



Wisconsin Department of Administration

2024

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Public Facilities (PF) Program

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities (PF) program is a federally-funded grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are passed from HUD to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), which is responsible for administering the program at the state level. The CDBG-PF program assists communities to expand and improve public infrastructure and to carry out projects critical to community vitality and sustainability.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Examples of eligible activities include the following:

- Expansion or upgrade of infrastructure (e.g., water, sanitary sewer & storm drainage systems; street construction; wastewater treatment facilities)
- Construction or renovation of needed community projects such as libraries, community centers, senior centers and fire stations
- Acquisition, demolition or rehabilitation of deteriorated/blighted buildings or environmentally contaminated properties for site improvements
- Removal of architectural barriers to ensure accessibility in a public building

The proposed project must alleviate a health and/or safety problem, be consistent with the State's CDBG program goals, and meet one of the following National Objectives:

- Benefiting Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) persons - serving an area in which at least 51% of the residents are LMI persons (area basis) or providing services to a group of persons principally made up of LMI individuals (limited clientele); or
- Preventing or eliminating slum and blight; or
- Meeting an urgent local need of recent origin that poses a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and for which other financial resources are not available.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

Grants of up to \$1 million are available, subject to a 2:1 grantee match (i.e., maximum \$2 in CDBG for every \$1 of grantee funds). Eligible match investments may include grants and/or loans provided by private, local, state, or federal partners.

Communities that received a CDBG-PF award in the last 2 years' award cycles or currently have an open CDBG-PF project are not eligible for consideration.

APPLICATION PROCESS

CDBG-PF projects are competitive, and DOA accepts applications on an annual basis, usually in mid-May. Specific deadlines are announced in the early part of each calendar year.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

The CDBG program requires pre-construction activities for awarded projects to be completed within 6 to 8 months of the award date; construction is required to start by July 1st of the year following award; and construction must be completed by October 31st two years after the award date.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

An eligible applicant is a general-purpose unit of government, which includes a City, Village or Town with a population less than 50,000 and counties with populations under 200,000.

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