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Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) - Municipalities

Administrative Agency:

State Agency: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (Commerce), Division of Community Advocacy (DCA)

Program Goals:

Goals of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) are to provide financial resources to communities for public facilities and planning activities which address issues detrimental to the health and safety of local residents, and to reduce the costs of essential community services. The program may also fund special economic development activities which result in the creation of jobs for persons of low and moderate income.

Resource Provided:

Single purpose project competitive grants up to a maximum of \$850,000 per community. Grants may be used for community development, planning, or special economic development activities. Community development and planning activities which address health and safety needs are the priority for funding.

Eligibility:

Municipal governments as defined by Title 29 of the Alaska Statutes (i.e., home rule, first, second and third class boroughs, unified municipalities, and first and second class cities) which exercise powers consistent with the proposed project, except the Municipality of Anchorage and the City of Fairbanks.

Alaska Program Status:

During federal fiscal year 2006 approximately \$2.6 million was available for distribution. Competitive grant applications are generally distributed to eligible applicants once each year, usually in September, with completed applications due to the Department by December.

Comments:

Federal regulations dictate that at least 51% of the persons who benefit from funded projects be low- or moderate-income persons as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) using U.S. Census data.



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