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Community Development Assistance Program



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Program Description

The Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) is a grant program funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that assists Illinois communities by providing grants to local governments to help them in financing economic development projects, public facilities and housing rehabilitation. The program is targeted to assist low-to-moderate income people by creating job opportunities and improving the quality of their living environment.

Who Can Apply

Units of general local government such as cities, villages, townships and counties may apply for funding. Local governments must have populations of 50,000 or less and must not be located in an urban county or the 40 cities that receive federal "entitlement" funds. **The counties of: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison, McHenry, St. Clair and Will are entitlement counties and are not eligible for CDAP funds.**

What Types of Grants are Available

◆ Design Engineering

Local governments may request grant funds up to \$100,000 for design engineering activities. Design funds may be used for final design engineering of large scale projects for new or expanding water or sewer systems. Funding priority is water, sewer and storm sewer projects. **Applications are judged competitively.**

◆ Economic Development

Grant funds of up to \$750,000 may be available for use by local governments to provide financial assistance to business locating or expanding in the community. Funds may be used for machinery and equipment, working capital, building construction and renovation. Grants may also be available for improvements to public infrastructure in direct support of a business that would create and/or retain jobs in the community. Applications may be submitted at any time.

◆ Flexible Opportunity

Grant funds may be available to units of local government for many kinds of community development project activities deemed by HUD to be "eligible activities" for the CDBG program. DCEO will prioritize the following projects for funding under the Flexible Use program component, including: Acquisition of property for public purposes, construction or reconstruction of streets, neighborhood centers, recreation facilities, and other public works, demolition, rehabilitation of public and private buildings, public services, planning activities, assistance to nonprofit entities for community development activities, and assistance to private, for profit entities to carry out economic development activities (including assistance to micro-enterprises). DCEO has specifically prioritized the above-listed activities among the comprehensive list of eligible activities defined by HUD. Certain activities listed are supported by other CDAP program components in place and would not be prioritized for funding under the Flexible Use component. **Applications are judged competitively.**

◆ Housing

Single Family Owner Occupied- To provide safe and sanitary living conditions for low-to-moderate income residents of their communities. Local governments may request grant funds up to \$350,000. These grants are used to upgrade existing housing stock in the communities. **Applications are judged competitively.**

◆ Mobility and Accessibility Rehabilitation Services (MARS)

To provide safe and accessible housing conditions for low-to-moderate income residents of owner occupied and rental units in their communities. Local governments may request grant funds up to \$100,000. These grant funds are used to rehabilitate and retrofit properties for occupancy by persons with physical impairments. Applicants must contact CDAP staff at 217/785-6142 (TDD: 217/785-6055) in order to obtain an application and information on the status of available funding.

◆ Public Infrastructure

Local governments needing to improve public infrastructure and eliminate conditions detrimental to public health, safety, and public welfare may request grants up to \$350,000 for Public Facilities to undertake projects designed to alleviate these conditions. The funding priority for this component is water, sanitary and storm sewer projects. **Applications are judged competitively.**

◆ Public Infrastructure Set-Aside

When emergencies strike, communities may apply for grant funds up to \$100,000 to undertake projects that improve public infrastructure and eliminate conditions detrimental to health, safety and public welfare. The funding priority for this component is water and sanitary and storm sewer projects. Applications may be submitted at any time.