

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

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CDBG Overview

Authorized under the *Housing and Community Development Act (1974)*

“...provides funding to address critical community development needs, including housing, infrastructure, and economic development” (VA-DHCD)

National objectives:

1. Give maximum priority to activities benefitting low- and moderate-income households
2. Aid in prevention/elimination of slum and blight
3. Meeting the urgent community development needs

<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/cdbg>



VA-CDBG General Policies

Eligible Applicants

Non-entitlement communities, i.e., local governments (who may contract PDCs, non-profit organizations, and others to undertake project activities)

Citizen Participation Requirements

At least two public hearings to notify citizens of details of past use of CDBG funding; as well as the activities, level of funding, and benefits of current application

Hearings must be held at least one week apart

Advertisement – at least 7 days prior in the local paper (non-legal section) and by one other method

Use of CDBG in GWRC

Stafford County

July 2021 - 'Stafford Cares' project – purchased \$742,000 in meal cards for 3,800 Stafford SNAP recipients



City of Fredericksburg

Lois Ann's Hope House – prevent homelessness with their Rent and Mortgage Assistance Program

Improvement to limited public facilities – e.g., sidewalk connections along Roffman Road



Awarded Funds

Localities are limited **\$2.5 million** in open CDBG contracts;

Although, *regional* projects are exempt from this limitation

Project Type	Cap
Public infrastructure – Competitive	\$1,000,000
Regional Water/Wastewater – OS	\$2,500,000
Urgent Needs – OS	\$1,000,000
Construction-Ready Water and Sewer Fund - OS	\$800,000

Competitive Grants

DUE APRIL 1st, 2022

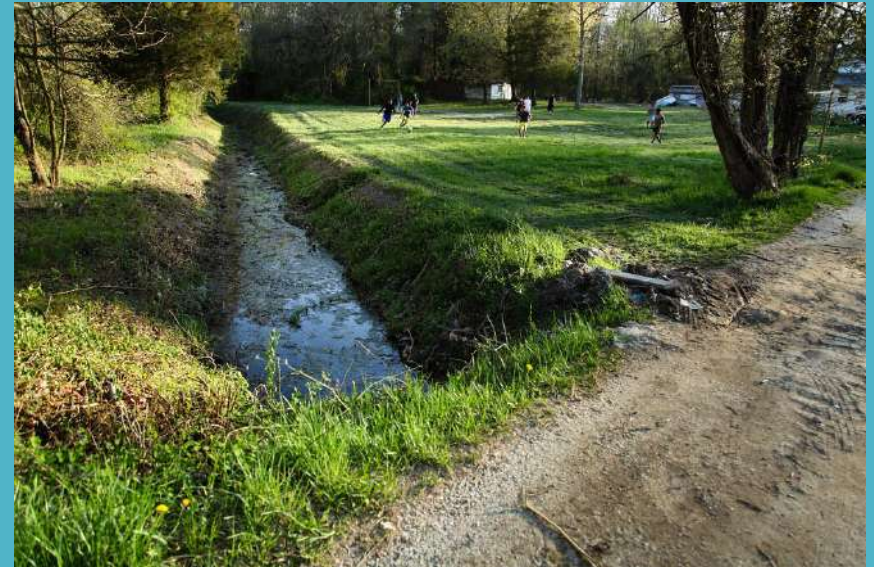
Public Infrastructure – Max. \$1,000,000

Include water and wastewater services, drainage improvements, and street improvements

Must target a single, well-defined project area (e.g., locality or neighborhood)

At least 51 percent of residents in project area are LMI households

Household income surveys and user agreements must be complete prior to submitting application



Open Submissions

Rolling basis from **April 1st to December 31st** (or until all funds have been allocated)

Regional Water/Wastewater Projects – Max. \$2,500,000

At least 51 percent of residents in project area are LMI households

Service must be made available to any house within the project area that is occupied by an LMI household located within 200ft of the distribution (water) or collector (sewer) line at no cost to the household beyond monthly user fees, provided the cost of installing said connection line does not exceed \$3,500;

Open Submissions (Cont.)

Construction-Ready Water and Sewer fund – \$800,000

CDBG investments cannot exceed \$20,000 for water and \$25,000 for sewer projects per households

Available for construction and allowable administrative expenses ONLY

Project area must be at least 60% LMI households

Projects must be able to be completed within ONE year

Urgent Needs – \$1,000,000

Prompt to response to existing threats supported by:

Governor's declaration of emergency; OR
State Commissioner of Health's declaration of immediate and severe health threat



How-to-Apply + Due Dates

Applications should be submitted electronically through the Agency's **Centralized Application and Management System (CAMS)**

Include assurances, copies of advertisements, and copies of notices in ALL proposals

Transmittal letter to PDC

CAMS:
<https://dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/camportal/Login.aspx>

COMPETITIVE GRANT applications and supporting information must be submitted by **April 1st, 2022 at 5:00pm**

<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/docx/cdbg/cdbg-competitive-application-guidelines-2022.pdf>

Open Submission, Planning Grants, and Urgent Need applications are on a rolling basis between **April 1st to December 30th, 2022** (or until all funds have been allocated)

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Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF)

Program Overview

Project eligibility limited to:

Design and installation of **nutrient reduction technology** at Chesapeake Bay watershed publicly owned wastewater treatment plants; and

Design and installation of certain **wastewater conveyance infrastructure projects**.

<https://www.deq.virginia.gov/water/clean-water-financing/water-quality-improvement-fund-wqif>

Eligible Activities + Funding

Agricultural BMPs Cost-Share Programs

Reduce excess nutrients and sediment from agricultural lands

Allocated funds will be spent in accordance with the cost-share guidelines outlined in the VA Agricultural BMP Manual

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Eligible landowners may receive cost-share financial incentives for establishment of riparian buffer and wetlands restoration

Allocated funds will be spent in accordance with the USDA CREP program requirements



Eligible Activities + Funding

Water Quality Initiatives

Address other nonpoint source pollution priority needs

50% of cost of a project, while the remaining 50% is supplied from other federal/state/local/private sources

Cooperative Nonpoint Source Pollution Program Projects with Local Governments

DCR work cooperatively with local governments to provide matching funds

Funds provided to local governments shall be matched with 50% of cost of project

Some local govts who are able to demonstrate fiscal stress may be eligible to receive a greater percentage of funding

Use of WQIF in GWRC

Stafford County

WQIF Funding applied to reduce financial impact to Stafford County residents as the County upgrades the Little Falls Run Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2021.



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Thank you!