

ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREA FORM

Economically Distressed Area Form Instructions.

Please submit the Economically Distressed Area fillable pdf form and respective attachments with your grant or loan application. A minimum of one option from each step is required. Maps can be created from the EDA Mapping Tool, as described in the EDA Instructions.

Step	Criterion	Required Information
1	Option 1: Municipality with MHI <85% of statewide median income AND population of 20,000 people or less	Attach a map (outline project benefit area and display criteria). Use a <i>Municipality–MHI and Population Counting Tool</i> layer that shows the MHI and population of the project benefit/service area.
	Option 2: Rural County AND MHI less than 85% of the statewide median.	Attach a map (outline project benefit area and display criteria). Use the <i>Rural Counties with less than 85% MHI</i> layer that shows the benefit/service area is within a rural county that meets the MHI criteria.
	Option 3: Reasonably isolated and divisible segment of a larger municipality where the segment of the population is 20,000 persons or less AND MHI less than 85% of the statewide median.	Attach a map (outline project benefit area and display criteria: population and MHI). Use a <i>Municipality–MHI and Population Counting Tool</i> layer that shows the MHI and population of the project benefit/service area. Explain, in 3,000 characters or less, the basis for claiming that the project benefit/service area is reasonably isolated and divisible.
2	Option 1: Financial hardship	Explain, in 3,000 characters or less, the basis for claiming that the project benefit/service has a financial hardship.
	Option 2: Unemployment Rate at least 2% Higher than the Statewide Average	Attach a map. Use an <i>Unemployment Rate</i> layer that shows the benefit/service area has an unemployment rate that is at least 2% higher than the statewide average.
	Option 3: Low Population Density	Attach a map. Use a <i>Low Population Density</i> layer that shows the benefit/service area has a low population density.

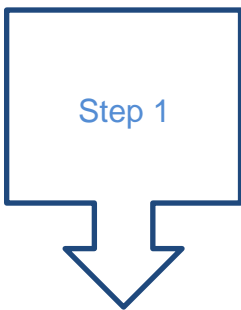
ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREA CHECKLIST

Instructions: To meet the definition of an economically distressed area, applicants must meet at least one criterion in Step 1 and one criterion from Step 2. Please fill out this checklist, selecting the appropriate criteria for your project's benefit area, and include it in your EDA package.

Applicant Name:

Project Name:

Program Name (reference Table 1):



- An annual median household income (MHI) less than 85% of statewide median household income AND a population of 20,000 people or less.

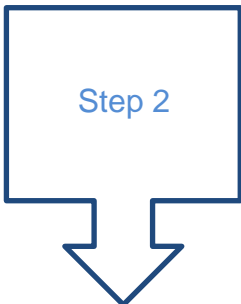
Map Attached.

Median HH income:

Population:

- A rural county with MHI <85% of Statewide MHI.
Map Attached.
- A reasonably isolated and divisible segment of a larger municipality where the segment of the population is 20,000 people or less AND MHI less than 85% of the statewide median. Provide: 1) a map (for population and MHI); and 2) justification (3,000 characters or less):

Map Attached.



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- Financial Hardship. **Provide justification** (3,000 characters or less):

- Unemployment rate at least 2% higher than statewide average

Map Attached.

Unemployment rate:

- Low population density

Map Attached.

Population density: