

**Name of Funding:** Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

**Focus of Funding:** Eliminating poverty and urban blight

**Eligibility Requirements:**

**For local government:** Cities with over 50,000 people and counties with over 200,000 people (excluding entitled cities) automatically qualify for an amount set by a formula. Small cities and counties have to apply to state or regional government that received the funds. See <http://www.nctcoq.org/envir/seedevevex/tcdp/index.asp>

**For recipients:** At least 70% of grant must be used to improve infrastructure in low to moderate income areas, and can not be for regular government business.

**Funding Mechanism:** Federal Grant awarded annually to entitled agency.

**Funding Source:** Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**Maximum amount:** Based on funding formula for city/ county/ state.

**Other rules of the program:** Plan for funds must be submitted to HUD for approval.

**Advantages of the program:** Large and medium size cities automatically qualify. Cities are required to inform HUD how the money was spent.

**Drawbacks of the program:** Subject to federal government approval, and requires documentation of expenses.

**Case Study Example:** Used in the City of Frisco

<http://www.ci.frisco.tx.us/projectsPrograms/Documents/NOTICE%203%20Prelim%20PY%202009%20Action%20Plan.pdf>

**Sources:** Housing and Urban Development

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/entitlement/>