

Department of Administration Community Development Block Grants

CDBG FUNDS ARE USED TO PROMOTE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENTS AND EXPANDED ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH LOW TO MODERATE INCOME.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides federal funding to States through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. In turn, states provide CDBG funds to local governments to support their housing, community and economic development activities. In Wisconsin, the program is administered by the Department of Administration (DOA).

DOA handles all CDBG application and contract management activities, including the disbursement of grant funds.

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation will continue its extensive community and economic development and networking outreach, while DOA will provide financial management and federal reporting expertise.

The State of Wisconsin offers several Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) tools that can benefit your community. We offer CDBG funding for:

CDBG Rural Economic and Area Development Initiative (CDBG-READI)*

Grant funds are awarded to local governments that intend to grant funds to certified Community Development Organizations for economic, housing and job training projects that benefit low- and moderate income individuals. Eligible projects must include both an economic development component as well as a housing component. Applicants are encouraged to include a job training component as well.

- **How to apply:** application process is continuous. Application materials are available at: <http://doa.wi.gov/Divisions/Housing/Bureau-of-Community-Development/READI-Program/>.
- **Review process:** DOA anticipates a 60 day review time period of applications.

CDBG Economic Development (CDBG-ED)*

Grant funds are awarded to local governments to assist businesses in creating or retaining jobs for low- and moderate-income individuals. Examples of eligible projects include business loans to expand facilities or purchase equipment, specialized employee training, or business infrastructure projects.

- **How to apply:** application process is continuous. Application materials are available at: <http://doa.wi.gov/Divisions/Housing/Bureau-of-Community-Development>.
- **Review process:** DOA anticipates a 60 day review time period of applications.

CDBG Public Facility - Economic Development (CDBG-PFED)*

Grant funds are awarded to local governments for public infrastructure projects that support business expansion or retention. Examples of eligible applications include new or improved water and sewer service and streets that result in business expansion and job opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals.

- **How to apply:** application process is continuous. Application materials are available at: <http://doa.wi.gov/Divisions/Housing/Bureau-of-Community-Development>.
- **Review process:** DOA anticipates a 60 day review time period of applications.

CDBG Planning (CDBG-PLNG)*

These grant funds support community efforts to improve local vitality by addressing slum and blight and/or address issues that will improve the well-being of low- and-moderate income individuals. Grants are limited to projects that, if implemented, would meet a CDBG national objective.

- **How to apply:** annual *competitive* process. Application materials are available at: <http://doa.wi.gov/Divisions/Housing/Bureau-of-Community-Development>.
- **Review process:** DOA anticipates a 45 day review time period of applications.

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CDBG Public Facility (CDBG-PF)*

These funds help support infrastructure and facility projects for communities. Some examples of eligible projects include streets, drainage systems, water and sewer systems, sidewalks, and community centers.

- **How to apply:** annual *competitive* process. Application materials are available at: <http://doa.wi.gov/Divisions/Housing/Bureau-of-Community-Development>.
- **Review process:** DOA anticipates a 45 day review time period of applications. Successful applications will receive an award letter which will document the steps required to execute a contract.

CDBG Affordable Housing

These grant funds help communities improve and expand the supply of affordable housing for low- to moderate-income families through no-interest, deferred loans. Eligible activities include housing rehab and homeownership assistance.

- **How to apply:** Grant funds are administered through seven regions bi-annually across the state. Further information including a map of the regions is available at: <http://doa.wi.gov/Divisions/Housing/CDBG-Housing>.
- **Review process:** DOA anticipates a 90 day review time period of applications. Grantees will receive implementation training and technical assistance throughout the grant performance period.

CDBG Emergency Assistance Program (CDBG-EAP)

This grant fund program assists communities recover from a recent natural or manmade disaster. Eligible activities include repair of disaster related damage to dwellings, assistance to purchase replacement dwellings, and repair and restoration of public infrastructure and facilities.

- **How to apply:** applications accepted from community within 90 days of the disaster event. Application materials are available at: <http://doa.wi.gov/Divisions/Housing/CDBG-EAP>.
- **Review process:** DOA anticipates not more than a 15 day review time period for preliminary approval of applications. Grantees will receive implementation training and technical assistance throughout the grant performance period.

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Contact Us

If you have questions about the status of your CDBG application, please contact the DOA Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources at (608)266-7531 or DOAEHCRCommunityDevelopment@wisconsin.gov.

