

DAKOTA COUNTY, MN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

***Please Note:** Although an activity may be deemed eligible for CDBG funding, it does not guarantee funding. The Community Development Needs for the CDBG Program in the Consolidated Plan lists the priority of needs and dictates which types of eligible activities may be funded in a given year. All activities must meet a National Objective as defined in 24 CFR, Part 570.*

CDBG funds may NOT be used for costs attributable to a building used for the general conduct of government, general government expenses, or political activities.

Acquisition/Disposition: Includes acquisition of real property, in whole or in part, by purchase, long-term lease, donation, or otherwise for any public purpose. Real property to be acquired may include land, air rights, easements, water rights, rights-of-way, buildings and other property improvements, or other interests in real property.

Demolition/Clearance: Includes clearance, demolition, and removal of buildings and improvements including movement of structures to other sites.

Economic Development Activities: Includes but are not limited to: (1) construction by the grantee or subrecipient of a business incubator designed to provide inexpensive space and assistance to new firms to help them become viable businesses, (2) loans to pay for the expansion of a factory or commercial business, and (3) training for by persons on welfare to enable them to qualify for jobs created by CDBG-assisted special economic development activities. The level of public benefit to be derived from the economic development activity must be appropriate given the amount of CDBG assistance.

Homeownership Assistance: Includes financial assistance for down payments, closing costs or other part of the purchase process and counseling for pre-purchase, post-purchase or foreclosure prevention.

Rehabilitation: Includes single-family rehabilitation, multi-family rehabilitation, energy efficiency improvements, public housing modernization, and rehabilitation of commercial properties.

Relocation: Includes relocation payments and assistance to displaced persons, including individuals, families, businesses, non-profits, and farms, where required under section 570.606 of the regulations (pursuant to the Uniform Relocation Act).

Public Facilities/Improvements: CDBG funds may be used by the subrecipient or other public or private nonprofit entities for the acquisition (including long term leases for periods of 15 years or more), construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation (including removal of architectural barriers to accessibility), or installation, of public improvements or facilities. This includes neighborhood facilities, firehouses, public schools, libraries, and shelters for homeless people, as well as water and/or sewer treatment plants. Buildings for the general conduct of government cannot be acquired or improved with CDBG funds.

Public Services: CDBG funds may be used to provide public services (including labor, supplies, and materials), provided that each of the following criteria is met: 1) The public service must be either a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of service; and 2) The amount of CDBG funds obligated within a program year to support public service activities may not exceed 35% of a city's allocation and the total public services of all subrecipients may not exceed 15% of the total grant awarded to Dakota County for that year.

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Planning: Includes studies, analysis, data gathering, preparation of plans, and identification of actions that will implement plans. The types of plans which may be paid for with CDBG funds include but are not limited to comprehensive plans, individual project plans, community development plans, capital improvement programs, small area and neighborhood plans, environmental and historic preservation studies, and functional plans (such as plans for housing, land use, energy conservation, or economic development). Except for small cities and townships, the amount of CDBG funds obligated within a program year to support planning activities may not exceed 15% of a community's allocation.

General Grant Administration: CDBG funds may be used for general administration costs incurred by a subrecipient to administer its CDBG program. CDBG grant funds obligated to general grant administration may not exceed 10% of the community's allocation. Administration costs directly associated with a CDBG activity should be part of the activity as project administration and are not considered general grant administration expenses. Please talk to the Dakota County CDA before you allocate funds to grant admin.

Note: Planning and General Grant Administration Activities may not exceed 20% of the total grant awarded to Dakota County for that year.