
Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant for Public Facilities (CDBG-PF)

The Wisconsin CDBG Public Facilities Program is designed to assist communities with public facility improvements, excluding buildings for the conduct of government. The Program is designed to enhance the vitality of a community by undertaking public investment that contributes to solid long-term community and economic development.

Eligible Applicants

- Towns, villages, or cities that are not entitlement communities.
- Any county, other than Milwaukee, most of Dane, and Waukesha counties.
- Project must meet one of the three National Objectives for the program, which are: 1) the project principally benefits low and moderate-income persons; 2) the project eliminates slum and blight; and 3) the proposed activity meets and urgent local need (typically catastrophic events).

Eligible Activities (Non-Exclusive)

Publicly owned:

- Utilities and Streets
- Fire Stations and Emergency Vehicles
- Community/Senior Centers and Shelters
- Municipal Telecommunications
- Libraries
- Downtown Improvements

Funding Availability

Grant funds are available on a continual basis. The maximum grant is typically \$500,000, but most grants provide approximately 30 percent of the project costs that must be covered by the applicant. Applicants can receive only one (1) grant per a 12-month period. Grants are only available up to the amount that is adequately justified and documented with engineering or vendor estimates.

Review and Award Process

Applications are scored based upon consideration of the applicant's overall distress, need for the improvement, ability to pay for the improvement, utility rates, local efforts to pay for the project, leveraging of other funds and project readiness. To be considered for funding, all projects must obtain a minimum score.

Project Administration

The grant recipient is responsible for project administration. This includes, but is not limited to, submitting progress reports, conducting Labor Standards reviews, keeping financial management records, preparing closeout reports and meeting other contractual obligations.

Submission of Applications

All eligible applicants must submit a Project Proposal which is available on the Department's website – <http://commerce.wi.gov/> Previous grant recipients must be in compliance with all current and past contract obligations it has with other Department community and economic development programs.

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