APPLICANT NAME: County of El Dorado

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ACTIVITY	SELECT	DOCUMENTATION	PAGE(S)
Business Assistance (All pages)	Required	All Forms and Documentation	x to x
NEED			
Unemployment Rate (As listed in Appendix O)	No Action Required	No Action Required	No Documentation Required
Market Analysis:	Yes	Yes	X
 Understanding Market Conditions 	YES	Narrative	Х
 Identifying and Analyzing Lending Opportunities and Competitors 	YES	Narrative	х
- Demand Projections	YES	Narrative	х
- Conclusions	YES	Narrative	х
BENEFIT			
Poverty Rate (As listed in Appendix A)	No Action Required	No Documentation Required	No Documentation Required
Proposed Activity and Beneficiaries	Yes	Chart	X
READINESS			
Program Description:	Yes	Yes	х
 Program Organization and Activity Flow Charts 	Combination	Chart	Х
- Business Assistance Task Matrix	Combination	Task Matrix	Х
Description of the Organization and Structure	Yes	Narrative	Х
Program Operator's Status :	Yes	Yes	Х
 Approved Contracts for all Subrecipients and Consultants Procured; (or) 	NO	Combination	Х

Grantee will be Using In-House Staff Solely, or in Conjunction with Others for Activity; (or)	In-house staff		Х
- Grantee Does Not Have Approved Contracts and/or Agreements, Executed Subrecipient Agreement, Program Operator Contract, and will be Procuring for Services for this Activity	YES	Draft RFP Duty State	Х
Program Operator and/or Consultant Documentation:	Yes	Yes	Х
- Complete Duty Statements	Yes	In-House Staff	Х
Complete Resumes of Program Operator and Staff	Yes	In-House Staff	Х
 Identification Of Key Staff Performing ED Financial Analysis and Underwriting 	Yes	In-House Staff	Х
 Documented Experience of the Program Operator and Staff 	Yes	In-House Staff	Х
Certificates or Training for ED/CDBG Financial Expertise or Specialization	NO	In-House Staff	Х

A. <u>Activity Information</u>:

1. <u>Description of Activity</u>: (See instructions.)

The County of El Dorado's Business Loan Program provides the critical and necessary capital needs for business and real estate projects within the county. The Business Loan Program will be capitalized with funds from the State of California Community Development Block Grant Enterprise Fund component and the County's Revolving Loan program. The Loan Program provides appropriate financial assistance to businesses and real estate development projects which in turn will create and/or retain jobs in the unincorporated county, pimarily for low/mod income households, and increase the commercial and industrial base of the community.

The primary goal of the Program is to stimulate business and job growth through appropriate assistance to business. Through screening of applicants and identification of financing gaps, the Business Loan Program enhances the incentive for commercial lenders to meet the credit needs of risky, yet still credit-worthy businesses.

Funds can be used for working capital, purchase of supplies and equipment, property acquisition or leasehold improvements. Loans range from \$5,000 to \$100,000. Each borrower must create one full-time equivalent job for low/mod workers for every \$35,000 borrowed.

The County of El Dorado Business Loan Program has provided eleven (11) economic development loans for a total of \$595,000 since 1998. The types of businesses assisted include retail, agricultural, law firm, web design and manufacturers.

B. <u>Need for Activity</u>:

In this section, the need for Business Assistance is based on the Jurisdiction's annual unemployment rate, as well as a Market Analysis provided by the Applicant.

- 1. <u>Average Unemployment Rate</u>: Since the applicant pool sets the scoring range for all data driven criteria, during rating and ranking the Department will use the Jurisdiction's county unemployment rate listed in **Appendix O**.
- 2. <u>Market Analysis</u>: See the application Instructions for the outline for developing the market analysis. All components listed below are required for scoring. Be sure to include the page numbers for the items below in the Table of Contents above.
 - ✓ Understanding Market Conditions

- ✓ Identifying/Analyzing Lending Opportunities and Competitors
- ✓ Demand Projections
- ✓ Conclusions

C. Benefit:

The Applicant must provide the following information:

1. <u>Poverty Rate</u>: Since the applicant pool sets the scoring range for all data driven criteria, during rating and ranking the Department will use the Jurisdiction's poverty rate listed in **Appendix A**.

2. Proposed Activity and Beneficiaries – Business Assistance:

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE						
PROPOSED ACTIVITY(S) AND BENEFICIARIES Complete and enter the following information: 1. The projected number of businesses to be assisted; and, 2. The estimated number of jobs to be created and/or retained by each activity proposed under this application						
LOANS	No. of Business Expansions	No. of Business Start-Ups	No. of Jobs Created	No. of Jobs Retained	No. of Low/Mod Jobs*	CDBG National Objective*
	3	0	8	3	6	⊠ Low/Mod Jobs

^{*} For a Business Assistance activity meeting the Low/Mod benefit National Objective, at least 51% of the jobs created and/or retained must be held by low- or very low-income persons.

D. Readiness:

1. **Program Description**:

- a) Program Organization and Activity Flow Chart: Please use the sample in Appendix S.
- b) Business Assistance Task Matrix: Please use the Business Assistance Task Matrix sample below. Please mark the responsible party (Program Operator and/or City/County) who will be conducting the task and/or task for the grant activities, and activity projects.

