



INDIANA OFFICE OF
Community & Rural Affairs

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Due Dates, Requirements,
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Community Development Block Grant

About the program: Rural communities have many pressing needs that require outside financial assistance. Through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, Indiana requests Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars, which are federal funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). OCRA administers the CDBG funding for primarily rural communities allocating it to programs to promote livable communities and community revitalization through addressing unmet community development needs and promoting activities that enhance local economic development efforts. Within CDBG there are seven different types of programs, each is described below.

Main Street Revitalization Program: The goal of the Main Street Revitalization Program (MSRP) is to encourage communities with eligible populations to focus on long-term community development within the downtown area. The program works in conjunction with the Indiana Main Street Program and the overall goals and strategies for the Main Street revitalization efforts across the state. Applicants include cities and incorporated towns which do not receive CDBG funding directly from HUD and have a designated active Indiana Main Street Group. The project must be part of the Main Street Group's overall strategy. Eligible projects typically include downtown infrastructure, streetscape and facades.

Planning Grant: The goal of the Planning Grant program is to encourage communities to plan for long-term community development. Typical eligible planning activities include feasibility studies, preliminary engineering reports (PERs), and assessment for issues such as, land use, economic development, downtown revitalization, comprehensive plans, utilities, economic development and historic preservation. Most costs associated with data gathering, studies, analysis, and the preparation of plans are eligible for reimbursement.

Public Facilities Program: Community facilities enhance the lives of residents in numerous ways. Libraries, museums, community centers, and performance spaces open doors to knowledge and ideas, culture, and enjoyment. In addition to community facilities, emergency services (fire stations, fire trucks and EMS stations) and historic preservation projects are eligible for PFP. The goal of our Public Facilities Program is to improve the quality of place and spur economic revitalization.

Stormwater Improvements Program: Property owners in many communities across the state of Indiana suffer from flooded property and sewer backups due to inadequate stormwater management. Flooding is expensive to clean up, depresses property values, and degrades water quality. With increasingly severe weather and overloaded sewer systems, experts say the cost will continue to rise. The goals of our Stormwater Improvements Program are to reduce flooding, cut stormwater treatment and energy costs, protect Indiana rivers and lakes, as well as vital landscape.

Wastewater and Drinking Water Program: Many communities in Indiana struggle with inadequate water supply and failing wastewater treatment. OCRA is committed to improving the quality of water and wastewater in Indiana and assisting financing appropriate water and sewer infrastructure for communities and counties that have planned and set priorities for long-term development. The goals of our wastewater and drinking water program are to protect the health and environment, reduce utility rates for low-to-moderate income communities and improve rural infrastructure to enable long term economic growth.

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Comprehensive Site Redevelopment Program: Many Indiana communities are burdened with deteriorated or abandoned downtown buildings and vacant, dilapidated industrial sites. In many instances these unsightly and dangerous buildings make them undesirable to investors and new residents. Though some communities are burdened by a disproportionate number of these sites, their presence does not have to be considered the community's downfall. These sites are often found in downtowns or near transportation corridors, and could be thought of as opportunities. The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, in cooperation with Indiana Brownfield's, has created the Comprehensive Site Redevelopment Program to help local units of government address these blighted properties by making funds available for the identification and assessment of properties and to provide funds for clearance/demolition when available.

Urgent Need: Urgent need grants are activities that must be designed to alleviate existing conditions, certified by the local government and determined by the state to pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. Urgent need grants will be considered if the threat is of recent origin or recently became urgent, the state grant recipient is unable to finance the activity on its own, or if other sources of funding are not available to carry out the activity.

Training: Understanding the complexities of the numerous federal requirements are made less stressful for local units of government through the many CDBG training programs available. A program for accrediting Grant Administrators including ongoing continuing education and a course designed specifically to educate Local Elected Officials are provided throughout the year to keep potential grantees up to date on all state and federal requirements.

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