

CDBG PROJECT RATING POINT SYSTEM

Community Development projects are rated by Planning and Development Department staff on a 1,000 point scale based on the following criteria. The maximum number of points to be assigned for each category is listed below along with a description of the manner in which the number of points to be awarded is determined.

- 200 Community Distress Rating
Points are awarded based on the ranking of the project service area considering U.S. Census data including change in population, percent unemployed, percent below poverty, and age of housing stock.
- 150 Appropriateness of Solution
Points are assigned to rate how effectively the proposed project addresses the stated problem. Staff must ask if the problem is completely or only partially solved by the project.
- 150 Proven Need for the Project
The seriousness of the project is rated in comparison to other proposed projects considering concerns such as safety, loss of economic and natural resources, number of people impacted, etc.
- 100 Level of Activity Planning
The amount of preparation made for the project is rated in comparison to other proposed activities. Planning efforts include conducting an income survey, having detailed cost estimates and/or specifications prepared by a contractor or other knowledgeable professional, letters of support, previous applications for same project, evidence of discussions regarding project. This factor also addresses the readiness of the project to proceed once funding is received.
- 100 detailed drawings and specifications
 - 90 feasibility study completed
 - 80 activity is recommended by other planning documents
 - 60 quote from contractor
 - 50 income survey complete
 - 0 no planning activities
- 100 Low and Moderate Benefit
Points are assigned based on the actual percent of the population that meets low and moderate income guidelines. Unless an income survey has been conducted, U.S. Census figures are used to determine these points.

- 100 County Comprehensive Plan Implementation
If an activity is compliant with the goals established by the Comprehensive Plan the activity receives 100 points. If the activity is non-compliant with the Plan no points are awarded. No fraction of points will be awarded in this category.
- 100 Three Year Community Development Plan Priority
Following are the community development needs priorities and rating points assigned for Huntingdon County as contained in the Three Year Community Development Plan
1. Economic Development (100 points)
 - a. Commercial CBD and Economic Development
 - b. More and greater variety of jobs
 - c. Comprehensive Development Plan Update
 2. Public/Community Facilities (90 points)
 - a. Surface Drainage
 - b. Water Service
 - c. Sewage Collection and Treatment
 - d. Solid Waste Disposal
 - e. Recreation Facilities
 3. Housing (80 points)
 - a. Rehabilitation
 - b. Choice of Type
 4. Public Service (70 points)
 - a. Human Services Coordination
 - b. Handicapped and Elderly Accessibility
 - c. Domestic Violence
 5. Transportation (60 points)
 - a. Local Roads and Streets
 - b. Sidewalks
 6. Other (50 points)
 - a. Historic Preservation
 - b. Proper Land Use Development to Prevent Future Slums and Blight
 - c. Agricultural Preservation
- 50 Previous Grant – 3 Years
Projects which have received CDBG funds in the previous 3 years receive 0 points. Those which have not receive 50 points. A fraction of the points are not awarded.

50 Leverage

Points are assigned by first calculating the percent of the total project cost that comes from another funding source. This percentage is multiplied by 50 to determine the number of points awarded.

For example: total project cost is \$100,000, \$20,000 is provided from another source ($20,000 / 100,000 = .20$ or 20%), 20% of the 50 points are awarded ($50 \times .20 = 10$ points).