

Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities Program

The federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides funding to communities to help them ensure basic community services, environmental quality and economic opportunities for their residents. Projects must meet at least one of the following national objectives to be considered for CDBG assistance:

- Benefit persons of low- and moderate income
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
- Meet urgent needs because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs

Mississippi's CDBG Public Facilities Program provides municipalities and counties funding for public infrastructure needs. Eligible CDBG Public Facilities projects include improvements to water, wastewater and drainage systems, streets and certain public buildings.

CDBG Public Facilities grants are typically made available annually on a competitive basis. However, some Public Facilities projects falling under the CDBG Program's stringent urgent needs/emergencies national objective may be eligible to receive emergency funding. Projects funded under this objective must prove a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and must meet other criteria, including requirements relating to the date of occurrence of the emergency condition.

Municipalities and counties interested in applying for CDBG Public Facilities funding should contact MDA's Community Services Division at 601.359.3552. To learn more about CDBG grants and the program's requirements, [click here](#).