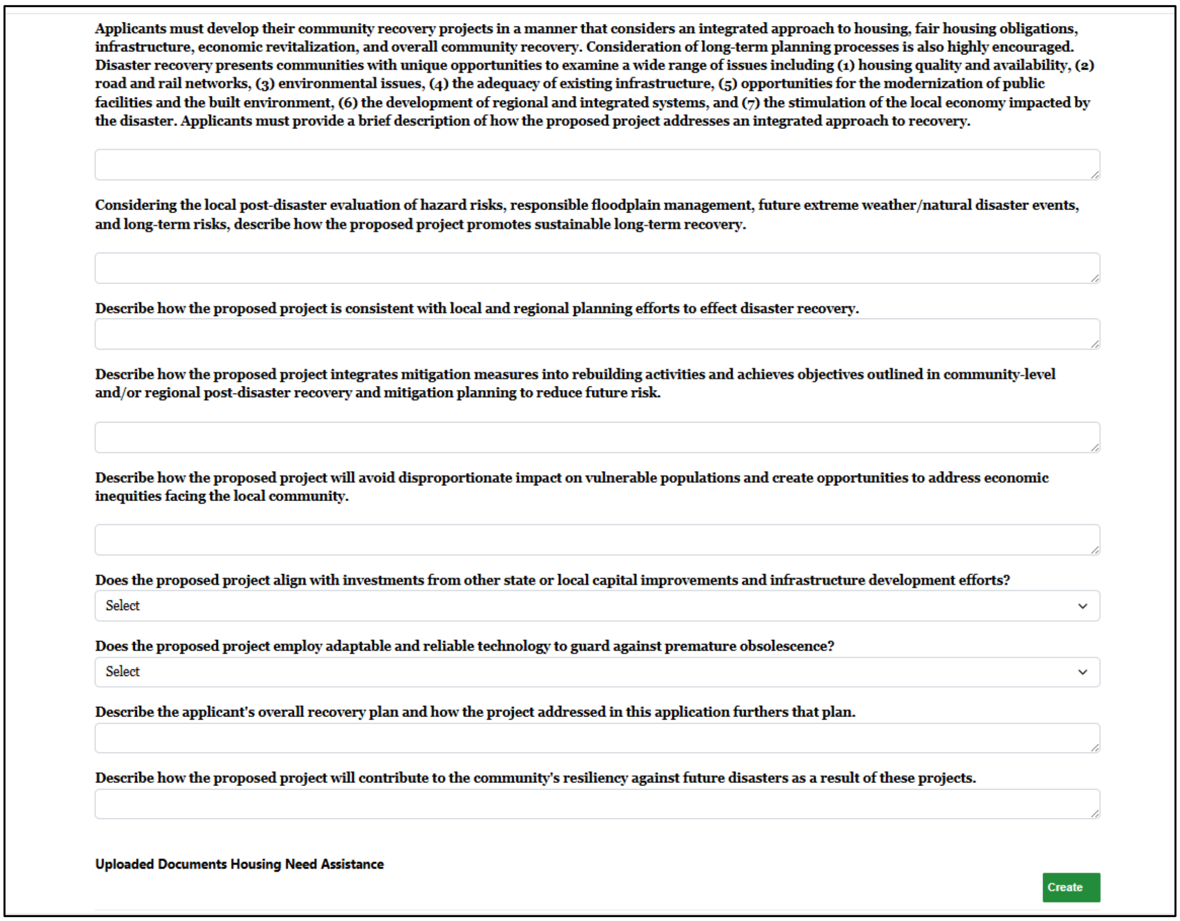
Unmet Needs 4

- *Unmet Needs 1- 5*: Describe each unmet need in priority order.
    - Unmet Need 1 should represent the highest priority.

Long-Term Planning

Applicants must develop their community recovery projects in a manner that considers an integrated approach to housing, fair housing obligations, infrastructure, and overall community recovery. Consideration of long-term planning processes is also highly encouraged. Disaster recovery presents communities with unique opportunities to examine a wide range of issues including (1) housing quality and availability, (2) road and rail networks, (3) environmental issues, (4) the adequacy of existing infrastructure, (5) opportunities for the modernization of public facilities and the built environment, (6) the development of regional and integrated systems, and (7) the stimulation of the local economy impacted by the disaster.

Figure 48: Grant Program Questionnaires - Housing Needs LPT Tab



Applicants must develop their community recovery projects in a manner that considers an integrated approach to housing, fair housing obligations, infrastructure, economic revitalization, and overall community recovery. Consideration of long-term planning processes is also highly encouraged. Disaster recovery presents communities with unique opportunities to examine a wide range of issues including (1) housing quality and availability, (2) road and rail networks, (3) environmental issues, (4) the adequacy of existing infrastructure, (5) opportunities for the modernization of public facilities and the built environment, (6) the development of regional and integrated systems, and (7) the stimulation of the local economy impacted by the disaster. Applicants must provide a brief description of how the proposed project addresses an integrated approach to recovery.

Considering the local post-disaster evaluation of hazard risks, responsible floodplain management, future extreme weather/natural disaster events, and long-term risks, describe how the proposed project promotes sustainable long-term recovery.

Describe how the proposed project is consistent with local and regional planning efforts to effect disaster recovery.

Describe how the proposed project integrates mitigation measures into rebuilding activities and achieves objectives outlined in community-level and/or regional post-disaster recovery and mitigation planning to reduce future risk.

Describe how the proposed project will avoid disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations and create opportunities to address economic inequities facing the local community.

Does the proposed project align with investments from other state or local capital improvements and infrastructure development efforts?

Select

Does the proposed project employ adaptable and reliable technology to guard against premature obsolescence?

Select

Describe the applicant's overall recovery plan and how the project addressed in this application furthers that plan.

Describe how the proposed project will contribute to the community's resiliency against future disasters as a result of these projects.

Uploaded Documents Housing Need Assistance

Create

Applicant will respond to the following questions in this section:

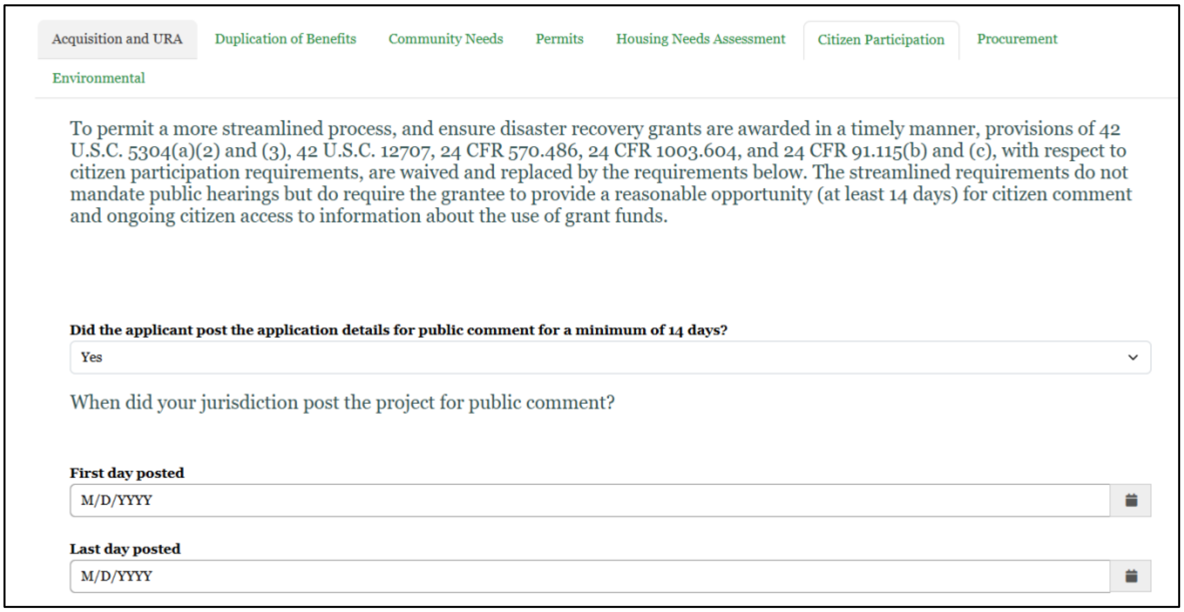
- *Applicants must provide a brief description of how the proposed project addresses an integrated approach to recovery.* Applicants must identify how each project addresses unmet housing needs or how infrastructure activities will contribute to long-term recovery and restoration of housing in the most impacted and distressed areas. The applicant should also show how the project forms part of an integrated approach to recovery.

