



## United States Department of Agriculture

### Community Facilities Applications Encouraged

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#### Grant Deadline January 8, 2016

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Programs serve non-profits and public bodies located in rural areas of up to 20,000 in population. Use our loans and grants to renovate, repair, purchase or construct buildings which house community services. A non-profit or public body may use the loan or grant to purchase equipment, furniture and fixtures for community facilities.

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#### Eligible Community Facilities Projects Include:

- Building an assisted living facility, a hospital, health care center, community center or firehouse.
- Renovating a library, a town hall, opera house, museum, working community kitchen, a homeless shelter, or a food pantry. Including renewable energy or energy efficiency upgrades.
- Purchasing education related buildings for schools and colleges.
- Purchasing public safety vehicles and equipment: fire pumper trucks, ambulances, police cruisers, rescue, communications and safety equipment and upgrading equipment.
- Purchasing equipment & office furnishings for child care centers, theatres, museums, health care, and social services.
- Other capital projects carried out by a public body or non-profit which works to support a community service.

**Contact a USDA RD Community Programs Specialist in the RD Area Office near you to discuss your project.**

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#### Grant Priority Funding Deadline

Complete applications received by **January 8, 2016** will compete for our state office allocation. Applications received after January 8 will compete for funding in a nation-wide reserve. In 2015, the average grant amount was \$22,000. The grant award is based on population and median household income of the service area. Grants are a percentage of the total project cost and require a match.

*\*USDA gives priority to projects where there are multiple public or private sources of funding. Additionally, priority is given to projects which are located in low income*

communities, support local food security, or strengthen the bio economy.

*\*\*Not all communities are grant eligible. Your grant eligibility may have changed due to new population & community income information. Before applying, contact your Area Office to determine if your community or service area is eligible for a grant.*

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## Loan Financing for Community Capital Projects

*We anticipate Community Facilities loan funds will be readily available throughout the year & sufficient to fund all eligible applications.*

- Budget Predictability: Our loans offer fixed rate, affordable payments with terms as long as 40 years.
- Pre-payment flexibility: We have no prepayment penalties giving you financial flexibility.
- Low Fixed Interest Rates: Current loan rates as low as 3.250%. Rates offered can change quarterly. Contact a specialist in your region for details.
- Match: Community Facility loans can be used as match for USDA RD grant projects.

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## Contacts and Grant Information

*For more information visit the Community Facilities, Grant and Loan Program websites for Vermont or New Hampshire:*

[Vermont](#) [New Hampshire](#)

- See Contact Information for your local area contact.
- See Program 101 for details about Community Facilities.
- See Resources for an application.

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