



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Rural Texas

The primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low- to moderate-income.

Eligible Applicants: Non-entitlement cities and counties whose populations are less than 50,000 and 200,000 respectively, and that are not designated as eligible for the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Community Development Fund

Application Deadline: May 2021

Max Award: \$350,000

The Community Development Fund is the largest fund category in the TxCDBG Program. This fund is available through a competition in each of the 24 state planning regions. Although most funds are used for Public Facilities (water/wastewater infrastructure, street and drainage improvements and housing activities), there are numerous other activities for which these funds may be used.

Main Street / Downtown Revitalization Programs

Application Deadline: May 2021

Max Award: \$350,000

Provides grant funds for public infrastructure to eliminate deteriorated conditions and foster economic development in historic main street areas and rural downtown areas.

Fire, Ambulance, and Service Truck (FAST) Fund

Application Deadline: TBD

Max Award: \$500,000

Provides funds for eligible vehicles to provide emergency response and special services to LMI rural communities.

Planning and Capacity Building Fund

Application Deadline: Summer 2021

Max Award: \$75,000

An annual competitive grant program for local public facility and housing planning activities. Localities apply for financial assistance to prepare a “comprehensive plan” or any of its components.

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Colonia Funds

Funds available to eligible county applicants for projects in severely distressed unincorporated areas. The term “colonia” generally means an identifiable unincorporated community that is within 150 miles of the border between the United States and Mexico.

Colonia Planning Fund

Application Deadline: May 2021

Max Award: \$100,000

Assistance for the completion of planning activities to prepare colonia areas for water, sewer and housing improvements.

Colonia Construction Fund

Application Deadline: May 2021

Max Award: \$1,000,000

Assistance to fund water and wastewater improvements, housing rehabilitation, and other improvements in colonia areas.

Colonia Economically Distressed Areas Program

Application Deadline: As Needed

Max Award: \$1,000,000

Assistance to colonia areas to connect to a water and sewer system project funded by other state and federal funds.

State Urgent Need (SUN) Fund

Application Deadline: As Needed

Max Award: \$350,000

(\$1,000,000 for certain multi-jurisdiction awards)

Assistance to communities impacted by state-declared disaster events that are not eligible for federal disaster assistance. Infrastructure repair, replacement, and improvement are eligible projects, with priority for drinking water systems and debris removal.