- *Considering the local post-disaster evaluation of hazard risks, responsible floodplain management, future extreme weather/natural disaster events, and long-term risks, describe how the proposed project promotes sustainable long-term recovery.* Applicant will provide a brief narrative to describe how the proposed project promotes sustainable long-term recovery.
- *Describe how the proposed project is consistent with local and regional planning efforts to effect disaster recovery.* Considering all local and regional planning efforts including but not limited to Hazard Mitigation Plans and Capital Improvement Plans, the applicant will describe how the proposed project is aligned with such planning efforts.
- *Describe how the proposed project integrates mitigation measures into rebuilding activities and achieves objectives outlined in community-level and/or regional post-disaster recovery and mitigation planning to reduce future risk.* Considering the prior response, describe how the proposed project incorporates mitigation efforts aligned with local and/or regional planning efforts to reduce future risk to the proposed service area.
- *Describe how the proposed project will avoid disproportionate impact on protected classes and create opportunities to address economic inequities facing the local community.* Considering the AFFH response, the applicant will describe how the proposed project avoids disproportionate impact on protected classes and creates opportunities to address inequities.
- *Does the proposed project align with investments from other state or local capital improvements and infrastructure development efforts?* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown. If Yes, enter a supporting narrative to describe how the proposed project aligns with funding from other state or federal sources in support of capital improvements and infrastructure.
- *Does the proposed project employ adaptable and reliable technology to guard against premature obsolescence?* Applicant will select Yes or No via the dropdown. If Yes, enter a supporting narrative to describe how the proposed project will apply adaptable and reliable technology to prevent premature obsolescence.
- *Describe the applicant's overall recovery plan and how the project addressed in this application furthers that plan.* Considering the jurisdictions local and regional long-term planning efforts, describe how the proposed project supports efforts described in such plans.
- *Describe how the proposed project will contribute to the community's resiliency against future disasters as a result of these projects.* Applicant will provide details to support the impact of the proposed project on the community’s resilience to future disasters.

4.6.7 Citizen Participation

Application details including project description, locations, budget, schedule, and project beneficiaries must be posted for public comment for a minimum of 14 days. The applicant must provide information detailing the posting period for public comment and provide the “First Day Posted” and “Last Day Posted” dates for the public posting(s). Any comments received during the public comment period must be addressed by the applicant and may impact the proposed project and final application. Any comments received during the public posting must be submitted with the application along with action taken to address the comments. Applicants must ensure that any publications define the complete posting period of at least 14 days. The first day of publication is Day 1 of the minimum 14-day period.

Figure 49: Grant Program Questionnaires - Citizen Participation Tab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To permit a more streamlined process, and ensure disaster recovery grants are awarded in a timely manner, provisions of 42 U.S.C. 5304(a)(2) and (3), 42 U.S.C. 12707, 24 CFR 570.486, 24 CFR 1003.604, and 24 CFR 91.115(b) and (c), with respect to citizen participation requirements, are waived and replaced by the requirements below. The streamlined requirements do not mandate public hearings but do require the grantee to provide a reasonable opportunity (at least 14 days) for citizen comment and ongoing citizen access to information about the use of grant funds.

Did the applicant post the application details for public comment for a minimum of 14 days?
Yes

When did your jurisdiction post the project for public comment?

First day posted
M/D/YYYY

Last day posted
M/D/YYYY

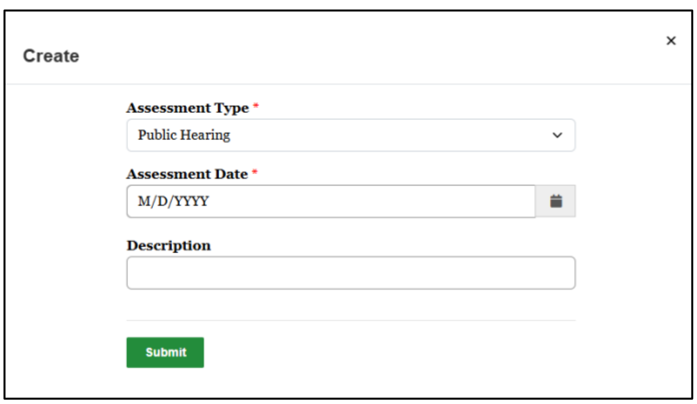
Questions in this section:

- *Did the applicant post the application details for public comment for a minimum of 14 days?* Select *Yes* or *No* via the dropdown selection.
- *If yes, enter First day posted and Last day posted:* Applicant will enter dates in Month, Day, Year format for first day posted and last day posted. Dates inputted should align with the affidavit of public posting and supporting documentation

Figure 50: Grant Program Questionnaires - Citizen Participation Tab - Continued

Although public hearings are not a program requirement, jurisdictions who choose to hold them or are required by their local citizen participation plan should list the date(s) of the hearings and attach appropriate documentation. To add the Assessment Type, Assessment Date, a short Description, and Naming information, click the "*Create*" button. A pop-up window will appear.

Figure 51: Grant Program Questionnaires - Citizen Participation Tab - Continued



Applicant will enter the following:

- *Assessment Type:* Select one of the options below from the *Assessment Type* dropdown list. An applicant may create multiple assessments and enter associated information.
  - Public Hearing
  - Community Meeting
  - Community Survey
  - Existing Study
  - Other

- *Assessment Date:* Enter the dates of the assessment type in Month, Day, Year format.
- *Description:* Enter a description of the type of assessment.

Proof of public posting is required. All comments received during the public comment period must be submitted with proof of public posting. Additionally, if applicable, any comments received during the public hearing and responses must also be submitted with proof of public posting.

Upload an affidavit of public posting along with pictures that demonstrate the posting and documentation of public hearings held for citizen participation purposes, if applicable. Proof of public posting should include, where possible, the dates of the first and last day of posting. Choose the applicable document type for the Citizen Participation Document Group by clicking "*Create*."

- Document Group: Citizen Participation
- Document Type: Affidavit of public posting
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document

Evidence of public posting includes but is not limited to:

- an affidavit of public posting with photos of physical locations and/or screenshots of a website to support the posting; or
- publisher's affidavit and tear sheet.

Such records must be made available to the public in accordance with Chapter 552, Government Code. The applicant must submit all notices of any public hearings or requests for public comment that the applicant may have that relates to the administration of 2024 Disasters LCP funds provided. The applicant certifies compliance with the 14-day public posting requirement by completing and signing the required Application for Federal Assistance SF-424.

If an application is selected for an award, the Citizen Participation Plan will be requested as a part of start-up documentation after contract execution.

