

Community Facilities Program

Purpose – Construction and rehabilitation of buildings, make energy efficiency improvements, purchase renewable energy system, acquisition of land, purchase of equipment, storm sirens, payment of legal fees, payment of architect fees, etc.

Eligible Area – Rural areas with population up to 20,000.

Eligible Entities – Nonprofit entities, federally recognized Indian Tribes, public bodies (cities, counties, etc.), and faith-base / community organizations

Essential Community Facilities – Public improvements necessary and beneficial to the orderly development of a community facility operated on a nonprofit basis.

Type of Assistance – Direct loans, grants, and guaranteed loans. Program can be used in conjunction with other funding sources.

Maximum Grant - Grants are authorized on a graduated scale. Priority is given to applicants located in less populated rural communities with low median household incomes. Grants are based on financial need and have limitations for which they may be used. Grant assistance may be available for up to 75 percent of project costs.

Term – Maximum of 40 years.

What can the Program do for your Community?

- Provides funding to build or repair essential community facilities
- Provides and/or improves health care, public service and safety facilities
- Make energy efficiency improvements or purchase renewable energy system

Project Examples:



USDA Rural Development funding assisted unincorporated Franklin, Kansas with this community center after a tornado destroyed the previous facility.



USDA Rural Development funds were used to assist with the purchase of a store siren in Franklin, Kansas.



Examples of Community Facilities:

Public Safety

Civil Defense Building
Communications Center
Fire Department Building
Fire Trucks
Jail
Storm Sirens
Multi-Service Fire/Rescue Building
Law Enforcement

Energy

Wind Generator
Solar Panels
Anaerobic Digester
Energy Efficiency

Health Care

Dental Clinic
Nursing Home
Physicians Clinic
Hospital (General & Surgical)
Medical Rehabilitation Center
Ambulance
Medical Equipment

Education

All Purpose Buildings/College Campus
Colleges
Educational Camp for Physically &
Mentally Impaired
Library
Museum
Outdoor Theatre
Public School
School Maintenance & Equipment
Service Center
Vocational School

Community Service

Adult Day Care Center
Child Day Care Center
City Hall
Community Health Department
Community Center
County Courthouse
Food Preparation Center
Food Storage and Distribution Center
Public Maintenance Building
Natural Gas Distribution

How Are Applications Made?

Applications are handled by USDA Rural Development field offices. USDA Rural Development staff will be glad to discuss a community's needs and the services available. Field staff can provide application materials and current program information, and assist in the preparation of an application.