TASK	PROGRAM	CITY/
Fatablish and Maintain Program Lean Files	OPERATOR	COUNTY
Establish and Maintain Program Loan Files Legal Review of Loan Documents		
Approve RLF Guidelines Prepare Fiscal/Performance Reports		
Review Fiscal/Performance Reports		
Monitor Program Operator Conduct NEPA and CEQA Review		
Participate in LAB Review		
Loan Servicing and Accounting		
Provide Monthly Receipts of Loan Payments		
Provide Quarterly Statements on Loans		
Implement Collections and Foreclosures		
Approve Reuse Plan		
Meet with Participating Lenders		
Publicize and Market the RLF		
Screen and Assist Loan Applicants		
Refer Ineligible Applicants to Others		
Request preliminary Loan information		
Get Credit Report and Other Documentation		
Prepare Loan Package and Recommendation with Appropriate		
Determination		
Present Loan to LAB		
Close Loan with Other Lenders		
Monitor Loan and General Compliance		
Preview and Sign all HCD Reports		
Prepare Cash Requests and HCD Reports		
Clear Special Conditions		
Site Visits to Borrowers		
Business Loans		\boxtimes
Track Jobs/Benefit (EEO)		\boxtimes
Monitor Labor Standards		
Income Screening/TIG Benefit		
Conduct Appeal Process		
Establish Fair Share Amount		\boxtimes
Develop Fair Share Agreement		
Execute and Implement Fair Share Agreement		
Planning, Building and Public Works Reviews		
Attend HCD Workshops		\boxtimes
Provide Business Counseling – SBDC		
Provide Overall Review and Liaison Between RLF Components, City		
and CDBG Program		
Add additional task here:		
Add additional task here:		

c) Description of the Organization and Structure: Be sure to add the page numbers for the associated documentation in the Table of Contents above.

Describe:

In May 2009, the County Board of Supervisors recognized the need for a focused economic plan of action and adopted an Economic Development Action Plan to address critical economic issues facing the County. A major focus of the Plan is to provide economic development tools to businesses located in, or relocating to, the unincorporated area of the county, specifically applying for CDBG-Enterprise Fund grant dollars to support economic stability and growth.

Since that time, the Board, through it's Community and Economic Development Advisory Board (CEDAC) has supported programs for sustainable economic growth. CEDAC is to annually review the success of the Economic Development Element and County's Economic Development Strategy, assist with the drafting and implementation of an annual 12-month action plan for the coming year, and take action to ensure sustainable economic growth and continued diversification of the economy.

The County of El Dorado Business Loan Program provides the critical and necessary capital needs for business and real estate projects within the county. The Business Loan Program provides appropriate financial assistance to businesses and real estate development projects which in turn create and/or retain jobs in the county, and increase the commercial and industrial base of the community.

Eligible applicants include ongoing and start-up private, for-profit business concerns, corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships and cooperatives that are incorporated and licensed, and are located in or locating to the County. The project financed with the Business Loan Program must be within the unincorporated area of the County.

The project must be commercial or industrial. Loans range from \$5,000 to \$100,000. Business Loan Program funds can be used for construction and permanent financing, working capital, inventory equipment, real property acquisition, construction and rehabilitation. Each borrower must create one full-time equivalent job for low/mod workers for every \$35,000 borrowed.

County staff are responsible for the loan packaging activities, including review of all proposals presented to the Loan Advisory Board (LAB).

The County of El Dorado Business Loan Program meets local need by:

- Providing a Program that improves the county's local employment base by increasing employment opportunities to the targeted income group of low/mod workers;
- Encourages diversification of the economic base;
- Filling the financial gap that hinders the business or project from moving forward without the Business Loan Program; and
- Providing critical economic development tools for economic stability and growth.

2.	the	gram Operators Status: (Check the appropriate box.) Be sure to ad- page numbers for the associated documentation in the Table of ntents above.			
		The application has approved contracts for all subrecipients and consultants according to HUD Procurement Guidelines.			
		The application states the Grantee will use in-house staff to act as the sole program operator, or in conjunction with a subrecipient or consultant. The Applicant has identified the staff responsible for doing the work and/or activity.			
		The application states the Grantee does not have approved contracts or agreements but will be procuring services for this activity. The Applicant must provide a copy of the subrecipient agreement of Request for Proposal (RFP) that will be used by the grantee to procure the program operator and/or consultants for this activity. In the case where the Applicant uses an RFP procurement process, the Applicant must provide the method of evaluation and selection for the program operator and/or or consultants.			
3.	pag	gram Operator Qualification Documentation: Be sure to add the e numbers for the associated documentation in the Table of attents above.			
		ed on the answer provided in the previous question, the Applicant must ude the following for each individual performing work under this activity:			
	\boxtimes	Complete duty statements of all job positions.			
		Complete resumes of all individuals performing work under the activity (include relevant experience with emphasis on any CDBG RLA, grant management, marketing, and CDBG financial underwriting training and experience).			
		Identify individual(s) performing ED financial underwriting for BA loans.			
		Provide certificates of training that substantiate ED financial expertise or CDBG specialization.			