PURPOSE
The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program 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 establish or improve local public infrastructure. Activities include, but are not limited to, streets, drainage, and bridges. Water and wastewater needs are addressed through the separate Water and Wastewater category.

AUTHORIZATION
42 USC § 5301 et seq., 24 C.F.R. Part 570; and Missouri’s “Consolidated Plan” submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS
Missouri cities and counties in non-entitlement areas.

ELIGIBLE CRITERIA
State CDBG funds are only available to cities and counties in non-entitlement areas. A non-entitlement area is a city with population less than 50,000 and/or a county with population less than 200,000.

PROGRAM BENEFITS/ELIGIBLE USES
Grants may be used for construction for publicly owned infrastructure. Operation, maintenance activities and improvements related to fire flow are not eligible.

FUNDING LIMITS
The maximum amount any applicant can apply for is $500,000 or $5,000 per household.

APPLICATION/APPROVAL PROCEDURE
The application process consists of two phases. Communities must submit a proposal, which is due on April 1. The initial review will result in invitations for full applications for those proposals demonstrating priority need, local leveraging, and capacity to carry out the project. Applications will then be due 60 days from the date of invitation.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must be sure that the project beneficiaries are at least 51% low-to-moderate income persons.

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