

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Programs = Opportunity!!! Don't Miss Out!!!

What would a community be without some basic essentials such as a community center, library, fire station and equipment, streets, police station and equipment, health care facilities, day care services, transportation for elderly or the public, city/county government offices, road and street maintenance equipment, and other related facilities? Your community may not have all of these facilities but most likely do have many. Some may be new, some may be quite aged and some may be very basic structures – but nonetheless – they provide a service that your community finds valuable. Do you realize that USDA Rural Development may be able to help finance the equipping, rehabilitation, expansion or new construction of these types of projects?

Community Facilities Loan and Grant programs can assist public bodies, not for profit entities and Indian tribes with the financing of other essential community facility projects like those just mentioned. Projects must be located in rural areas which includes towns and cities of less than 20,000 population and open rural areas.

Project examples:

- A small town in south-central Kansas recently acquired funding to combine their city offices, library, and community center into one picturesque older downtown

building. It had previously utilized several older outdated buildings to house these operations. The remolded vintage building stands out in the downtown area as a symbol of the past, present and future,

- A northwest Kansas community not-for-profit utilized the Community Facilities guaranteed loan program constructed a new building to house, an area for youth recreation, senior center, community center with kitchen facility, and a theater for school plays.
- A northern Kansas town secured Community Facilities assistance to construct an addition to their fire station to include a new fire truck bay, a classroom and a command center.
- A city in southeast Kansas acquired a Rural Development

Community Facilities loan to remodel a vacant building into a community medical clinic. They developed an agreement with a hospital in a neighboring community to provide medical staff for the clinic.

- A community in northeast Kansas was assisted with extensive renovations to their community hospital to provide better medical services to the area.

Numerous communities have been assisted with this program to purchase and install equipment such as: storm sirens, fire trucks and firefighting equipment, emergency vehicles, police vehicles, medical equipment and similar items.

Community Facilities Programs are generally categorized into three broad categories: public safety, public service, and public health care. The types of projects that fall within the eligibility of the community facilities program are vast in number.

For more information on the community Facilities Loan/Grant programs please contact one of our District offices. They can be contacted at:

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