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**  $8,500,000
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 related projects that promote vibrant rural communities

**Planning-Only Grants**  $240,000
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

2015 funding levels are contingent upon federal allocation

**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 $456 million to rural cities, towns and counties

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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.