COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS

The Office of Community Development administers two programs focused on assisting communities with infrastructure projects for low-and moderate-income communities, the Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program and the Critical Infrastructure Program.

Hulbert Ave in Ashtabula, Ohio

RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

The Residential Public Infrastructure Grant Program helps local governments build, maintain, improve and expand water and sanitary sewer systems in low- and moderate-income communities. It is funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Communities receive grants up to $750,000 to improve the safety and reliability of drinking water and sanitary sewer systems. Up to $100,000 of the award may be used for on-site improvements.

Village of Russells Point Water Quality Improvement

COMMUNITY AND PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

- Non-entitlement counties, cities, and villages.
  - A non-entitlement classification indicates that the local government does not qualify to receive Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) directly from HUD.
- Projects must serve areas that are primarily residential.
- Eligible on-site improvements: service laterals, septic tanks, well abandonment, and Community Development Block Grant-eligible-related fees.

EXCEPTIONS TO ELIGIBILITY

- Counties must apply for unincorporated areas or villages that have not demonstrated the capacity to operate a public water or wastewater system.
- Applications for primarily on-site funding will not be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Communities must complete a Letter of Interest before submitting a full application. The Letter of Interest must include:

- A brief description of the project and project area.
- A summary of funding committed to the project.
- A copy of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Permit to Install or Plan Approval.
- A brief description of the community's current water and wastewater systems.
- Contact information for the community's Chief Elected Official.
- Contact information for the community's grant writer.

The Office of Community Development reviews the Letters of Interest to determine which projects should complete full applications. Communities may apply for multiple projects during a program year.

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Village of West Lafayette Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

The Critical Infrastructure Program is designed to assist communities with high-priority infrastructure improvements. This includes roads, storm drainage, and other public facilities projects. Water and sanitary sewer projects not eligible for the Residential Public Infrastructure Grant (RPIG) Program may also be considered for Critical Infrastructure program funding. Communities receive grants up to $500,000.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible activities include:

- Constructing, reconstructing or rehabilitating infrastructure components
- Eligible infrastructure includes:
  - Streets and Bridges
  - Sidewalks
  - Flood and Drainage
  - Water and Sanitary Sewer
- Projects selected for funding must have a high community-wide impact.
- Projects must serve areas that are primarily residential

EXCEPTIONS TO ELIGIBILITY

Critical Infrastructure funds cannot be used for projects designed primarily for future residential, commercial or industrial development.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Office of Community Development accepts applications on an ongoing basis. Applications should meet the minimum eligibility thresholds to be considered for funding. Priority will be given to applicants that demonstrate criticality, impact, low- and moderate-income benefit and readiness to proceed. Awards will be based on a comprehensive review.

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