

FLORIDA SMALL CITIES - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides grants on a competitive basis to eligible municipalities and county governments (non-entitlement) to serve low- and moderate-income families. There are five categories of funding (excluding state administration): housing, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, and economic development and planning and design specifications grants. Planning and design grants provide for engineering and architectural plans and designs for CDBG infrastructure or public facility projects. Priorities are defined annually and funds are allocated according to the state's Annual Action Plan.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

To be eligible for participation in the Small Cities CDBG Program, cities must have a population under 50,000; counties must have a population under 200,000; and the local government cannot be a participant in the Urban Entitlement Program.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

Competitive grants can be provided to assist with activities such as housing rehabilitation, water, wastewater improvements and economic development projects that create jobs. At least 51 percent of the beneficiaries of an activity must be low and moderate income.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

The FY 2008-2009 allocation for Florida is approximately \$27 million. Grants range from \$600,000 to \$750,000 based on low- and moderate-income population.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) administers the program at the state level.

APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES

A Notice of Funding Availability, announcing the opening of the application cycle and application deadline, is published in the *Florida Administrative Weekly* annually, and an application workshop is conducted by DCA. Application cycle dates and information can be found online.

MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS

There are no matching requirements, but the scoring process favors the leveraging of funds from other sources. Other requirements vary by category.

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