

# ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREA FORM

## Economically Distressed Area Form Instructions

*Please submit the Economically Distressed Area fillable pdf form with your grant or loan application.*

Step	Criterion	Required Information
1	MHI	Attach map from EDA tool that shows the project benefit/service area and the <85% MHI layer.
2	Option 1: Municipality with Population of 20,000 People or Less	Attach map from EDA tool that shows the project benefit/service area and the municipality area population layer.
	Option 2: Rural County	Attach map from EDA tool that shows the project benefit/service area and the rural county layer.
	Option 3: Reasonably Isolated and Divisible Segment of a Larger Municipality where the Segment of the Population is 20,000 Persons or Less	Attach map from EDA tool that shows the project benefit/service area and the municipality area population layer.  Explain, in 3,000 characters or less, the basis for claiming that the project benefit/service area is reasonably isolated and divisible.
3	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 Percent Higher than the Statewide Average	Attach map from EDA tool that shows the project benefit/service area and the unemployment layer.
	Option 3: Low Population Density	Attach map from EDA tool that show the project benefit/service area and the low population density layer.

# ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREA CHECKLIST

**Instructions:** To meet the definition of an economically distressed area, applicants must meet the criterion in Step 1, then proceed to selecting one criterion from Step 2, followed by selecting one criterion from Step 3. 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):** \_\_\_\_\_

Step 1



An annual median household income < 85% of statewide median household income:

Step 2



• A municipality with a population of 20,000 people or less:

\_\_\_\_\_

• A rural county: \_\_\_\_\_

• A reasonably isolated and divisible segment of a larger municipality where the segment of the population is 20,000 persons or less:

\_\_\_\_\_

Step 3\*



• Financial hardship: \_\_\_\_\_

• Unemployment rate at least 2 percent higher than the statewide average:

\_\_\_\_\_

• Low population density: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\*As determined by the Department.

## MAP OF ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREA & PROJECT BENEFIT AREA

**Instructions:** To meet the definition of an economically distressed area, applicants must display their selected economically distressed area criteria via map(s) and show the project benefit area. Please utilize the Economically Distressed Area Mapping Tool to show the appropriate criteria for your project benefit area.

*Attach a map to this form.*

## REASONABLY ISOLATED JUSTIFICATION

**Instructions:** To meet the definition of an economically distressed area, applicants must display one criterion from each step of the Economically Distressed Area Checklist (Attachment 1). Please utilize the space below to describe the appropriate 'reasonably isolated' criterion for your project benefit area, if applicable. Please limit justification narrative to 3,000 characters.

*Insert text here.*

## FINANCIAL HARDSHIP JUSTIFICATION

*Insert text here.*