If an applicant has a current citizen participation plan, they must follow their current citizen participation plan for each proposed project and submit the required documentation.

Each applicant should assess the best way to offer an opportunity for all citizens to provide input on the substantially complete proposed application/project. A best practice is to include a variety of outreach methods to ensure all citizens have access. As stated, ensure a minimum 14-day public comment period. Allow time after the comment period to address and potentially include any public comment that impacts the application/project before finalizing it for submission. All outreach and posting efforts should be fully documented, to include the date, time, and place where a substantially complete application was available for review is then uploaded.

The substantially complete application should include <u>at minimum</u>: a scope of work, budget, identification of all sources of funding, maps to identify location and beneficiaries.

Upon contract execution each applicant must maintain a citizen participation file which includes:

- A copy of the Plan Requirements;
- The applicant's complaint procedures;
- Any technical assistance provided by the applicant; and
- Public notices, minutes, and attendance lists for any public hearings or meetings or documentation of other citizen participation opportunities.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all citizens have equal access to information about project activities.

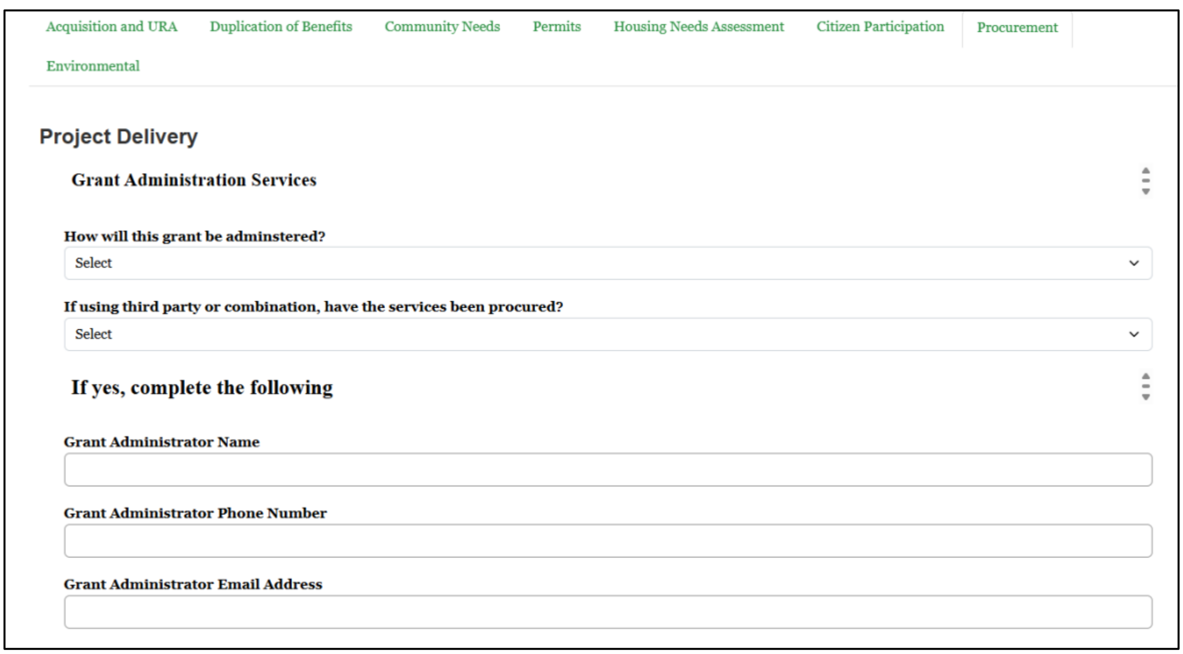
4.6.8 Procurement

Applicants must follow the procurement process guidelines set forth in 2 CFR §200.318-§200.327 for all services associated with the proposed project to be paid with grant funds. Compliant procurement procedures must be followed to ensure reimbursement for eligible expenditures.

A GLO Procurement Checklist is required for each third-party vendor. The procurement checklist is available on the GLO Procurement and Contract Guidelines webpage cited in section 1.1 (Applicant Resources and Contact Information) of this guide. Local adopted procurement policies and procedures will be required upon execution.

Applicants will provide procurement details on the Procurement Tab in TIGR. This information is entered by selecting the dropdown arrows for each question and providing contact name and information where applicable.

Figure 52: Grant Program Questionnaires - Procurement Tab - Project Delivery

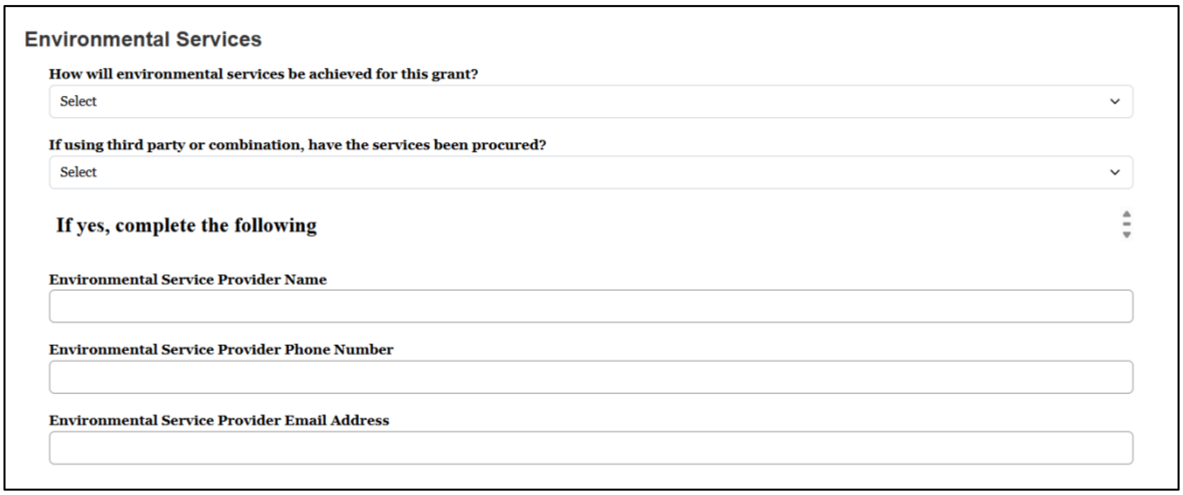


Applicant must respond to the following **Grant Administration Services** questions:

- *How will this grant be administered?* Applicant will select the appropriate response from the dropdown

    - Third Party
    - Self-Administered (In House)
    - Combination
- *If using third party or combination, have the services been procured?* Applicant to select Yes or No via the dropdown.
    - *If yes, complete the following:*
        - Grant Administrator Name
        - Grant Administrator Phone Number
        - Grant Administrator Email Address

Figure 53: Grant Program Questionnaires - Procurement Tab - Environmental Services



Environmental Services

How will environmental services be achieved for this grant?

Select

If using third party or combination, have the services been procured?

