



Community Development Block Grant Deadlines Approaching

The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) will soon be accepting application for CDBG programs. These grant programs are very competitive and require a good deal of project planning. As you are aware, Region XII COG has completed grant applications for member cities, at no cost, with the understanding that if funded, Region XII would administer the program for the city or county. IEDA will now require that some post-grant work – previously funded through grant administration – must now be done prior to an application being made. Because of this change, Region XII will now be charging small fees to complete the preliminary environmental reviews that are required for each of these CDBG programs. **The grant process is lengthy. Contact COG staff as soon as possible if your community is interested in any of the following programs.**

Water/Sewer Fund

The CDBG Water/Sewer fund is a competitive program offering grants to assist cities and counties with sanitary sewer system improvements, water system improvements, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storm sewer projects related to sanitary sewer system improvements and rural water connections. **The Water/Sewer Fund application deadline is January 8, 2016.**

Community Facilities and Services Fund

This Community Facilities program offers grants to assist communities with a variety of projects including day care facilities, senior centers, vocational workshops and community storm-water projects. Cities and counties are often the applicant for local non-profit corporations that benefit from these grants. **The Community Facilities application deadline is January 22, 2016.**

Downtown Revitalization Fund

The CDBG Downtown Revitalization Fund provides grants to communities for a variety of projects and activities contributing to comprehensive revitalization in historic city centers. The program typically focuses on façade improvements to privately-owned buildings. Applications for the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Fund must meet HUD's slum and blight national objective. **The Downtown Revitalization Fund application deadline is February 5, 2016.**

For More Info regarding any of these CDBG Programs Contact: Chris Whitaker at 712-775-7811 or via email at cwhitaker@Region12cog.org, Sam Parker at 712-775-7812 or via email at sparker@region12cog.org or Fred Kesten at 712-775-7813 at fkesten@region12cog.org.

CDBG Housing Fund (Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Grant Applications)

IEDA through the CDBG Housing Fund offers opportunities for cities to apply for Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program funds to repair the homes of their low- to moderate-income citizens. The objective of this program is to maintain and upgrade the housing stock in the state through common household repairs such as new roofing, siding, windows, doors, and updating electrical, plumbing and heating systems. **The Housing Fund application deadline is January 15, 2016.**

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