

COMMUNITY FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facility Grants can be used to assist low-income rural areas and municipalities in developing essential public facilities. Funding is on a graduated scale, with larger percentages geared toward small and low-income communities.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Public bodies, not-for-profit corporations and Indian tribes. Rural areas and municipalities with a population of less than 20,000.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

Grants.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

\$430,000 is available statewide for FY 2008.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Annual appropriation by Congress.

APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES

Pre-applications may be filed with the rural development office serving your area; applications may be filed year-round. Visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/fl for more information.

MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A maximum of 75 percent of project costs may be funded with this grant, depending on population and median household income of the community. Remaining costs may be funded with a rural development loan or matching funds from other sources.

CONTACT

USDA, Florida Rural Development area offices (see Appendix VI to determine which area office serves your area):

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