



Purpose

The infrastructure assistance program is designed to create new permanent jobs and retain existing jobs, primarily for low to moderate income persons in rural areas.

Program Description

- This program encourages new business development, expansions, and retentions of businesses located in non-entitlement cities and counties.
- Funding under this program is provided through a grant to the city or county from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) to assist identified businesses in their expansion or relocation efforts.

Requirements/Eligibility Rules

- OEDIT may provide funding for public infrastructure needed by a specific business.
- Applicant must be an eligible city or county that is willing to take on various obligations required for use of these funds.
- The specific business that will utilize the public infrastructure must create and/or retain jobs--with at least 51 percent (51%) of such jobs being filled by persons that qualify as low to moderate income persons.
- Typically, \$20,000 may be requested for each job to be created or retained by the specific business.
- Eligible improvements are owned and/or maintained by a public or quasi-public entity, usually a city or county.
- Assisted businesses must demonstrate project feasibility and financial capability to develop the proposed plans that will result in creating and/or retaining jobs primarily for low to moderate income persons.

Funds May Be Provided for the Construction and / or Improvement of:

- Water Lines & Water Treatment Facilities
- Sewer Lines & Sewage Treatment Facilities
- Roadways
- Natural Gas-Line Services
- Electric Power Services
- Railroad Spurs
- Lighting
- Sidewalks
- Alternative Power Sources (such as solar)

Application Process

- A business should contact their local city or county government where the project is located, as federal guidelines require the local government to make an application for funding in support of the business.
- Prior to submitting a pre-application, the applicant and the business must complete an individual project consultation with, Bob Todd, CDBG Program Manager.
- If the pre-application is recommended for funding by the Governor's Financial Review Committee, the applicant is invited to submit a formal application, which is due within 45 days of such notice and is subject to funds availability.
- For further information or to obtain an infrastructure application (pre-application and formal application), please contact Bob Todd at Robert.todd@state.co.us or visit www.advancecolorado.com/infrastructureassistance for additional information.

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