Select

If yes, complete the following

Environmental Service Provider Name

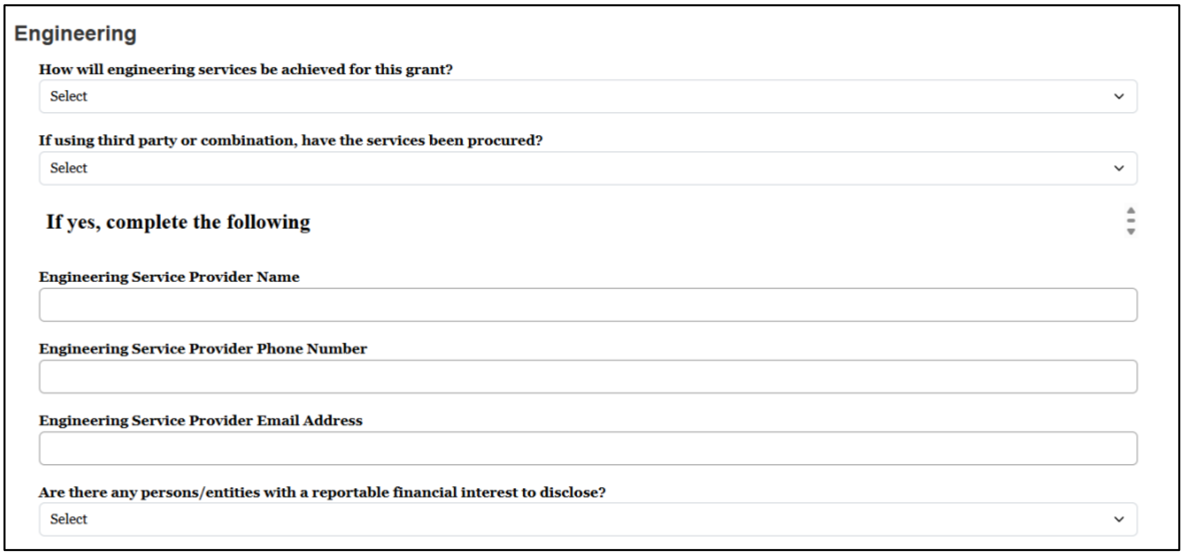
Environmental Service Provider Phone Number

Environmental Service Provider Email Address

Applicant must respond to the following **Environmental Services** questions:

- *How will environmental services be achieved for this grant?* Applicant will select the appropriate response from the dropdown
    - Third Party
    - Self-Administered (In House)
    - Combination
- *If using third party or combination, have the services been procured?* Applicant to select *Yes* or *No* via the dropdown.
    - *If yes, complete the following:*
        - Environmental Service Provider Name
        - Environmental Service Provider Phone Number
        - Environmental Service Provider Email Address

Figure 54: Grant Program Questionnaires - Procurement Tab - Engineering

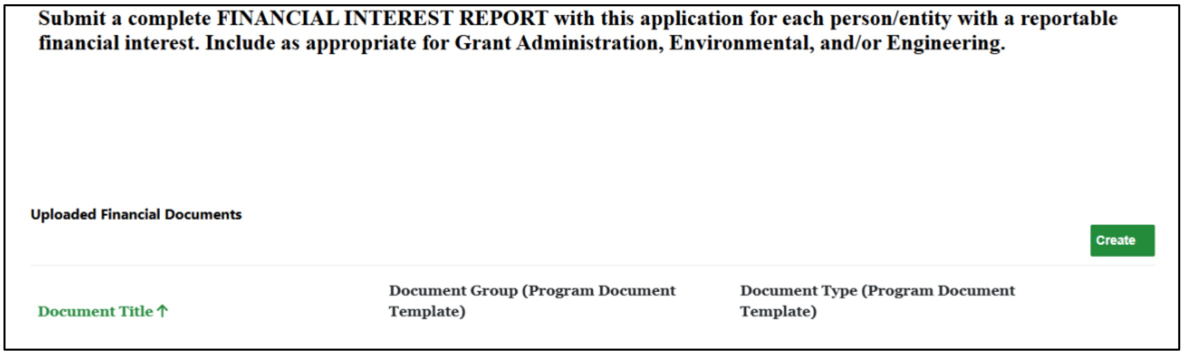


Applicant must respond to the following **Engineering** questions:

- *How will engineering services be achieved for this grant?* Applicant will select the appropriate response from the dropdown
    - Third Party
    - Self-Administered (In House)
    - Combination
- *If using third party or combination, have the services been procured?* Applicant to select *Yes* or *No* via the dropdown.
    - *If yes, complete the following:*
        - Engineering Service Provider Name
        - Engineering Service Provider Phone Number
        - Engineering Service Provider Email Address
- *Are there any persons/entities with a reportable financial interest to disclose?* Applicant to select *Yes* or *No* via the dropdown.

Applicants must upload a complete FINANCIAL INTEREST REPORT with this application for each person/entity with a reportable financial interest. Include as appropriate for Grant Administration, Environmental, and/or Engineering.

Figure 55: Grant Program Questionnaires - Procurement Tab - Financial Interest Report



Submit a complete FINANCIAL INTEREST REPORT with this application for each person/entity with a reportable financial interest. Include as appropriate for Grant Administration, Environmental, and/or Engineering.

Uploaded Financial Documents

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Document Title ↑	Document Group (Program Document Template)	Document Type (Program Document Template)

Documents may be uploaded by clicking on the "*Create*" button. Documentation to support Procurement can be uploaded by using the following prompts:

- Program: Program will be pre-populated
- Document Group: Procurement
- Document Type: Financial Interest Report
- Document Title: Use a unique descriptive title for each document that follows the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention

Local Financial Policies and Procedures
Each applicant must have written financial policies and procedures that ensure they are prepared to receive federal funding. Full compliance with federal requirements from the beginning is essential to ensure that all funding expenditures are eligible and reimbursable. Local financial policies and procedures will be required upon contract execution.

4.6.9 Environmental

Each applicant must comply with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the HUD requirements set forth in Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 58, all other applicable federal and state laws, including environmental, and the applicable GLO policy directives.

An environmental review is the process of reviewing a project and its potential environmental impacts to determine whether it meets federal, state, and local environmental standards. The environmental review process is required for all HUD-assisted projects to ensure that the proposed project does not negatively impact the surrounding environment and that the property site itself will not have an adverse environmental or health effect on end users.

An important concept under environmental regulation is the timing of the environmental review. An environmental review must be performed before any funds, regardless of source, are committed to an activity or a project. No activity or project may be undertaken if the activity or project would have an adverse environmental impact or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives (24 C.F.R. 58.22(a)). HUD's restrictions on choice-limiting actions apply only after receipt of an application for HUD assistance associated with a specific project or activity. At that point, the project is considered a Federalized project, and NEPA applies.

Under HUD Part 58, the environmental review can be completed by the Responsible Entity's staff, program partners, or a hired consultant. However, the Responsible Entity (RE) is ultimately responsible for the content of the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and must make an independent evaluation of the environmental issues, take responsibility for the scope and content of the compliance findings, and make the final environmental decision concerning project approval.

The role of a RE is defined under § 58.4(a) and includes appointing a Certifying Officer (i.e., mayor, city manager, or county judge) who is ultimately responsible for validating the completeness of environmental reviews as described in § 58.13. In addition, by signing and submitting HUD 7015.15 Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification (RROF) to GLO, the RE's Certifying Officer (CO) is providing a legally binding certification that they have fully carried out their responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making, and action pertaining to the HUD-assisted project.

Based on the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCDA) and Part 58 environmental regulations (See § 58.2(a)(7)), REs must be a unit of general local government (UGLG) that exercises land use responsibility within which the project site is located. The HCDA and Part 58 thus allow state, local, and tribal governments for HUD programs to become the Federal agency for the purposes of complying with NEPA and other related environmental laws. Therefore, subrecipients not designated as UGLG or federally recognized Indian tribes (ex., Public Housing Agencies [PHA], Councils of Governments [COGs], or water/irrigation districts) cannot serve as the RE.

