



United States Department of Agriculture

## Community Facilities Applications Encouraged

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### Grant Deadline January 8, 2016

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Programs serve non-profits and public bodies located in rural areas of up to 20,000 in population. Use our loans and grants to renovate, repair, purchase or construct buildings which house community services. A non-profit or public body may use the loan or grant to purchase equipment, furniture and fixtures for community facilities.

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### Eligible Community Facilities Projects Include:

- Building an assisted living facility, a hospital, health care center, community center or firehouse.
- Renovating a library, a town hall, opera house, museum, working community kitchen, a homeless shelter, or a food pantry.
- Purchasing education related buildings for schools and colleges.
- Purchasing public safety vehicles and equipment: fire pumper trucks, ambulances, police cruisers, rescue, communications and safety equipment and upgrading equipment.
- Purchasing equipment & office furnishings for child care centers, theatres, museums, health care, and social services.
- Other capital projects carried out by a public body or non-profit which works to support a community service.

**Contact a USDA RD Community Programs Specialist in the RD Area Office near you to discuss your project.**

- [Contacts and Grant Information](#)

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### Grant Priority Funding Deadline

Complete applications received by **January 8, 2016** will compete for our state office allocation. Applications received after January 8 will compete for funding in a nation-wide reserve. In 2015, the average grant amount was \$22,000. The grant award is based on population and median household income of the service area. Grants are a percentage of the total project cost and require a match.

*\*\*Not all communities are grant eligible. Your grant eligibility may have changed due to new population & community income information. Before applying, contact your*

Area Office to determine if your community or service area is eligible for a grant.

*\*USDA gives priority to projects where there are multiple public or private sources of funding. Additionally, priority is given to projects which are located in low income communities, support local food security, or strengthen the bio economy.*

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## Loan Financing for Community Capital Projects

*We anticipate Community Facilities loan funds will be readily available throughout the year & sufficient to fund all eligible applications.*

- Budget Predictability: Our loans offer fixed rate, affordable payments with terms as long as 40 years.
- Pre-payment flexibility: We have no prepayment penalties giving you financial flexibility.
- Low Fixed Interest Rates: Current loan rates as low as 3.250%. Rates offered can change quarterly. Contact a specialist in your region for details.
- Match: Community Facility loans can be used as match for USDA RD grant projects.

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## Contacts and Grant Information

*For more information visit the community facilities grant and loan websites for Vermont or New Hampshire:*

[Vermont](#)

[New Hampshire](#)

- See Contact Information for your local area contact.
- See Program 101 for details about Community Facilities.
- See Resources for an application.

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