PURPOSE
The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) offers grants to Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. This category provides assistance to communities to address conditions that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

AUTHORIZATION
“CDBG” (Community Development Block Grant), funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, administered by the Department of Economic Development (DED).

ELIGIBLE AREAS
Projects can only be in a “non-entitlement” area - a city under 50,000 in population or a county under 200,000 in population.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS
Only eligible cities and counties.

ELIGIBLE CRITERIA
• To alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.
• Activities which are of recent origin or which recently became urgent
• The recipient is unable to finance the activity on its own
• Other sources of funding, State or Federal, are not immediately available.
• A condition will generally be considered to be of recent origin if it developed and became critical within 18 months preceding the certification by recipient.

PROGRAM BENEFITS/ELIGIBLE USES
Eligible activities necessary to alleviate the condition causing the serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

FUNDING LIMITS
The maximum amount is a total of $500,000.

APPLICATION/APPROVAL PROCEDURE
• Contact CDBG staff for application documents. Applications taken on as-needed basis but consultation with CDBG staff is necessary.
• Applications are rated on a point scale based on the need, project impact, local effort and past efforts.
• Applications must provide evidence of the ability to adequately operate and maintain the facility for the purpose intended.

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