



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

How Much are the Grants?

- Grant cannot exceed 75% of project cost
- A scale is used to determine grant funding based on population and income

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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