

Deep East Texas Council of Governments

2015-2016 TxCDBG Program

***Deep East Texas Regional Review
Committee Guidebook***

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Part I – Introduction

DEEP East Texas Regional Review Committee Guidebook

2015 - 2016 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

The Deep East Texas Regional Review Committee (DETRRC) Guidebook has been prepared in accordance with the 2015 TxCDBG Action Plan and the 2015-2016 Regional Review Committee Scoring and Training Guidelines for the Community Development Fund. The Guidebook provides eligible applicants from the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) region with the application guidelines necessary to be scored under the DETRRC scoring criteria.

Any questions regarding the RRC or the Guidebook should be directed in writing after the DETRRC Guidebook has been published on the website of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to:

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PART II – DETRRC Approved Actions

1. The DETRRC held its required Public Hearing on July 29, 2014, to hear Public comments on the proposed objective scoring criteria, and to approve the RRC Guidebook , project priorities and the objective scoring criteria.
2. The DETRRC selected the Deep East Texas Council of Governments as support staff to develop and disseminate the RRC Guidebook and calculate the RRC scores and provide other administrative RRC support.
3. The RRC established First Priority Projects as All Eligible TxCDBG project activities, with the exception of excluding Water, Sewer, Streets, Roads, Affordable New Housing, or Homeownership Assistance, or Public Housing Modernization activities.

Second Priority Projects are Water, Sewer, Streets and Roads

4. The RRC established the maximum grant amounts for the region:
 - Single Jurisdiction: \$275,000.00
 - Multi-Jurisdictions: \$350,000.00
5. The RRC did not establish set-asides for housing and non-border colonia projects.

PART III – DETRRC Summary of Objective Scoring Criteria

Total points by DETRRC: **50 points**

1. Project Type: **Total Points 50**
 - First Priority – **50 points**
 - Second Priority – **49 points**

PART IV – DETRRC Objective Scoring Criteria

Project Type/Priority – 50 Total Points

Scoring Factor:

1. Is the project categorized as a First Priority project, which includes all eligible TxCDBG Project Activities except for Water, Sewer, Streets, Roads, Affordable New Housing, Homeownership assistance, or Public Housing Modernization activities which are considered ineligible activities ?

(50 maximum points) or

2. Is the project categorized as a Second Priority project, which includes Water, Sewer, Streets and Roads?

(49 maximum points)

METHODOLOGY: CD application Table 1 and Table 2 will be reviewed to determine the appropriate project type category and points will be assigned.

Although all eligible activities are considered under the first Priority (Note: Ineligible Activities are Water, Sewer, Streets, Roads, Affordable New Housing, Homeownership Assistance, and Public Housing Modernization) , TDA will review all activities to determine eligibility and compliance with a national objective. The RRC support staff will only receive a verified CD application Table 1 and Table 2 with correct information for scoring purposes.

TDA may require additional information from applicants outside of information requested by the RRC or in the CD Fund application for various types of eligible activities to determine eligibility and compliance with a national objective and other program requirements. This determination will be made by TDA upon review of the applications submitted for funding under the 2015-2016 Community Development Fund application cycle.

Project Type:

SCORE

First Priority: *All Eligible TxCDBG Project Activities* **50 Points** _____

(Ineligible project activities are Water, Sewer, Streets, Roads, Affordable New Housing, Homeownership Assistance and Public Housing Modernization)

Second Priority: *Water, Sewer, Streets, Roads* **49 Points** _____

Data Source: As stated below.

1. RRC Guidebook – RRC Project Priorities.
2. CD application Table 1 and Table 2 as verified by TDA

Information Needed From Applicant to Score:

List of projects submitted by type as stated in Tables 1 & 2 (list as many as applicable).

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____