

Urgent Need Grants Policy

24 CFR Part 570.483 (d) establishes Urgent Need as the national objective for CDBG grants.

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Activities designed to meet community development needs having a particular urgency. In the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, an activity will be considered to address this objective if the unit of general local government certifies, and the state determines, that the activity is designed to alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community which are of recent origin or which recently became urgent, that the unit of general local government is unable to finance the activity on its own, and that other sources of funding are not available. A condition will generally be considered to be of recent origin if it developed or became urgent within 18 months preceding the certification by the unit of general local government.

The Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) will consider requests for Urgent Need grants if all the following criteria are met:

- Existing conditions must pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community
- Condition must have been recent or recently became urgent within the last 18 months
- The community is unable to finance the activity on its own or able to obtain funding through any other sources
- Remediation of the conditions are an eligible activity under the CDBG

Requests for Urgent Need grants should be directed to the CDBG Program Director. If OCRA determines that an urgent need grant is appropriate, the community will work directly with the CDBG Program Director to complete all the application and grant materials. It is important to note that the Urgent Need grants are awarded in extremely rare conditions.

Effective Date

This policy is effective as of March 15, 2018 and will remain in effect until amended, superseded, or rescinded.