

**CEDS Selection Criteria for EDA Non-Construction Projects  
2017**

1. Economic Distress. The purpose of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) is to create and/or retain private sector jobs and to alleviate unemployment and underemployment. Projects located in areas of high unemployment and low Per Capita Income (PCI) will receive more points. Unemployment for the most recent 24-month period using U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will be calculated, when possible, for the entity or county in which the project is located. Small communities that are not covered by BLS statistics may provide independent studies for the Committee to consider in assigning points, use the county rate, or document distress using statistics as the Census Tract level. Applicants may use whichever statistic gives the project more points, but only one point category can be selected.

Unemployment rate greater than 1 percentage point above the U.S. rate /PCI is 80 percent or less than the national PCI/ Meets EDA Special Need criteria	8 points
Unemployment rate less than or equal to 1 percentage point above the U.S. rate/ PCI is 81-89 percent of the U.S. PCI	5 points
Unemployment rate equal to the U.S. rate/ PCI is 91-99 percent of the U.S. PCI	3 points
Unemployment rate less than or equal to 1 percentage point below the U.S. rate/PCI Equals the U.S. rate	1 point
Unemployment rate greater than 1 percentage point below the U.S. rate/ Per capita income exceeds 100 percent of the U.S. rate	0 points

2. EDA funds requested will be used to:

Directly support the industrial/manufacturing sector	10 points
Directly support high tech/innovation industries	10 points
Support plans related to infrastructure/transportation projects that are directly related to creating high-tech, high quality jobs	10 points
Support businesses that will primarily be involved in the service industry or information technology	6 points
Support businesses that are primarily retail/commercial	2 points
Support plans directly related to stand-alone infrastructure/ transportation projects unrelated to the creation of high quality jobs	2 points
Support plans for a community facility	0 points

3. EDA's National Strategic Priorities. EDA has identified a set of national priorities. Projects that address these priorities will receive one point for each, up to a maximum of 5 points. Documentation is required in order to receive a point.
  - a. Clean energy
  - b. Green technologies
  - c. Sustainable manufacturing
  - d. Information technology infrastructure (where lacking) – for eg. Broadband, smartgrid
  - e. Auto industry restructuring
  - f. Natural disaster mitigation
  - g. Access to capital for small to medium-sized and ethnically diverse enterprises
  - h. Innovations in science, healthcare and alternative fuel technologies
  
4. How many full-time jobs are expected to be created and/or retained by the project over the next 9 years? (i.e. do not count part-time or contractual jobs).
 

50 jobs or more	6 points
Up to 49 jobs	3 points
  
5. Quality of Jobs Created. The average hourly base wage rate of the jobs created (excluding benefits) is at or above 200% of the federal minimum wage.
 

3 points
  
6. Cooperation. Project represents a partnership between 2 or more eligible applicants as defined by 13 Code of Federal Regulations, section 300.2 (for example, a local government, community development corporation or a university). A partnership is characterized by the commitment of money or in-kind services.
 

3 points
  
7. The project contributes to the region's key industries. Projects will receive 5 points for identifying a potential tenant or client engaged in activities below. Projects will not receive any points for this item unless an applicant can identify a potential tenant, community plan or client that proposes specific activities that would fit into these categories (based on the intended/planned construction). For retention projects, consider this question on the basis of known contributions to the key industries below.
  - a. Advanced Materials and Polymers (eg. chemicals, plastics, liquid crystals)
  - b. Aerospace and Aviation (eg. R & D and manufacturing)
  - c. Agri-business and Food Processing (eg. food safety, ag-bio R & D)
  - d. Automotive (eg. manufacturing involving auto suppliers and supply chains)
  - e. Bioscience and Bioproducts (e.g. research, health innovations)
  - f. Corporate and Professional Services (eg. finance, IT)
  - g. Instruments and Controls (eg. production of high-tech electronic equipment used in production, new product development and quality assurance)

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- h. Energy (eg. advanced and alternate energy systems and innovations, oil and gas)
- i. Metals (eg. steel, aluminum)
- j. Transportation and Logistics (eg. processes/products that support transportation efficiencies)

0 or 5 points

8. Local support. Local share is essential to the development of a project. High priority will be given to projects which have a high percentage of local participation as a portion of total project costs. In kind contributions must be specified. Do not include staff time.

Calculate: 
$$\frac{\text{Local share (in-kind , public, private funds)}}{\text{Total Project Costs}}$$

70% or greater	6 points
50 - 69%	3 points
30 - 49%	1 point
less than 30%	0 points

9. Readiness to proceed. Many projects are listed in the CEDS, but are in various stages of their readiness to proceed with the EDA application. Priority is given to projects that are closer to applying to EDA for funding. Please use realistic measures when scoring.

Application already submitted and project is listed in NEFCO's CEDS	12 points
Actively working with NEFCO to submit application within 1-3 months	4 points
Actively working with NEFCO to submit application within 4-6 months	3 points
Expect to submit application within 6-12 months	1 point
Not sure when application will be submitted	0 points

10. The project is submitted by a NEFCO member or by a community represented by NEFCO.  
5 points