Community Development Partnership Program Grants

Eligibility requirements

Most local governments and nonprofit organizations in LCRA’s wholesale electric and water service areas are eligible to apply for a CDPP grant. Grant recipients can include:

- Cities and counties
- Civic organizations
- Schools
- Volunteer fire departments
- Libraries
- Emergency medical services
- Museums
- Historical associations

Projects must meet these criteria to be eligible:

- Projects must be for capital improvements. Projects must meet a need in one of the following areas: education, transportation, public safety, recreation, health care, training, community planning or employment.

- The physical address of the project must be in LCRA’s wholesale electric service or water service areas.

- The project must be completed within 12 months of the date the grant is received. (Failure to complete the project on schedule or abide by the terms of the letter agreement may result in LCRA requiring the recipient to return the grant.)

- An applicant must not have received a CDPP grant within 24 months.

- Grants of $5,000 or more require a minimum 20 percent match of the total project cost; matching funds must be documented in the application.

- The grant recipient must post signage that clearly, permanently and publicly acknowledges the sponsorship of LCRA and its wholesale electric customer at the site of the project.

- The project must be maintained for the public purpose for which the grant was awarded.

- Grant applications must be signed by the chief executive administrator or officer of the organization requesting the grant.

- Upon completion of the project, the grant recipient must submit a final report with photographs of the completed project and the signage.

The types of projects that are not eligible include: completed projects; religious or church-sponsored facilities that can only be used by members; social service projects such as food pantries, transitional housing and substance abuse facilities; land acquisition projects; debt-reduction campaigns; capital campaigns; program operating costs; planning; consultants; seminar and conference fees, training or workshops (with the exception of public firefighting organizations, including volunteer fire departments); computer equipment or software; most functions carried out by a taxing entity; appliances; office equipment; and batteries.

Those ineligible to receive grants include: for-profit entities, individuals, professional associations and nonprofit organizations limited to group membership.