Community Programs

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant (CF Loan/Grant)

What is this Program?
USDA Rural Development helps fund essential community facilities; such as first responder vehicles and equipment, healthcare, public safety, and public services.

Who May Apply?
- Not-for-profit Corporations - the entity must have significant ties to the local community such as control by a public body or broadly based ownership and controlled by members of the local community.
- Public Bodies (cities, counties, special-purpose districts, etc.).
- Federally recognized American Indian tribal groups.
- Must be unable to obtain commercial credit.
- Located in an eligible area of 20,000 or less.

How Can Funds Be Used?
Construct, enlarge or otherwise improve essential community facilities operated on a nonprofit basis. Examples include:
- Health care: hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, etc.
- Public safety: police/fire stations, rescue vehicles, communications centers.
- Education: schools, pre-schools, child care centers, school buses, etc.
- Public services: city halls, courthouses, community centers, airports, libraries, homeless shelters, museums, animal shelters, etc.
- Transportation infrastructure: such as streets, roads, bridges, and natural gas distribution systems.
- Industrial parks: land acquisition and site preparation only. Purchase of existing facilities to improve or prevent a loss of service.

Pay the following expenses:
- Reasonable fees, costs and interest.
- Costs of acquiring interest and rights in land.
- Purchasing or renting equipment.
- Initial operating expenses.

What Uses are Prohibited?
- On-site utility systems of business or industrial buildings in industrial park.
- Finance recreational facilities or community antenna television services or facilities.
- Construct facilities primarily for the purpose of house State, Federal or Quasi-Federal agencies.
- New combined sanitary and storm water sewer facilities.
- Pay annual recurring costs including purchases or rentals considered to be operating and maintenance expenses.
- Facilities not modest in size design and cost.
- Finder’s and packager’s fees.
- Refinance existing debt or pay interest.
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How Do I Apply?
Applications are accepted year-round. Contact your local Rural Development office using the list to the right.

To ensure this information is the most current, please visit our website at www.rurdev.usda.gov.

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