Non-RE subrecipients may prepare environmental documentation for the RE (e.g., a city, county, or the GLO), but may not assume any environmental review responsibilities that the RE normally undertakes. The Non-RE subrecipients will be tasked with preparing the environmental review record (ERR), including the Exempt form for administrative, engineering, and environmental services, and submitting it to the RE or the GLO, if assuming the RE role, for approval and signature. The Non-RE subrecipients will also provide all documentation demonstrating compliance with any mitigation measures to the RE. Non-RE subrecipients are encouraged to collaborate with a UGLG to assume environmental review responsibilities on their behalf.

An RE or Non-RE subrecipient working with an RE that are only adding HUD funds to a previously HUD-funded project, and nothing has changed except adding additional HUD funds (scope, location, and environmental circumstances are still the same), can utilize a Categorical exclusion not subject to § 58.5 (CENST) level of review for supplemental assistance (See § 58.35(b)(7)). There are some caveats for CESNT reviews: it must be the original RE for a previously approved Part 58 review; The proposed project/activities must not change the original proposal's scope, magnitude, location, or environmental circumstances; it requires a determination by the original RE under § 58.47 as to whether re-evaluation of the original environmental findings is required; and if re-evaluation is not required, the supplemental assistance can be treated as a CESNT.

Project Aggregation – Per [§ 58.32](), the RE must group together and evaluate as a single project all individual activities that are either related on a geographical or functional basis or are logical parts of a composite of contemplated actions.

The purpose of project aggregation is to adequately analyze, in a single environmental review, the separate and combined impacts of activities that are similar, connected, and closely related, or that are dependent upon other activities and actions.

The Responsible Entity (RE) may choose:

- functional aggregation when a specific type of activity (e.g., water improvements) is to take place in several separate locales or jurisdictions;
- geographic aggregation when a mix of dissimilar but related activities is to be concentrated in a fairly specific project area (e.g., a combination of water, sewer, and street improvement and economic development activities); or
- a combination of aggregation approaches, which, for various project locations, considers the impacts arising from each functional activity and its interrelationship with other activities.

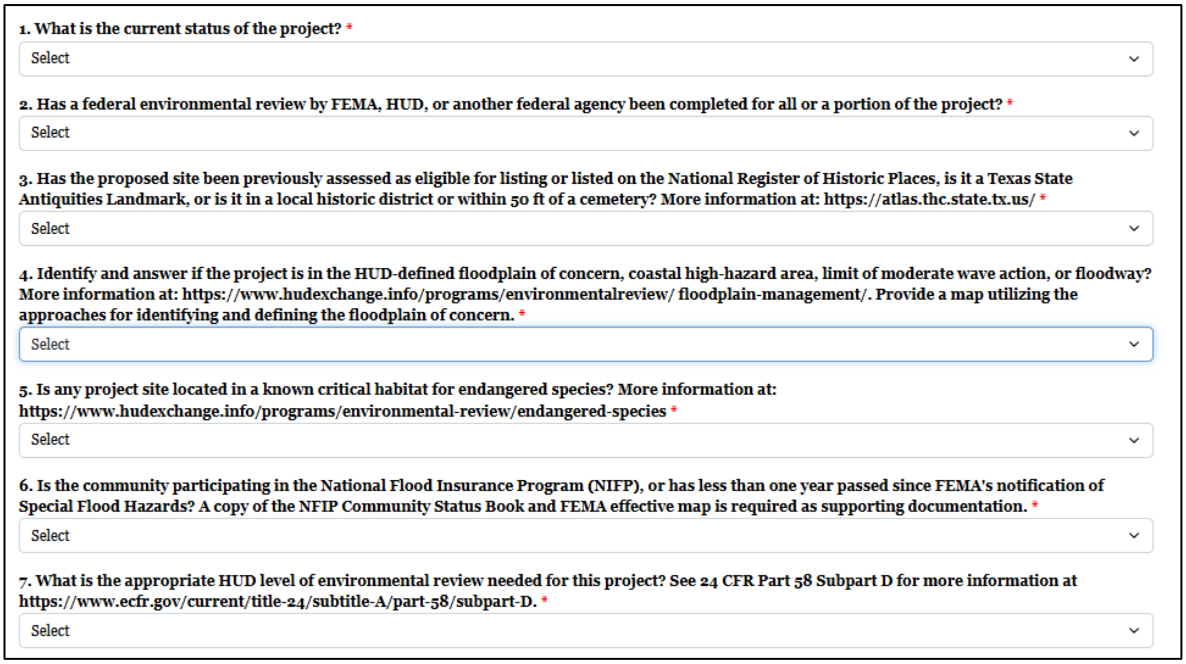
The RE will need to clearly establish the scope of work and project description prior to initiating the environmental review. Once the scope of the project is known, the RE can determine the appropriate level of environmental review. Accurate scoping, project descriptions, and project aggregation are critical success factors of environmental clearance.

HUD's environmental requirements are prescriptive and detailed. However, federal compliance by the Responsible Entity can be completed promptly if appropriately managed by environmental professionals familiar with the process. The level of review needed for a project should be identified in the application phase, and the environmental review can be completed before the engineering 30% design is completed. *General information about the Part 58 review process and templates for various levels of review can be found on* HUD's Environmental Review website**.**

NOTE: Due to strict HUD-imposed deadlines, it is critical to complete the environmental review promptly while remaining compliant with 24 C.F.R. Part 58 environmental regulations.

The environmental questions are a mix of drop-down selection and text input answer options. Questions one through nine are marked with a red asterisk (***).** These questions require a response in order to submit the application. Depending on the answer selected to any of questions one through nine, a sub-question may appear. If the sub-question is also marked with a red asterisk (*****) it will be required to be answered in order to submit the application. Special attention should be made to questions that prompt the applicant to submit supporting documentation when applicable. For example, in question 6, if the answer to the question is "yes", a copy of the NFIP Community Status Book and FEMA effective map **must** be uploaded to the application in order to proceed with the submission. Questions ten through thirteen are for multifamily projects. If your project is not multifamily, leave the answer blank. If any of the questions ten through thirteen are answered, and a sub-question with a red asterisk appears (*), that sub-question will be required to be answered in order to submit the application.

Figure 56: Grant Program Questionnaires - Environmental Tab



1. What is the current status of the project? *
Select

2. Has a federal environmental review by FEMA, HUD, or another federal agency been completed for all or a portion of the project? *
Select

3. Has the proposed site been previously assessed as eligible for listing or listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is it a Texas State Antiquities Landmark, or is it in a local historic district or within 50 ft of a cemetery? More information at: https://atlas.thc.state.tx.us/ *
Select

4. Identify and answer if the project is in the HUD-defined floodplain of concern, coastal high-hazard area, limit of moderate wave action, or floodway? More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmentalreview/ floodplain-management/. Provide a map utilizing the approaches for identifying and defining the floodplain of concern. *
Select

5. Is any project site located in a known critical habitat for endangered species? More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/endangered-species *
Select

6. Is the community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NIFP), or has less than one year passed since FEMA's notification of Special Flood Hazards? A copy of the NFIP Community Status Book and FEMA effective map is required as supporting documentation. *
Select

7. What is the appropriate HUD level of environmental review needed for this project? See 24 CFR Part 58 Subpart D for more information at https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-A/part-58/subpart-D. *
Select

