

# Project Selection for Disaster Recovery Community Development Projects

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## Project Selection for Disaster Recovery Community Development Projects

- In times of Evolving Recovery Needs, Urgency for Recovery Progress, and Lowering Administrative Burden
- Take Away – Provide you options for customizing your project selection approach, depending on your situation

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### Program Selection Scenarios:

- I. Action Plan
- II. Action Plan Amendments
- III. Action Plan with Phased Programming
  - First Phase planning and Second Phase project select/implementation
  - Round 1 funding to Round 2 funding

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### Project Selection Scenarios 1 through 4:

- I. Action Plan to Notice of Intent to Master Subrecipient Agreement to Notice to Proceed when environmental completed
- II. Action Plan with Regional Allocation to NOFA to Subrecipient Agreement

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### Project Selection Scenarios 1 through 4:

III. Action Plan with Direct Allocations to Non-Competitive Project Applications to either Master Subrecipient Agreement/Subrecipient Agreement

IV. Other \_\_\_\_\_ Phased funding or rounds

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## Project Selection Scenario 1

### Scenario 1:

- Begin with Action Plan – FEMA data, demographic data, limited disaster impact data, local data, anecdotal information
- To Notice of Intent – comprehensive list of activities from applicants, modifiable v. not modifiable at future date
- To Master Subrecipient Agreement – definition, several projects, reduced admin for amendments
- To Notice to Proceed when environmental completed – prioritized projects modified prior to this

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## Project Selection Scenario 1

### Scenario 1 - Benefits / Challenges:

- Subrecipients can modify priority project list post MSA to address evolving recovery needs
- Too much flexibility that takes longer to settled on final project list
- Longer grant timelines in older grants v shorter timelines in new grants
- Conducive when massive infrastructure damage requires phase structures

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## Project Selection Scenario 2

### Scenario 2:

- Begin with Action Plan with Regional Allocations – medium level of program design, set recovery/funding priorities, pull in outside data, evaluate demand, account for applicants with various capacity levels by having set-asides and formula allocations
- To NOFA – over-the-counter, first come first served until regional set-aside is spent, minimizing competition (lowers admin internally/externally), caps/minimums,
- To Subrecipient Agreement – environmental completion not required

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## Project Selection Scenario 2

### Scenario 2 - Benefits / Challenges:

- Quicker to subrecipient agreement; can be quicker to launch too
- Dependent on readiness and capacity of applicants, extensive TA might be required
- Delays due to environmental/program design unknowns

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## Project Selection Scenario 3

### Scenario 3:

- Begin with Action Plan with Direct Allocations – higher level of program design, verify demand is sufficient through data, extensive data required from impacted communities, more vetting / prioritizing of projects, less consideration for varying levels of capacity,
- To Application Submittal – even lower administrative burden, no competition, no caps/minimums to allow for local preference, project feasibility important.
- To Subrecipient Agreement – less flexible than MSA/NTP

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## Project Selection Scenario 3

### Scenario 3 – Benefits / Challenges:

- Requires extensive participation by impacted governing bodies
- Low-capacity jurisdictions can be impacted, underserved
- TA begins earlier at Action Plan stage
- Rushed priorities or lower priority projects to fit window of time
- Lower Admin
- Better setting of priorities if communities have done advanced disaster recovery planning
- Less flexibility to evolving needs; unless, can use MSA/NTP model to provide more time.
- Project feasibility - Match funds / other sources of funds already identified; more suitable for projects already in pipeline.

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## Project Selection Scenario 4

### Scenario 4:

- Phased
  - Start with Planning funds
  - Plan results in identified projects/activities
- Or Rounds of funding
  - Phase 1 - Start with those projects most shovel ready
  - Phase 2 – Reserve of funds for high priority projects that need more preparation to be viable (i.e. sources of funding)
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

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## Project Selection Scenario 4

### Scenario 4 - Benefits/Challenges:

- Lower capacity jurisdiction have more time / resource
- Adjusts to evolving needs
- Strategic recovery (i.e. planning) for more targeted impacts
- Increased time for public participation / shaping of priorities

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### Closing:

- In times of Evolving Recovery Needs, Urgency for Recovery Progress, and Lowering Administrative Burden –
  - Data-backed and locally driven priorities
  - Capacity building for applicants; keep administrative burden low
  - Movement forward yet some flexibility
- These scenarios are options for customizing your project selection approach, depending on recovery capacity and priorities with your state/communities

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CA CDBG-DR website:

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/disaster-recovery-and-mitigation>

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