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COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND

KEY FACTS

- ◆ **Agency:** Texas Department of Agriculture
- ◆ **Award:** Maximum grant is \$500,000
- ◆ **Deadline:** TBA when application for 2019 becomes available

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SUMMARY

The goal of the Community Enhancement Fund is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, as well as by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low-to-moderate income.

DESCRIPTION

A single eligible applicant (city or county) may only submit an application for funding if the project beneficiaries are limited to persons located within the applicant's jurisdiction. For an incorporated city, the beneficiaries are limited to persons located within the city's limits. For a county, the beneficiaries may be all persons located only in the unincorporated areas of the county or countywide (including those persons in incorporated areas within the county). Additionally, a county may submit an application on behalf of an unincorporated area within its jurisdiction if the unincorporated area is a Census Designated Place (CDP). The project activities must benefit all persons residing within the CDP.

Eligible activities include:

- ◆ Public Health
- ◆ Community Centers
- ◆ Workforce Development/Education
- ◆ Public Safety
- ◆ Renewable Energy (as part of a public facility)

More information can be found here: [Community Enhancement Fund](#)

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Non-entitlement cities with a population under 50,000; Non-entitlement, non-metropolitan counties with a population under 200,000; Those ineligible to receive direct CDBG funding from HUD; and those not participating in Urban County programs.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Selection procedures. Applications will be evaluated by the department based on selection criteria which focus on the following factors (detailed application and scoring information is available in the application guidelines):

- ◆ the community's LMI percentage
- ◆ partnerships
- ◆ multi-purpose facility or public safety equipment
- ◆ sustainability
- ◆ leverage/grant match