

Blight Clearance Program



The Blight Clearance Program (BCP) grant is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) to encourage Indiana communities with eligible blighted properties to focus on long-term community development and revitalization.

About the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG): Rural communities have many pressing needs that require outside financial assistance. Through OCRA, Indiana requests CDBG dollars from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). OCRA then administers funding to rural communities, allocating it to programs that promote livable communities, address unmet community development needs and promote activities that enhance local economic development efforts. Assistance is available to non-entitlement cities, incorporated towns and counties.

Public Facilities Program Goals

- Improve quality of place.
- Generate jobs and spur economic revitalization.

Eligibility Requirements

- The project should be a part of the community's overall strategy.
- Eligibility is based upon Slum and Blight, and not subject to Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) % requirements.
- Enrollment in the Comprehensive Site Redevelopment Program (CSRP) is a pre-requisite to be eligible for BCP. Acceptance into the CSRP does not guarantee funding for BCP projects.
- Projects must meet a national objective, be an eligible activity under the CDBG program, and comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Eligible Projects

- Deteriorated or abandoned downtown buildings.
- Vacant and unusable industrial sites.

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