

State of Alabama
FY16 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

The State of Alabama currently participates in the state-administered Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is administered in Alabama by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

1. ADECA has been administering the CDBG program since 1982.
2. The program is available to all non-entitlement communities that meet applicable threshold requirements.
3. ADECA receives an annual appropriation of for community development projects.
4. For PY 2016, ADECA has been allocated \$21,904,212

All projects must meet one of the National Objectives of the program:

- projects must benefit 51 percent low-and moderate-income people,
- aid in the prevention or clearance of slum and blight, or
- meet an urgent need.

In addition to meeting at least one of the three National Objectives listed above, activities must meet one of the following three performance goals:

1. Create suitable living environments,
2. Provide decent affordable housing, or
3. Create economic opportunities.

Further, activities must demonstrate the ability to achieve or improve one or more of the following outcomes:

1. Improve availability or accessibility of units or services,
2. Improve affordability of housing or other services, and/or
3. Improve sustainability by promoting viable communities.

Types of Funds	Grant Ceilings and Match Requirements	Typical Activities
Competitive Fund: Available to communities for projects that address infrastructure and community development needs.	Counties and Small Cities: \$350,000 Large Cities: \$450,000 <i>10% Local Match</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water and sewer extensions and rehabilitation • Housing demolition/rehabilitation • Neighborhood, downtown revitalization • Street and drainage improvements
Urgent Need Fund: Available to communities to address public health and safety issues.	Reviewed on a case by case basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elimination of contaminated wells • Eliminating failing septic tanks • Addressing other urgent needs
Community Enhancement Fund: Available on a continuous basis to communities for projects that address quality of life issues.	\$50,000 Minimum \$250,000 Maximum <i>10% Local Match</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire protection • Senior citizens centers • Community centers • Boys & girls clubs • Recreational facilities, etc.
Planning Fund: Available to eligible communities for planning activities to promote orderly growth, regional development, and revitalization efforts.	\$40,000 Maximum <i>20% Local Match</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive plans • Elements of comprehensive plans • Downtown revitalization plans • Regional strategies and plans, etc.
Economic Development Fund: Available to communities for projects supporting the creation or retention of jobs.	Ceiling varies depending on the type of project. <i>20% Local Match</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED Incubator (\$250,000 Max Grant) • ED Float Loans (\$10 million) • ED Grants (\$200,000 subject to waiver)

For detailed information about the CDBG program or how to apply for CDBG funds, contact ADECA at 334-242-0492 or at CDBG@adeca.state.al.us. Information is also available at www.adeca.alabama.gov.