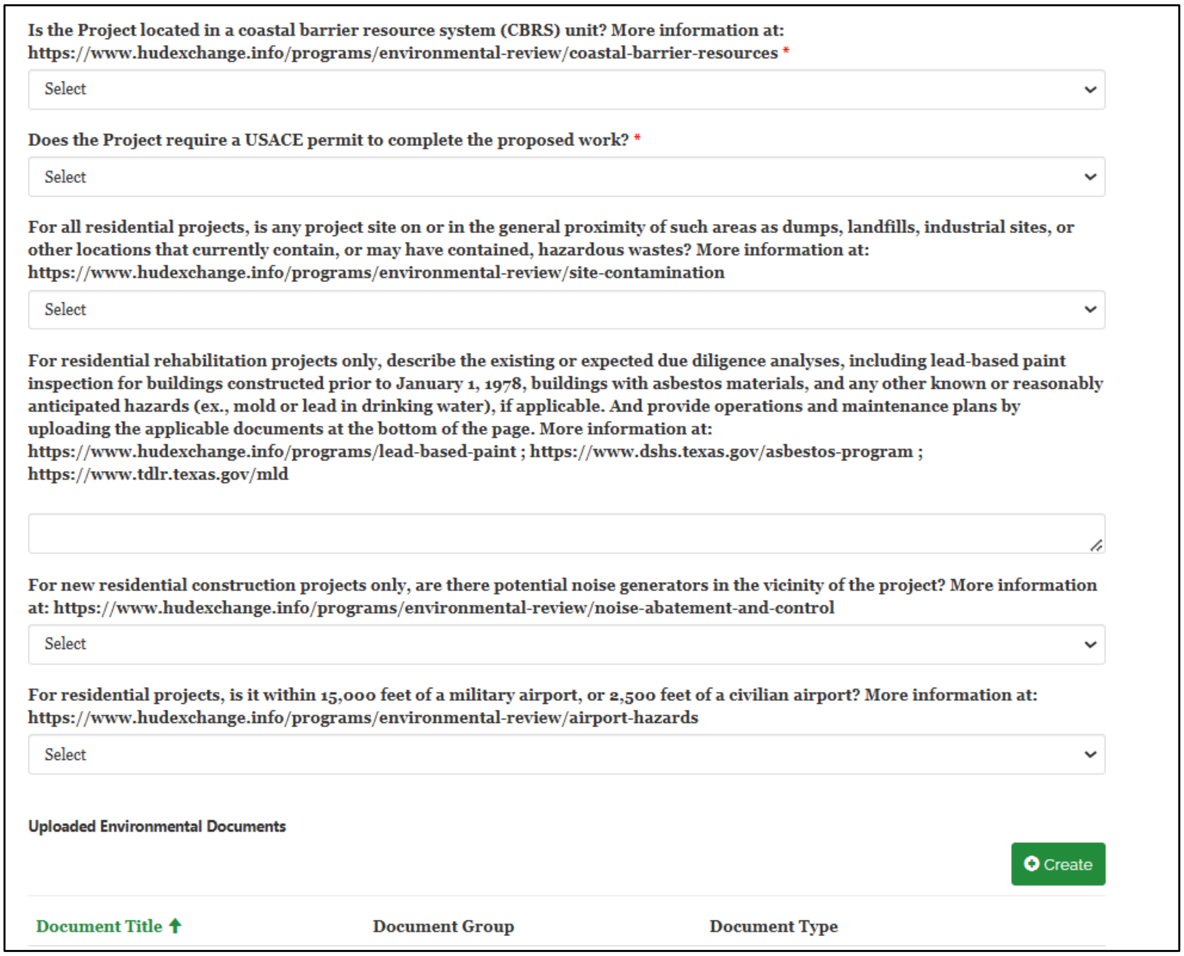
1. *What is the current status of the proposed project?* * *(required to be answered)*
   a. It has not yet begun; it is in progress; it is completed.
2. *Has a federal environmental review by FEMA, HUD, or another federal agency been completed for all or a portion of the project?* * *(required to be answered)*
   a. If Yes, for FEMA or HUD, provide a Record of Environmental Consideration or the HUD Environmental Review Record (excluding the appendices).
   b. If Yes, for another federal agency, provide a copy of the executive summary and project location map from the completed environmental review.
3. *Has the proposed site been previously assessed as eligible for listing or listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is it a Texas State Antiquities Landmark, or is it in a local historic district or within 50 ft of a cemetery?* * *(required to be answered)*
   a. More information at: https://atlas.thc.state.tx.us/
   b. If Yes, provide a brief narrative explaining how the historic site or district will be impacted. * *(required to be answered if question 3 is answered "Yes")*
   c. If No, provide the date of any structure and the distance of the project site from the nearest cemetery. * *(required to be answered if question 3 is answered "No")*
4. Identify and answer if the project is in the HUD-defined floodplain of concern, coastal high-hazard area, limit of moderate wave action, or floodway? More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/floodplain-

management/. Provide a map utilizing the approaches for identifying and defining the floodplain of concern.. * *(required to be answered)*

   a. If Yes, for projects in the HUD floodplain of concern, floodway, limit of moderate wave action, or coastal high-hazard area, does your project involve a critical action as defined in 24 CFR 55.2(b)(3)(i) or a noncritical action subject to requirements at 24 CFR 55.8(a)(3)? .* *(required to be answered if question 4 is answered "Yes")*
   b. If Yes, is HUD financial assistance permissible per 24 CFR 55.8. .* *(required to be answered if question 4a. is answered "Yes")*

5. *Is any project site located in a known critical habitat for endangered species?* * *(required to be answered)*
   a. More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/endangered-species/
   b. Provide a map of the project site location that includes boundaries of any critical habitats in or around the site.
6. *Is the community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NIFP), or has less than one year passed since FEMA's notification of Special Flood Hazards?* A copy of the NFIP Community Status Book and FEMA effective map are required as supporting documentation. * *(required to be answered)*
   a. If Yes, Provide the NFIP Community Status Book and FEMA effective map. * *(required to be submitted – when creating the uploaded document shell for these documents, the title of the uploaded document shell* ***must*** *bet titled* **NFIP Community Status Book and/or FEMA effective map***)*
   b. If Yes, and the project is located in a FEMA-designed Special Flood Hazard Area, flood insurance may be required.
   c. If No, and the project consists of a structure, part of the structure, or insurable property located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area, verify if HUD assistance is permissible at 24 CFR 55.5.
7. *What is the level of environmental review likely needed for this project?* * *(required to be answered)*
   a. See 24 CFR Part 58 Subpart D.
   b. Select appropriate environmental review: Exempt, Environmental Assessment, Categorical Exclusion, or Environmental Impact Statement

Figure 57: Grant Program Questionnaires - Environmental Tab - Continued



Is the Project located in a coastal barrier resource system (CBRS) unit? More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/coastal-barrier-resources *

Select

Does the Project require a USACE permit to complete the proposed work? *

Select

For all residential projects, is any project site on or in the general proximity of such areas as dumps, landfills, industrial sites, or other locations that currently contain, or may have contained, hazardous wastes? More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/site-contamination

Select

For residential rehabilitation projects only, describe the existing or expected due diligence analyses, including lead-based paint inspection for buildings constructed prior to January 1, 1978, buildings with asbestos materials, and any other known or reasonably anticipated hazards (ex., mold or lead in drinking water), if applicable. And provide operations and maintenance plans by uploading the applicable documents at the bottom of the page. More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/lead-based-paint ; https://www.dshs.texas.gov/asbestos-program ; https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/mld

For new residential construction projects only, are there potential noise generators in the vicinity of the project? More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/noise-abatement-and-control

Select

For residential projects, is it within 15,000 feet of a military airport, or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport? More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/airport-hazards

Select

Uploaded Environmental Documents

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Document Title	Document Group	Document Type

