



CDBG PROGRAM

WATER AND WASTEWATER

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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 water or sewer facilities.

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 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

Missouri cities and counties in non-entitlement areas.

ELIGIBILITY 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 that is related to water treatment and distribution, and sewer treatment and collection for publicly owned systems. 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 PROCESS

Applications are open cycle (year-round), but require an invitation after completing the Missouri Water and Wastewater Review Committee (MWWRC) process. The process includes submission of a preliminary proposal and engineering report (with 5 copies) to MWWRC for review and comment. The MWWRC meets twice a month and is made up of members from USDA-Rural Development, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and CDBG. Proposals are received and placed on a calendar for inclusion on the agenda. If the proposal is received between the first and the fifteenth of the month, then it is placed on the agenda for the 15th of the following month. If the proposal is received between the 16th and the end of the month, then it is placed on the agenda for the meeting held on the 30th of the following month.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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

New water or sewer systems or expansion/upgrades of existing systems that have substantiated health concerns are prioritized. Successful applicants must demonstrate that rates will adequately cover operation, maintenance, reserves, emergencies, employee overhead, etc; or, the community must have initiated a graduated rate increase that will provide adequate operating costs over a period of years. Communities applying a regional approach to problem solving will receive priority consideration as well.

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