

# Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant

What does this program do?

**The Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant program provides affordable funding for essential community facilities in rural areas. Examples include health care facilities, buildings like town halls, and public safety facilities such as fire departments.**

Who can apply?

**Eligible borrowers include:**

- **Local and Tribal governments and their affiliated organizations**
- **Community-based nonprofits**
- **Federally recognized Tribes**



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## **What areas are eligible?**

Cities, villages, towns, townships, and federally recognized Tribal lands with under 20,000 residents are eligible to apply.

## **How can funds be used?**

You can use funds to purchase, build or improve essential community facilities, and to buy equipment and pay approved project expenses.

Additional examples of essential community facilities include:

- Child care centers
- Libraries and educational facilities
- Facilities and equipment that support distance learning and telehealth
- Food banks and greenhouses
- Infrastructure projects such as roads, bridges, dams, harbors, and levies, along with irrigation improvements

## **What funding is available?**

- Low interest loans
- Grants
- Community Facilities Loan Guarantees - information available at this link: [tinyurl.com/CFGLoans](https://tinyurl.com/CFGLoans)

## **How do we get started?**

We accept applications year-round.

Your local USDA Rural Development office can help. A list of offices is available at this link: [tinyurl.com/RDStateOffices](https://tinyurl.com/RDStateOffices).

## **What governs this program?**

- Direct Loan: 7 CFR 1942, Subpart A, available at this link: [tinyurl.com/CF-1942-A](https://tinyurl.com/CF-1942-A)
- Grant: 7 CFR 3570, Subpart B, available at this link: [tinyurl.com/CF-3570-PartB](https://tinyurl.com/CF-3570-PartB)
- You can find information about federally recognized Tribes at this link: [tinyurl.com/BIATribal](https://tinyurl.com/BIATribal).

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**NOTE: Because information changes, always consult official program instructions or contact your local Rural Development office for help. A list is available at this link: [go.usa.gov/xJHPE](https://go.usa.gov/xJHPE). You will find additional resources, forms, and program information at [rd.usda.gov](https://rd.usda.gov). USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.**