Resilience Hubs

Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure Program - Resilience Hubs Notice of Funding Opportunity

Planning Economic Development and Environment Council Committee

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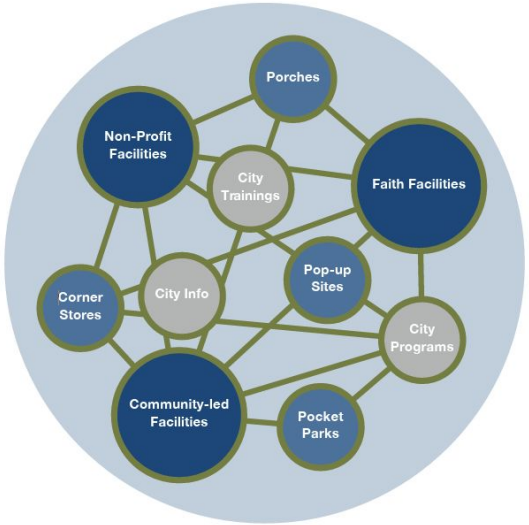
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CDBG-DR Resilience Hubs Program Approach

Intended Outcome: Strengthened Community Hub Network



- **TRUSTED "ANCHOR" HUBS** - The places people already trust - Non-profit, church and community-led facilities.
- **CONNECTIONS** - The everyday touches- the fabric that links anchors, community touch points and City support to each other.
- **COMMUNITY** - The informal places where neighbors connect - porches, neighborhood spots.
- **CITY** - Working to break down barriers and help resource the network through everyday programs, services, and communications that support what the community has built, without taking it over.

CDBG-DR Resilience Hubs Program Overview

- **Funding Available:** $2.125M
- **What's Eligible:** Site improvements that align with the Mapping Project recommendations and grant funding requirements
- **Where:** Located within City limits or has a service area within the City limits
- **How:** Offering 2 pathways to access funding:
  - Track 1: Single (Sole) Applicant managing its own procurement, grant compliance and oversight
  - Track 2: Consortium Application where one organization acts as the "prime" and manages procurement, grant compliance and oversight for the rest of the organizations within the group

Input Incorporated from Council and Recovery Board

Feedback	Project Integration
Include wells and other water supply measures	Water filtration and supply systems are eligible (site conditions permitting)
Increase maximum threshold	• Minimum for all $90,000 • Maximum for Sole $250,000 • Maximum for Consortium $1,500,000
Utilize data in project identification	Climate Map, geography and service area integrated into NOFO
Implement strategies that reduce barriers to apply	• Recorded and live webinars • Sample budget “menu” • Community leadership in project education
Allow ample time for organizations to develop partnerships and understand federal funding complexities	Propose 4 month application and technical assistance period of November 30 - March 25

Feedback Yet to be Incorporated

How to consider city-owned facilities?			
	Option A - Limit NOFO to community-led applications. Reserve a separate, set amount for city facilities	Option B - Include city facilities as eligible entities in the current NOFO and evaluate alongside community-led applications	Option C - NOFO limited to community-led facilities with funds reserved for final technical budget adjustments. Remainder available to fill geographic or service gaps utilizing eligible city facilities.
Pros	Sets clear expectation with the community about available funding	Allows for project selection that may produce the most coverage	Allows for flexibility in award amounts during due diligence.
Cons	Decreases investment and resilience in community-led hubs	No certainty in the balance between community-led and city-owned investments	May not advance resiliency in city facilities

Timeline

October - November 2026	January - February 2027	March 2027	June 2027
NOFO and Technical Resource Release	**Live Events**	**Application Submittal**	**Evaluation and Award**
• October 5: P&E presentation • November 17: PEDE presentation • **November 30:** NOFO Release & Resource Material Publication	• Community-led networking & in-person workshops • Full application walk-through webinar (live and recorded)	• **March 25:** Application Deadline	• Application Evaluation • Finalize awards • **June 15:** PEDE Recommendation • **June 22**: Council approval