Eligible Activities

The Community Development Block Grant Program, commonly called the Small Cities Program, is a federal program passed through the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development to eligible communities of less than 50,000 in population, with a few exceptions.

Two important points on the Small Cities Program: Projects must be an eligible activity (as outlined below) and meet a National Objective.

1. List of eligible activities:
   • Acquisition of Real Property
   • Relocation Assistance
   • Public Facilities and Improvements
   • Code Enforcement
   • Clearance, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, and Construction of Buildings
   • Architectural Barrier Removal (commonly called ADA Improvements)
   • Loss of Rental Income
   • Disposition of Real Property
   • Economic Development Assistance to For-Profit Businesses
   • Micro-enterprise Assistance
   • Public Services
   • Planning and Capacity Building
   • Program Administrative Costs
   • Energy Efficiency / Conservation
   • Technical Assistance
   • Housing Services

2. List of ineligible activities:
   • New construction of permanent residential structures
   • Buildings for the general conduct of government (except ADA improvements)
   • Political activities
   • Income payments
   • Faith based assistance used for primarily religious activities