# Economic Impact Initiative Grants

**What does this program do?**

This program provides funding to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression.

An essential community facility is one that provides an essential service to the local community, is needed for the orderly development of the community, serves a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

**Who may apply for this program?**

- Public bodies
- Non-profits
- Federally-recognized Tribes

**How may funds be used?**

To construct, enlarge or improve community facilities for health care, public safety and public service. Grants may be made in combination with other financial assistance such as a Community Facilities direct or guaranteed loan, applicant contribution or funding from other sources.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health Care: hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, assisted-living facilities
- Public Facilities: city/town/village halls, courthouses, airport hangers, street improvements
- Community Support Services: child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds, transitional housing
- Public Safety: fire halls, police stations, prisons, jails, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles and equipment
- Educational: museums, libraries, private schools
- Utility: telemedicine, distance learning
- Local Food Systems: community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, greenhouses, kitchen appliances
- For a complete list, see Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3570.62

**How do we get started?**

- Contact your local office to discuss your specific project
- Applications for this program are accepted through your local office year round
- Program resources are available online (includes forms, guidance and certifications

**Who can answer questions?**

Contact your local office.

**What law governs this program?**

Code of Federal Regulation; 7 CFR 3015, and 7 USC 1926 (a) (20) (B).

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NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled "What Law Governs this Program?" You may also contact your local office for assistance.
**You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at www.rd.usda.gov**

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