

Baldwin County LGRIP Office Hours

Q&A for Session 1

March 20, 2026

Summary

The first session of the LGRIP office hours focused on the LGRIP application budget tool. We discussed how to fill out each section and the federal regulations that may be required. We explained the schedule for the upcoming office hours sessions as well. We also spoke briefly about defining service area and beneficiaries and answered any remaining questions.

Attendee Questions and Responses

Q1: What was the total funding ask for projects moved on to Phase 2 compared to the \$12 million in available funding?

A: The total funding ask from Phase 1 was approximately \$34 million from 21 projects that met initial eligibility requirements and moved forward to Phase 2.

Q2: Will there be additional funding rounds beyond the \$12 million available to current applicants?

A: The grant is a one-time award that must be expended by Fall 2028. Unfortunately, additional rounds of funding are not anticipated at this time.

Q3: Is it possible to receive help in mapping the area to determine LMI status?

A: Yes, you can view the Census Tract map and the LMI Project Area Tool that are now in the portal. Please reach out to [Molly](#), [Rawleigh](#), or [Nate](#) from Civix for assistance.

Q4: What happens if our project is not in an LMI census tract? Can we still receive funding?

A: Possibly. There is an Urgent Need national objective for projects that address a need caused by the storms, but do not serve an area of 51% or more LMI households. However, the County must use this national objective sparingly in order to meet the requirements of the grant.

Q5: If labor or other costs are being paid by local funds, do those have to be included in the budget?

A: It is highly recommended that all costs related to the project are included in the Budget Tool to show that the project's hard and soft costs are fully funded.

Q6: Do we have to use the budget tool for the application?

A: Yes, the budget template ensures that all major costs of the project and funding sources are accounted for. A detailed cost estimate for construction must also be uploaded to the application portal.