



**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development**

**USDA Rural Development
Community Programs
Potential Funding Opportunities Available**

USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities Program provides financing through direct and guaranteed loans and grants to units of local government, nonprofit organizations, and Federally-recognized Indian tribes for the development of essential community facilities in rural areas. Community Facilities loan and grant funds may be used to construct, enlarge, improve or make equipment purchases for educational, health care, public safety and other types of facilities that serve the public. By funding equipment and upgrades, the Community Facilities Program can support public safety licensees in meeting the Federal Communications Commission's mandatory narrowbanding deadline of January 1, 2013.

Interested potential borrowers or grantees should contact their state or local USDA Rural Development office. Rural Development field staff can help guide you through the application process and answer any questions related to the Rural Development programs. Applications that meet all eligibility and feasibility requirements are selected for funding based on Rural Development's priority scoring criteria, though there is high demand for the program and funds may be limited. You can find your closest Rural Development Office by accessing: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html.

There are no set minimum or maximum loan amounts for the Community Facilities direct and guaranteed loan programs. The loan repayment term is limited to the useful life of the facility, state statute, or 40 years, whichever is less. Interest rates for direct loans are fixed and based on current market yields for municipal obligations, while interest rates for guaranteed loans may be fixed or variable and are determined by the lender and borrower. Community Facilities grant funds may be used for up to 75 percent of the cost to develop a facility. The average sized direct loan is \$1.5 million, the average sized guaranteed loan is \$3.4 million, and the average sized grant is \$44,000.

To learn more about Community Programs, contact your local USDA Rural Development office or visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that essential community facilities are readily available to all rural Americans and is committed to helping bridge the gap in emergency responders' abilities to communicate across jurisdictions and functions.

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