

Small Cities Development Program Fact Sheet

Community Centers

Short Description of the Program:

- This broad activity covers rehabilitation of senior centers, centers to serve the handicapped, youth centers, and other neighborhood facilities. Community center projects are considered public facility projects, and community centers must benefit the entire community. **Buildings are not eligible for grant funds if they hold general elections in the building currently or for the life of the building.**

Program Objectives:

- Federal objectives must be met for community centers to benefit low and moderate-income people on an area basis (LMA). A low and moderate-income (LMI) person resides in households with up to 80% of the county median income.

Use of Funds:

- Funds are used to reconstruct deteriorated/deteriorating, outdated projects that pose a threat or hazard to the health and safety of residents.

Other Funds Required

- The amount of other funds required varies and is contingent upon the project type. However, the amount of leveraged resources plays 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, and the maximum for a Comprehensive project is \$1.4 million.

Timeline:

- Application Process is a 2-step process with a Preliminary Application and a Final Application.
- The timeline to complete projects usually is 30 months, depending on the project size and scope.

Resources:

- DEED Small Cities Development Program