

COVID-19 Response Program

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The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is a federally funded, competitive grant program that helps rural communities with eligible populations to improve their quality of life with projects that focus on the overall health and safety of their residents. The goal is to encourage communities with eligible populations to focus on long-term community development.

Program Criteria

- Cannot have any unresolved findings or overdue documents
- Must meet a national objective and eligible activity
- Must hold at least one public hearing before release of funds, and a second at closeout
- Applicant can show they have the capacity to complete the activity
- Activity is considered an exempt or categorically excluded subject to activity for environmental review
- Applicant has already achieved site control
- Communities will work with OCRA through the application and administration process
- Procuring a Grant Administrator is optional for the this program
- Administration costs from CDBG funds is limited to 2.5% of the request.

Eligible Applicants



Non-entitlement city, county, or incorporated town.



Sub-recipients can be: 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that has contracted with one of the previous entities.

What programs are available?

Program	Max Grant Amount
Public Facilities	\$250,000
Public Services (15% cap)	\$250,000
Economic Development	\$250,000

No local match is required!

All projects must be completed three months after grant is executed.



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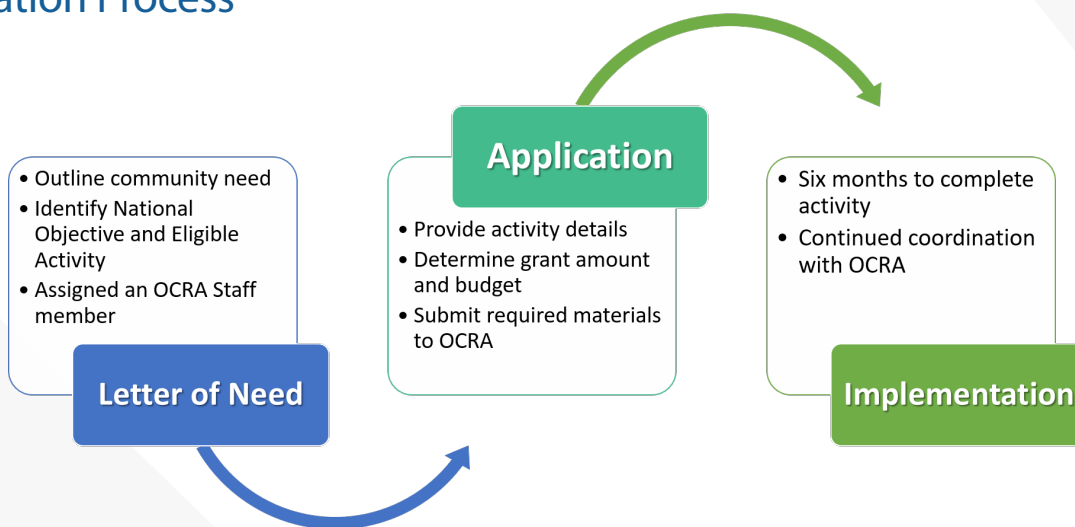
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Program specific eligible activities

Application Process



Public Facilities

Project Type	Eligible Activities
Convert a public building into a health facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Testing, diagnosis, or treatment -Minor adjustments to the facility that assist in addressing immediate needs related to COVID-19* -Split rooms for smaller rooms with temporary walls -Expand electrical and other utilities to meet the needs of medical equipment
Rehabilitate a facility to centralize treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provide Treatment -Convert building that had a prior use (ex. hotel or old school) -Focus on a specific group of patients -Minor adjustments to the facility that assist in addressing immediate needs related to COVID-19*



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Public Services (15% cap)

Project Type	Eligible Activities
Provide testing, diagnosis, or other services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Supplies and operations -Fixed or mobile location -Everyone in an area or focus on a specific group
Increase capacity of local health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bring in outside health service providers -Fixed or mobile location -Everyone in an area or focus on a specific group
Establish delivery service to provide supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Deliver needed supplies to quarantined individuals or those that are medically vulnerable -Focus on a specific group -Supplies could include: meals, medications, hygiene supplies

Economic Development

Project Type	Eligible Activities
Grants to business to retain LMI jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Working Capital -Continue Operations -Support Remote Work
Loans to business to retain LMI jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Working Capital -Continue Operations -Support Remote Work <p>Additional Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Requires existing Revolving Loan Fund or similar Instrument -Loans must be made at 0% interest -Can be forgivable



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