



Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Helping rural communities with projects that benefit low- and moderate-income persons



The Washington State CDBG Program offers six grant funds:

General Purpose Grants	\$9,000,000
For public infrastructure, community facilities, affordable housing, or economic development	
Economic Opportunity Grants	\$9,000,000
For state and local priority economic development and energy efficiency projects that promote vibrant rural communities	
Planning-Only Grants	\$400,000
For planning activities that improve community services, public safety or further strategic planning	
Housing Enhancement Grants	\$200,000
For off-site infrastructure or the community facility component of a state housing trust fund project	
Imminent Threat Grants	\$100,000
For unanticipated emergencies posing a serious immediate threat to public health and safety	
Public Services Grants	\$1,500,000
For county and community action agencies to fund new or expanded services to lower income persons	

Fast Facts

- Commerce receives an estimated \$11 million annual CDBG allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Maximum grants are generally \$1 million for construction; \$500,000 for housing rehabilitation; and \$35,000 for planning
- Since 1982 the CDBG program has distributed \$445 million to rural cities, towns and counties
- Statutory Authority: Title 1, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Federal)

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HUD National Objectives

CDBG project activities must meet one of three HUD National Objectives:

- Principally benefits low-and moderate-income persons
- Aids in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
- Addresses imminent threat to public health or safety

CDBG Eligibility Guidelines

Eligible applicants are Washington State cities/towns with less than 50,000 in population and not participating in a CDBG entitlement urban county consortium; and counties with less than 200,000 in population. Eligible cities/towns and counties are listed on the CDBG website.

Special purpose districts, public housing authorities, community action agencies, economic development councils, other non-profit organizations, and Indian tribes are not eligible to apply directly to the state CDBG Program for funding, but may be a partner in projects and subrecipient of funding with an eligible city/town or county applicant.

Applicants may submit one request per fund each program year.

Exception: An eligible city/town or county may apply for a second General Purpose Grant if one application is for a local microenterprise assistance program.

Application materials and due dates are on the CDBG website.

