



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Rural Texas

The primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low- to moderate-income.

Eligible Applicants: Non-entitlement cities and counties whose populations are less than 50,000 and 200,000 respectively, and that are not participating or designated as eligible to participate in the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Community Development Fund

Application Deadline: February 2017

Max Award: varies by region

The Community Development Fund is the largest fund category in the TxCDBG Program. This fund is available through a competition in each of the 24 state planning regions. Although most funds are used for Public Facilities (water/wastewater infrastructure, street and drainage improvements and housing activities), there are numerous other activities for which these funds may be used.

Texas Capital Fund

Supports rural business development, retention, and expansion by providing funds for public infrastructure, real estate development, or elimination of deteriorated conditions.

Downtown Revitalization Program

Application Deadline: October 2016

Max Award: \$250,000

Awards matching grant funds for public infrastructure to foster and stimulate economic development in rural downtown areas.

Main Street Improvement Program

Application Deadline: October 2016

Max Award: \$250,000

Provides Texas Main Street communities with matching grants to expand or enhance public infrastructure in historic main street areas.

Infrastructure Development

Applications due on the 20th of each month

Max Award: \$1,500,000

Provides grants or zero-interest loans for Infrastructure Development to create or retain permanent jobs.

Real Estate Development

Applications due on the 20th of each month

Max Award: \$1,500,000

Provides a zero-interest loan to fund real estate acquisition or improvements to create or retain permanent jobs.

Planning and Capacity Building Fund

Application Deadline: March 2016

Max Award: \$55,000

The Planning and Capacity Building Fund is a competitive grant program for local public facility and housing planning activities. Localities apply for financial assistance to prepare a "comprehensive plan" or any of its components.

Small Towns Environment Program Fund

Application Deadline: As Needed

Max Award: \$350,000

Provides assistance to communities for solving water and sewer problems utilizing self-help methods.

Disaster Relief Fund

Application Deadline: One Year from Declaration

Max Award: \$350,000

The Disaster Relief Fund addresses emergency situations that have received an official state or federal disaster declaration. Funds can be used to restore infrastructure damaged by natural disasters to pre-disaster condition in design, function, and capacity. In a drought situation, the DR fund may also be used to install new facilities that resolve a primary drinking water supply shortage.

Urgent Need Fund

Application Deadline: As Needed

Max Award: \$250,000

The Urgent Need Fund is based on a pre-application request from a community. Funds can only be utilized for activities that will restore water or sewer infrastructure whose sudden failure has resulted in death, illness, injury or pose an imminent threat to life or health within the affected applicant's jurisdiction and the problem being addressed must be of recent origin (no more than 30 days from date of event).

Community Enhancement Fund

Application Deadline: August 2016

Max Award: \$500,000

The Community Enhancement Fund is to provide a source of funds not available through other TxCDBG programs that is designed to stimulate a community's economic development efforts and improve self-sufficiency. The project must be a community facility project, renewable energy project, or a combination of the two that would have the potential to benefit all citizens within the jurisdiction. The facilities must provide a benefit that will enhance the overall quality of life in the rural community.

Colonia Funds

These funds are available to eligible county applicants for projects in severely distressed unincorporated areas. The term "colonia" means any identifiable unincorporated community that is within 150 miles of the border between the United States and Mexico, except that the term does not include any standard metropolitan statistical area that has a population exceeding 1,000,000.

Colonia Planning Fund

Application Deadline: June 2017

Max Award: \$100,000

Assistance for the completion of planning activities that prepare colonia areas for needed water, sewer and housing improvements.

Colonia Construction Fund

Application Deadline: June 2017

Max Award: \$500,000

Assistance to fund water and wastewater improvements, housing rehabilitation, payment of assessments levied against properties to recover the capital cost for a public improvement and other improvements including street paving and drainage.

Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program

Application Deadline: As Needed

Max Award: \$1,000,000

This fund provides assistance to colonia areas to connect to a water and sewer system improvement project funded by the Texas Water Development Board Economically Distressed Areas Program.

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