8. *Is the Project located in a Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) unit? * (required to be answered)*
    a. More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/coastal-barrier-resources/
    b. Provide a map. If Yes, federal assistance for most activities may not be used at this location. HUD recommends an alternate site or canceling the project. In very rare cases, federal monies can be spent within CBRS units for certain exempted activities (e.g., a nature trail) after consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service (see 16 USC 3505 for exceptions to limitations on expenditures).
9. *Does the project require a USACE permit to complete the proposed work? * (required to be answered)*
    a. If Yes, what is the type and purpose of each permit, when was/will it be obtained, and what is its association with the proposed project? * *(required to be answered if question 9 is answered "Yes")*
10. *For all residential projects, is any project site on or in the general proximity of such areas as dumps, landfills, industrial sites, or other locations that currently contain or may have contained hazardous wastes? * (required to be answered)*

a. More Information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/site-contamination/
b. Provide a map and brief description of the potential hazard of concern. * *(Map and brief description are required if answer to question 10 is answered "Yes")*
c. Provide a copy of the executive summary for all ASTM Environmental Site Assessments, if available. *(Submit if available)*

11. *For residential rehabilitation projects only, describe the existing or expected due diligence analyses, including lead-based paint inspection for buildings constructed prior to January 1, 1978, buildings with asbestos materials, and any other known or reasonably anticipated hazards (ex., mold or lead in drinking water).*
    a. More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/lead-based-paint/ ; https://www.dshs.texas.gov/asbestos-program; https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/mld/
    b. Provide a brief description and an operations and maintenance plan, if available.
12. *For new residential construction projects only, are there potential noise generators in the vicinity of the project?*
    a. More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/noise-abatement-and-control/
    b. Provide a map illustrating the distance for major roadways (within 1,000 feet), railroads (within 3,000 feet), and military or FAA-regulated airfields (within 15 miles) that are in the vicinity of the project.
13. *For residential project, is it within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport?*
    a. More information at: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/airport-hazards/
    b. Provide a map. If Yes, is the project within the civil runway protection zone or the military clear zone?* *(required to be answered if question 13 is answered "Yes")*

4.7 Documents

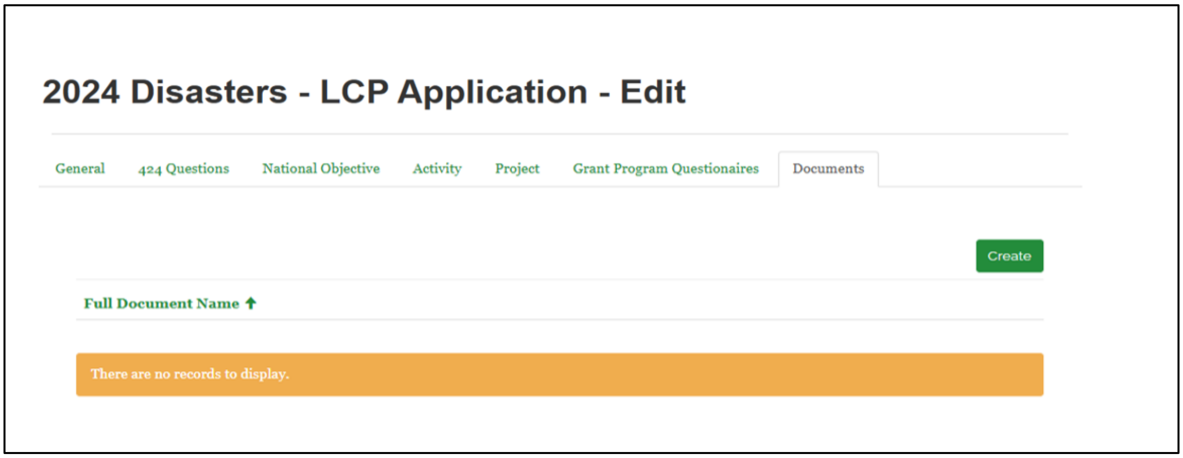
The applicant must provide the required documents referenced throughout this guide and other supplemental material by uploading to the "Documents" section of the TIGR Portal application. The supporting documentation facilitates the assessment of overall project eligibility, financial capacity, and program compliance.

A 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention is available for reference on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage. It is imperative that the applicant follows the naming convention using clear and uniquely identifiable file names to facilitate the review process and identify the appropriate supporting document.

Applicant to confirm all listed documentation on the 2024 Disasters LCP Document List and Naming Convention are accounted for on this Tab.

To upload remaining required documents not previously uploaded in prior sections (e.g. budget tool, project schedule, BJRC, IRS supporting documentation) click the "*Create*" button.

Figure 58: Documents Tab



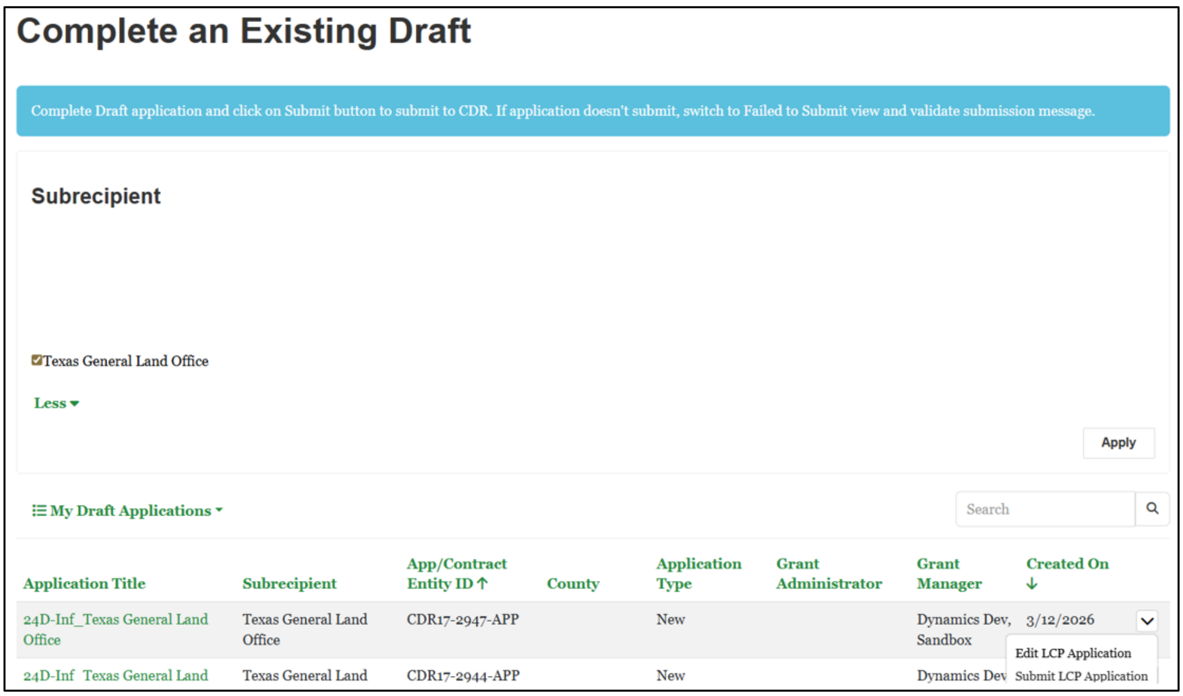
5 Application Completion and Submission

Once the applicant has completed the application in the TIGR Portal, uploaded all required documentation, and met the required citizen participation criteria, appropriate steps must be followed in TIGR to complete the project and application submittal, as indicated in the following figures.

