

Community Development Block Grant Program for Rural Texas

Growing Texas Rural Communities

The primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments, and expand economic opportunities in small, rural communities. With initiatives ranging from water system improvements to promoting job creation, rural Texans benefit from CDBG funded grant projects.

Community Impact



Happy, Texas: Awarded \$275,000 Community Development Fund Grant. "The City of Happy is thrilled to be working once again with the Texas Department of Agriculture through the CDBG program. This program is the backbone of a functioning and vibrant municipal infrastructure in our community. From a state of the art sewer system project awarded in 2010 to 3,000 linear feet of water line in 2007, the City of Happy recognizes the absolute importance this program provides to a rural community like ours." – N. Scott Downing, City Manager

Flatonia, Texas: Awarded \$637,500 Texas Capital Fund Grant. This economic development award provided water, sewer, electrical, and street improvements to establish an Amigo's Travel Center. Over 30 new full-time jobs were created from the project's efforts. Flatonia City officials remarked at the Grand Opening Ceremony that CDBG assistance was essential for the infrastructure improvements needed to complete the project.



Groesbeck, Texas: Awarded \$300,000 Community Development Fund Grant. "We are very pleased that Groesbeck was selected by the Texas Department of Agriculture to receive this much needed assistance. Since the city's serious water shortage in 2011, we have made great strides to alleviate any water problems in the future. This project will enable the city to continue supplying water to our citizens during the most severe drought conditions." – Mayor Ray O'Docharty

Clarksville, Texas: Awarded \$275,000 Community Development Fund Grant. “As elected officials, we strive to do all we can to make Clarksville a place you would want to call your home, locate your business or visit. Infrastructure is so very important toward the sustainability of any community. This award will go a long way toward our goals of ensuring the people in our city are provided ample water and improving the quality of life for our citizens.” – Mayor Ann Rushing



Lockhart, Texas: Awarded \$275,000 Community Development Fund Grant. “This water development grant will increase water pressures and volumes to better serve our community and existing businesses. These improvements will also help attract new businesses and housing development, which are badly needed to provide local jobs and improve the local economy. We are very excited about the possibilities that come with these improvements for our rural community water system.” – Mayor Lew White

San Augustine County, Texas: Awarded \$275,000 Community Development Fund Grant. This project provided assistance for the construction of the San Augustine County Children’s Social Services Center where social workers provide services to abused and neglected children. San Augustine County Judge Samye Johnson said of the construction, “The project is going to make us much more efficient and efficiency is important.”



Levelland, Texas: Awarded \$100,000 Small and Microenterprise Revolving Loan Fund Grant. "The City of Levelland is excited to announce this award and new economic development endeavor. Establishing a revolving loan fund will encourage small business to create and retain jobs." – Tim Pierce, Executive Director of South Plains Association of Governments

Hidalgo County, Texas: Awarded \$408,685 Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program Fund Grant. This 2015 grant connected 200 homes to public sewer services for the first time. More than 800 low-to-moderate income residents benefited from the projects efforts.



Patton Village, Texas: Awarded \$350,000 Community Development Fund Grant. “Deteriorating infrastructure has plagued our quaint city of Patton Village for years. This grant award allows us to update the failing water system, and will allow for water conservation and first-time fire protection for our citizens. Working relationships with state agencies such as the Texas Department of Agriculture and small cities are partnerships that will make the State of Texas stronger than it has ever been.” – Mayor Leah Tarrant