

## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

### COMMUNITY FACILITY GRANT

**Community Facility (CF) grants** can be used to develop and improve essential public community facilities located in rural areas of up to 20,000 in population. Funds can be used for equipment to be purchased and for facility construction or improvements for projects that have not already been started.

***The Agency will authorize the use of grant funds on a graduated scale enabling rural communities with small populations and low-income levels to receive a greater percentage of grant funds. Projects will be selected based on a priority point system. Small communities with a population of 5,000 or less and low-income levels will receive the highest priority.***

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** Eligibility is limited to nonprofit organizations, public bodies and Federally recognized Tribes serving rural areas. Applicants must:

1. Be unable to finance the proposed project from its own resources or through commercial sources at reasonable rates and terms.
2. Have the legal authority necessary for construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility.
3. If real estate improvements are proposed, the applicant must own the real estate to be improved.
4. Propose facilities that are necessary for orderly community development.
5. Facility must be located in a community having a population of 20,000 or less.
6. Serve areas where the median household income of the population to be served by the proposed facility is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income.
7. ***Nonprofit organizations must demonstrate significant ties to the local community to ensure that the facility will carry out a public purpose and continue to primarily serve rural areas. They must also be able to provide letters of support from each government body that would be affected by the proposed project.***

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