- Navigate to the **Applications** section and click on "*Complete an Existing Draft*."
- Locate the Draft Application and click the drop-down arrow under Created On and click **"Submit LCP Application."**

NOTE: The application cannot be edited after submission.

Figure 59: Application Submission - Application



Upon submission, TIGR will perform a completion check. If the application is deemed complete, an email will be sent confirming that the application has been successfully submitted to the GLO.

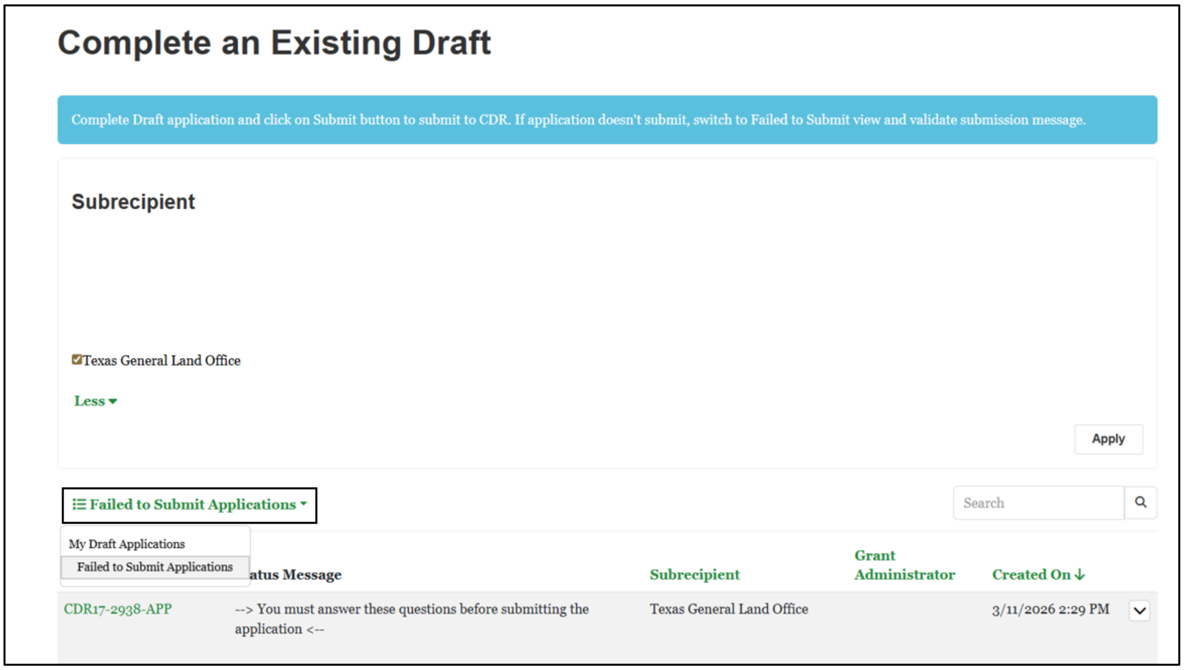
5.1 Failed to Submit Applications

In the event the application is found to be incomplete, an email will be sent to notify the submitted application has errors. To review the errors, the user should:

- Navigate to the **Applications** section and click on "*Complete an Existing Draft*."
- Click on the drop-down arrow next to *"My Draft Applications" and select "Failed to Submit Applications"*

Errors will be displayed by Tab and associated questions.

Figure 60: Application Submission - Failed to Submit



6 Critical Guidance for Applicants

This section provides essential information to ensure applicants complete their application successfully. Review these guidelines carefully to avoid common errors and to ensure all requirements are met. Paying close attention to the details below will make a significant difference in the processing of your application by the GLO.

6.1 Local Certifications

The CDBG-DR local certifications form specific to 2024 Disasters LCP project being applied for is found on the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage. The certification must be downloaded locally, read and reviewed, and signed by the local authorized signatory. The signed certification form must then be uploaded and submitted with the TIGR application. The applicant must retain the form with the local application file.

As detailed in section (4.2 SF-424) of this guide, each applicant for 2024 Disasters LCP funding must complete the Application for Federal Assistance Standard Form 424 (SF-424) and certify that local certifications included in this application guide were followed in the preparation of the 2024 Disasters LCP application and that they will continue to be followed in the event of funding.

6.2 Record Retention

In accordance with federal regulations, all records relevant to a project that receives federal grant funding shall be retained for a period of three (3) years subsequent to the final closeout of the grant by the GLO and HUD. The GLO will notify all program participants of the date upon which local records may be destroyed, and applicant shall retain all records related to the project, and subsequent contract, until the destruction date determined by the GLO.

6.3 Conflict of Interest Procedures and Local Designee

The applicant will be required to designate an individual to serve as an overseer of all grant activities, to ensure that there are no "conflicts of interests" in any and all activities related to the administration of a CDBG-DR grant. It is recommended that the individual designated to serve in this role be employed in a position outside the chain of command of the staff administering this grant and have the ability to bring any concerns directly to the elected official, city council, county commissioners court, or appropriate governing body.

6.4 False Claims or Statements

Warning: Any person who knowingly makes a false claim or statement to HUD may be subject to civil or criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 287, 18 U.S.C. § 1001, AND 31 U.S.C. § 3729.

7 Application Review Procedures

All applications will be reviewed by GLO staff or its assigned representatives to determine if each application (1) is complete, (2) proposed activity is eligible, (3) meets a national objective, and (4) meets call for projects submission and program requirements. **Changes between the call for projects submission and the project application will jeopardize project eligibility**. Not all applicants will receive funding.

The application review procedures consist of the following steps:

1. Submission of applications by eligible applicants:
    - The application must be submitted via TIGR prior to the application due date and time.
2. The application will be reviewed to ensure that the application matches the 2024 Disasters LCP call for projects submission:
    - CDBG-DR project application amount
    - Project type
    - Project establishes tie-back to the 2024 Disasters
    - Non-CDBG-DR project leveraged amount
    - National objective utilized
    - Project location
    - Contract completion timeline
    - Confirmation that a financial audit has been completed for the most recently completed fiscal year
3. Completeness and eligibility review:
    - Upon receipt of an application, the GLO will perform a completeness and eligibility review to determine whether all needed application data has been provided and whether the proposed activity is eligible. Applications that are incomplete or contain multiple deficiencies may be disqualified without further opportunity for repair.
    - If the application contains enough information to clearly identify the project and confirm general eligibility, the GLO will contact the applicant to clarify and resolve any minor deficiencies discovered during review. A response correcting the deficiencies must be submitted to GLO within the prescribed timelines as detailed in section (1.5 Post-Submission Request for Information) of this guide.
    - Any applications that are found ineligible for any reason will be disqualified.
4. GLO works with eligible applicants to execute contract agreements.
    - When all project eligibility issues have been resolved, the GLO will draft contract documentation based on the information approved in the entity's application. The GLO may negotiate any technical elements with the recipient so long as the award amount is not increased and the level of benefits described in the application is not decreased, and/or there are no changes that would impact eligibility and scoring (if applicable).

7.1 Appeals Process

Applicants may submit an appeal regarding associated application action(s) or decisions up to ten (10) business days following notification.

The applicant may submit documentation to support their appeal. The GLO will review the appeal including any documentation provided and issue a response within fifteen (15) business days where practicable. Applicants can view the GLO's general appeals process at the link below:

- https://www.glo.texas.gov/disaster-recovery/filing-complaint-or-appeal

7.2 Additional Questions

Applicants may submit inquiries and questions regarding the application via email to cdr.infrastructure@recovery.texas.gov. Responses will be provided via a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document posted to the 2024 Disasters LCP webpage.