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Community Grants

1) Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP)

Grant/Financial Assistance

The Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) is a federally funded grant program that assists Illinois communities by providing grants to local governments to assist them in financing economic development, public facilities and housing rehabilitation projects. The program is targeted to assist low-to-moderate income persons by creating job opportunities and improving the quality of their living environment. The program is limited to communities with populations under 50,000 that are not located within an entitlement city or one of the eight large urban counties that receive funds directly from the federal government. Funds are targeted toward projects that primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons.

For information call 217-785-6142.

- [CDAP News Letters](#)
- [CDAP 2005 Brochure](#)
- CDAP 2006 Application Guidelines
- CDAP 2007 Application Guidelines

2) Emergency Shelter Grants Program

Grant

Provides federally funded grants to not-for-profit agencies and units of local government to rehabilitate, renovate or convert emergency shelters, to fund operational and essential service expenditures for the homeless, and to fund programs designed to prevent homelessness.

For information call 217-558-2838.

[CDAP and ESGP General Grantee Forms](#)

3) Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Funding Announcement – Request for Application

Introduction and Intent:

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's (DCEO) Division of Economic Opportunity (DEO) announces that competing applications will be accepted for new grants pursuant to Sec. 675C(b)(1) of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act, as amended, by the Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services (COATES) Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-285). The Division of Economic Opportunity establishes guidelines for the awarding of competitive discretionary grants as authorized by the Community Services

Block Grant Act.

The primary intended use of the CSBG funds awarded to the State and to sub-grantees as defined by the Act, is “to provide assistance to States and local communities, working through a network of community action agencies and other neighborhood-based organizations, for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient.” Direct services funded by the CSBG are restricted to recipients with household incomes that fall at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty guideline. Use of CSBG funds must result in a low-income benefit and cannot be used to purchase or improve real property.

In accordance with the Community Services Block Grant Act activities may include--

- (A) providing training and technical assistance to those entities in need of such training and assistance;
- (B) coordinating State-operated programs and services, and at the option of the State, locally-operated programs and services, targeted to low-income children and families with services provided by eligible entities and other organizations funded under this subtitle, including detailing appropriate employees of State or local agencies to entities funded under this subtitle, to ensure increased access to services provided by such State or local agencies;
- (C) supporting statewide coordination and communication among eligible entities;
- (D) analyzing the distribution of funds made available under this subtitle within the State to determine if such funds have been targeted to the areas of greatest need;
- (E) supporting asset-building programs for low-income individuals, such as programs supporting individual development accounts;
- (F) supporting innovative programs and activities conducted by community action agencies or other neighborhood-based organizations to eliminate poverty, promote self-sufficiency, and promote community revitalization; and
- (G) supporting other activities, consistent with the purposes of this subtitle.

This Request for Application will entertain proposals that promote coordinated, systematic and innovative approaches to addressing poverty.

Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. CT on November 27, 2006.

Eligible Applicants:

Community Services Block Grant eligible entities, State Community Action Association, non-profit organizations having 501(c)(3) status, and non-profit organizations that do not have 501(c)(3) status. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply.

As prescribed by the Community Services Block Grant Act (Pub. L. 105-285, section 678A(c)(2)), eligible applicants are eligible entities or statewide or local organizations, or associations with demonstrated expertise in providing training to individuals and organizations on methods of effectively addressing the needs of low-income families and communities.

For Further Information Contact:

Copies of the Request for Application may be obtained upon request. Questions pertaining to the application should be directed to either Gail Hedges or Pam Jefferies of the Division of Economic Opportunity, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, telephone: 217/785-6156.

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