State of Iowa CDBG Program

» This Year’s Allocation = $24.8 million

» National Objective
  - Benefit to low- and moderate-income persons (70% of allocation or greater)
  - Slum & blight elimination
  - Urgent need

» Eligible Applicants
  - All cities under 50,000 population (including Cedar Falls)
  - All Counties
  - City or County on behalf of non-profit entity

CDBG Overview

2020 WATER AND SEWER FUND
2020 Water and Sewer Fund

» Fund Ceilings
   - 0-999 population - $300,000 (max of $1,000 per person)
   - 1,000-2,499 - $500,000
   - 2,500-14,999 - $600,000
   - 15,000-49,999 - $800,000

» Eligible Activities
   - Water and wastewater treatment facilities
     • Expansion, rehabilitation, new construction
   - Water and wastewater collection systems
     • Rehabilitation, new construction
   - Water storage
   - Wells
   - Stormwater/sanitary sewer separation

2020 Water and Sewer Fund

2020 Application Cycle

» February 19, 2020 Application Workshop
» Applications submitted in IowaGrants by 11:59 PM
   - January 1
   - April 1
   - July 1
   - October 1
» Water & Sewer Award Announcements: Mid-month in March, June, September and December

2020 Applications

» Water & Sewer application requirements:
   - If project needs DNR permit:
     • Sewer – Approved Facility Plan letter submitted
     • Water – Approved Preliminary Engineering Plan letter submitted
   - Local match committed & documented:
     • If DNR SRF - project must be on the approved Environmental Protection Commission IUP
     • If USDA-RD - USDA letter of conditions must be submitted
   - If required attachments are not submitted with the application, the application will not be reviewed
2020 Applications

More competitive applications will also have (but not required):
- Environmental review complete
- Final engineering complete or at least underway (if awarded, CDBG would then only reimburse construction activities)

WATER AND SEWER FUND – KEY POINTS
Water/Sewer – Key Points

» Need for the Project
  – Health or safety concerns (DNR violation) or is project just an amenity

» Timely Start and Completion
  – A/E procured, realistic construction start date and overall timetable to complete project

» Local Funds Leveraged
  – % of project leveraged with other, and/or city funds

» Cost Per Beneficiary
  – < $5000 CDBG dollars / beneficiary

» Best Long Term Option
  – A/E and/or DNR recommendations

» Affordability - Existing Water & Sewer Rates / Bonding Capacity
  – Most efficient use of leveraged funds

» Readiness to proceed
  – Preliminary / final design complete, matching funds secured, capacity of recipient

Readiness Requirements

» Procurement of engineer prior to submittal of application

» Other funding agencies commitments
  – On EPC approved IUP
  – USDA Letter of Conditions

» Approved Preliminary Engineering Report letter

» Approved Facility Plan letter

» Environmental review complete

» Final design completed or underway

Water and Sewer Scoring Criteria

» Magnitude of need for the project

» Degree to which project can be completed in a timely manner

» Degree to which CDBG funds will be leveraged by other funds

» Cost per beneficiary

» Degree of impact project will have on identified need & quality of life

» Readiness to proceed – emphasis on acquisition

» Capacity to operate and maintain proposed project

» LMI benefit
CDBG Overview

2020 COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES FUND

» Fund Ceilings
- 0-999 population - $300,000 (max of $1,000 per person)
- 1,000-2,499 - $500,000
- 2,500-14,999 - $600,000
- 15,000-49,999 - $800,000

» Eligible Activities
- Child Care Centers
- Facilities for Physically and Mentally Challenged
- Senior Centers
- Homeless Shelters

2020 Community Facilities and Services Fund

2020 Application Cycle

» Application workshop - February 19, 2020
» Moving to Open Window
» Applications will be reviewed as submitted
» Awards will be made until all funds are obligated
2020 Applications

» Community Facilities & Services application requirements:
  – Site Control demonstrated by either:
    • An option on the parcel secured with money (if necessary) or
    • Ownership - as long as it is purchased prior to the application submittal date
  » If documentation is not submitted with the application, the application will not be reviewed

2020 Applications

» More competitive applications will also have (but not required):
  – Pre-application meeting with IEDA to discuss high performance construction consistent with Iowa Green Streets Criteria
  – Environmental review complete
  – Final architectural plans completed or at least underway (CDBG would pay for only construction)
  – Local match committed & documented

CDBG Overview

2020 COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES FUND – KEY POINTS
Community Facilities & Services – Key Points

» Need for the Project

» Timely Start and Completion
  – Realistic construction start date and overall timetable to complete project

» Local Funds Leveraged
  – % of project leveraged with other, and/or city funds

» Cost Per Beneficiary
  – < $10,000 CDBG dollars / beneficiary

» Capacity to Operate Facility

Community Facilities & Services – Key Points

» Amount of Local Funds Committed or Secured

» Readiness to proceed
  – Procurement of Architect

» Will Meet National Objective After Completion
  – Certain projects may need to survey, Form 3-D

» Worked with IEDA to have a project design consultation early in process and before application is submitted
  – Assistance is available at no cost
  – Contact Jeff Geerts, jeff.geerts@iowaeda.com

Readiness Requirements

» Pre-application meeting with IEDA to discuss high performance construction consistent with Iowa Green Streets Criteria

» Environmental review complete

» Final architectural plans completed or at least underway

» Local match committed & documented
Community Facilities & Services Scoring Criteria

» Magnitude of need for the project
» Degree to which project can be completed in a timely manner
» Degree to which CDBG funds will be leveraged by other funds
» Cost per beneficiary
» Degree of impact project will have on identified need & quality of life
» Readiness to proceed
» Capacity to operate and maintain proposed project
» LMI benefit
» Meets or exceeds building/design criteria (Green Streets)

Community Facilities Design Consultation

Please contact Jeff Geerts to set up a consultation.

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Before You Apply

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
Water/Sewer and CF&S Program Requirements

» Low- and Moderate Income Survey
» Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment
» Minority Impact Statement
» Federal Assurance Signature Page
» Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Form
» Public Hearing Documentation
  – Notice, Signed Minutes and Proof of Publication or Affidavit of Posting
» Resolution Committing Funds
» Documentation of other funding sources
» Target Area Map
  » Incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed.

Water/Sewer Program Requirements

» Water/Sewer Fund
  – Procurement of engineering services documented, if seeking reimbursement
  – Cost estimates
  – DNR inspection reports or correspondence
  – Copy of current rate ordinance for W/S utilities

» All water & sewer applications must have procured for engineering services prior to CDBG application
  – If not, applications will be considered incomplete
  – Procurement of final design also recommended prior to application (SRF design funds)

Application Reminders

» If an application is incomplete it will NOT be reviewed. Complete means all required documents are uploaded and include all necessary information. IEDA will not give applicants an opportunity to “fix” applications or supplement information.

» Water & Sewer applications will be accepted on a quarterly basis: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

» Project planning should begin now. Facility Plan or Preliminary Engineering Report is required with application.

» Letter of approval from IDNR for Preliminary Engineering Report or Facility Plan must be submitted with application.
Thank You!

We look forward to great applications...