



# AGENDA

## Blackduck City Council - Public Hearing Meeting

6:00 PM - Wednesday, February 26, 2020  
City Hall, 8 Summit Drive, Blackduck MN

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# Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant

## What does this program do?

**This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings.**

## Who may apply for this program?

### Eligible borrowers include:

- **Public bodies**
- **Community-based nonprofit corporations**
- **Federally recognized Tribes**

### What is an eligible area?

Rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and towns including Federally recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest [U.S. Census Data](#) are eligible for this program.

### How may funds be used?

Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and to pay related project expenses.

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Healthcare facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements
- Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment

- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses

For a complete list see Code of Federal Regulations 7 CFR, Part 1942.17(d) for loans; [7 CFR, Part 3570.62](#) for grants.

### What kinds of funding are available?

- Low interest direct loans
- Grants
- A combination of the two above, as well as our [loan guarantee program](#). These may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.

### What are the funding priorities?

- Priority point system based on population, median household income
- Small communities with a population of 5,500 or less
  - Low-income communities having a median household income below 80% of the state nonmetropolitan median household income.

## What are the terms?

Funding is provided through a competitive process.

### Direct Loan:

- Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicants authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less.
- Interest rates are set by Rural Development, contact us for details and current rates.
- Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan, and is determined by the median household income of the service area.
- There are no pre-payment penalties.
- Contact us for details and current interest rates applicable for your project.

### Grant Approval:

Grant funds must be available. Applicant must be eligible for grant assistance, which is provided on a graduated scale with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs:

Maximum of 75 percent when the proposed project is:

- Located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer; and
- The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

Maximum of 55 percent when the proposed project is:

- Located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer; and
- The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

Maximum of 35 percent when the proposed project is:

- Located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
- The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

Maximum of 15 percent when the proposed project is:

- Located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
- The median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income. The proposed project must meet both percentage criteria. Grants are further limited.

## Are there additional requirements?

- Applicants must have legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, repay loans, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities
- Applicants must be unable to finance the project from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms
- Facilities must serve rural area where they are/will be located
- Project must demonstrate substantial community support
- Environmental review must be completed/acceptable

## How do we get started?

Contact your [local RD office](#) to discuss your specific project. Applications are accepted year round.

## Who can answer questions?

Contact your [local RD office](#).

## What governs this program?

- Direct Loan: 7 CFR Part 1942, Subpart A
- Grant: 7 CFR Part 3570, Subpart A

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**NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled “What Governs This Program?” You may also contact your local office for assistance. You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at [rd.usda.gov](http://rd.usda.gov). USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.**

# Community Facilities Program

# Community Programs

## *Community Facilities*

### Eligible Applicants

- Nonprofit Organizations
- Entities serving communities of 20,000 or less in population
  - Public Bodies
    - City, County, Township
- Recognized Native American Tribes
- Cooperatives

# Community Programs

## *Community Facilities*

### Eligible Purposes

- Eligible Purposes – Essential Community Facilities
  - Fire/Rescue Facilities & Equipment
  - Equipment for water/sewer systems (generators, trucks, etc.)
  - Healthcare Facilities
  - Public Service Buildings
    - Town Hall, Library, Community Center, Food Shelf, Daycare
  - Street / Sidewalks

# Community Programs

## *Community Facilities*

### Grants

- Maximum of 75% of Project cost
  - Sliding scale determined by MHI and need
- Maximum of \$50,000 per project
- Priority for Opioid treatment, childcare, fire/rescue
- Loan not required, can be in combination

# Community Programs

## *Community Facilities*

### Direct Loan

- Up to 40 year term of useful life of asset being financed.
- Current interest rate 2.75% (January 1, 2020)
- No maximum
- Partner Financing

## APPLICANT'S FEASIBILITY REPORT

1. **Existing Facility.** Briefly describe what facilities you currently have or how service is currently provided.

2. **Proposed Facility.** Describe what you want to purchase or construct. Indicate what the facility will be used for, approximate size, and expected method of procurement. For buildings indicate location, basic materials or type of construction, and attach a sketch or working drawings. For items of major equipment, indicate new or used, existing or custom-built, and any special features.

3. **Need for the Facility.** Indicate why the proposed facility is needed.

4. **Service Area.** Indicate what area the proposed facility will serve and, if known, the population or number of families served.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Clearance Officer, OIRM AG Box 7630, Washington, D. C. 20250; and to the Office Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (OMB No. 0575-0120), Washington, D. C. 20503. Please DO NOT RETURN this form to this address. Forward to the local USDA office only.

**5. Cost Estimate.**

Development and construction.....	\$ _____
Land and rights.....	_____
Legal fees.....	_____
Architect and Engineer.....	_____
Equipment.....	_____
Refinancing.....	_____
Other (describe) .....	_____
Total.....	_____

**6. Income.** List the sources and estimate the amount of expected revenue for a typical year.

**7. Other Funds.** List the sources and amount of funds that may be available other than from USDA, to fund part of the project (such as applicant's contributions, commercial loans, or loans or grants from other government agencies).

**8. Operating History.** If you have operated a similar facility, attach audits, financial statements, or lists of income and expenses for the past five years.

9. Signature and Title of Applicant Official	Date
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**BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs**

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY						
Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1.		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. Totals		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES						
6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
a. Personnel	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
b. Fringe Benefits						
c. Travel						
d. Equipment						
e. Supplies						
f. Contractual						
g. Construction						
h. Other						
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)						
j. Indirect Charges						
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	

**SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES**

(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS
8.	\$	\$	\$	\$
9.				
10.				
11.				
12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8- 11)	\$	\$	\$	\$

**SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS**

	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
14. Non-Federal					
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT**

(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)			
	(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16.	\$	\$	\$	\$
17.				
18.				
19.				
20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16-19)	\$	\$	\$	\$

**SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION**

21. Direct Charges:	22. Indirect Charges:
23. Remarks:	