

CDBG – Emergency Assistance Program (CDBG EAP)
BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Program Description: CDBG-EAP Business assistance is available to eligible business whose activities have been affected by a natural or man-made disaster event. **CDBG-EAP Business Assistance is awarded as a grant to municipalities and a loan or grant to businesses.**

Eligible Damages:

The CDBG EAP assists with business rehabilitation activities directly related to damages incurred during a disaster event.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES
Equipment repair/replacement	Business activities which do not benefit at minimum of 51% low-to-moderate income (LMI) individuals
Building repair	Repairs to dwelling units
Provision of working capital	Repairs to driveways or other means of ingress and egress (unless related to accessibility)
Acquisition/Demolition/Replacement of a facility where necessary repairs exceed 51% of the pre-disaster Fair Market Value	Cosmetic repairs
Water sources (main water line, well pump repair/replacement) and sewer/septic repairs	Non-disaster-related expansion or improvement

Who Can Apply?

- Local Units of Government (Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages)
- Individual business owners must apply through their local municipal government

Summary & Guidelines

The State will grant funds to a municipality. The municipality, in turn, will make a loan or grant to a business for the purpose of emergency business assistance. Eligible loans or grants must support business disaster assistance projects which spur job creation and job maintenance for low – and moderate-income (LMI) individuals. LMI individuals must have an annual gross income not exceeding 80% of County Median Income (CMI).

Household Income Limits for all Wisconsin Counties can be found on the DOA website at the following link: <http://doa.wi.gov/Divisions/Housing/CDBG-EAP>

Loan/Grant Amount: Awards are limited to a maximum of \$1 million, based on an allowance of up to \$35,000 per job created/maintained.

Interest Rate: The interest rate on the loan to the business is 1 percent.

Job Creation: Projects must create/retain jobs and be documented for a period not to exceed 24 months. Employees must Self-Certify LMI or non-LMI status.