

Small Cities Development Program Fact Sheet

Name of the Organization Providing the Grant:

- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Short Description of the Program:

- The goal of the Small Cities Development Program is to develop viable, eligible communities and provide suitable living environments by expanding economic opportunities that principally benefit low to moderate-income households. This goal is accomplished by providing financial assistance to address the need for decent, safe, affordable housing, economic development, and adequate public facilities.

Who is Eligible:

- Eligible applicants are cities with populations under 50,000 and counties and townships with an unincorporated population under 200,000. In order to be considered eligible, an applicant must be in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and executive orders that pertain to the Community Development Block Group Small Cities Development Program.
 - Joint community applications are eligible, they must be approved by the governing bodies of all communities in the application. No more than three communities can comprise one application.
 - Eligible applicants can only receive one competitive award per grant year and no applicant shall be included in more than one competitive application, whether as a primary applicant or as a secondary applicant.
- Use of Funds: Funds from the SCDP can be used to address the following activities:
 - Housing rehabilitation: owner-occupied
 - Rental rehabilitation: single-family rental/multi-family units, and conversions
 - Commercial rehabilitation
 - Public facility improvements: (i.e., water systems, sewer systems, drainage facility construction or improvements, etc.)
 - Community center/facility
 - Streetscape



Other Funds Required

- The amount of other funds required varies and is contingent upon the project type. However, the amount of leveraged resources play a significant role in determining whether the project is funded.

Funding Assistance:

- This funding assistance is provided through a grant. The maximum grant award for a Single Purpose project is \$600,000. The maximum grant award for a Comprehensive project is \$1.4 million.

Application process:

- Two-Step Process: Pre-application and Full application. The timeline to complete projects usually is 30 months, depending on the project size and scope.

Resources:

- **DEED Small Cities Development Program**