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Community Development Block Grant Fact Sheet

Bernalillo County intends to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in February 2013. See questions and answers below for more information.

What is the Community Development Block Grant?

The Community Development Block Grant program is a federal program managed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant Bernalillo County is applying for is administered by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration. Click [here](#) for more information.

State and national goals of the program are to address activities that help low and moderate income families; work that improves areas of slum and blight; and to address emergency or urgent needs.

How much money can local government apply for?

Local governments can apply for up to \$500,000 for community development needs and up to \$50,000 for planning purposes.

What areas of Bernalillo County are eligible?

For this application, only the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County are eligible, outside city limits.

The City of Albuquerque maintains a separate Community Development Block Grant program. Call 505.768.2860 or visit www.cabq.gov/family for more information about the city program.

What projects are eligible?

A wide variety of community needs are eligible, including infrastructure such as road and street improvements, housing, community and senior centers, economic development, planning and public safety needs.

What projects are ineligible?

Construction and rehabilitation of buildings used for the general conduct of government; general operation and maintenance expenses associated with public facilities or services; income maintenance; housing allowance payments and mortgage subsidies; costs involved in the preparation of an application or securing of funding; use of equipment or premises for political purposes.

Who reviews and selects the projects?

The New Mexico Community Development Council.

How much funding was allocated in 2012?

The council awarded more than \$10 million in 2012 to local governments on a competitive basis.

How many entities applied?

42

How many awards were made?

23

When is the deadline to apply?

Feb. 15, 2013.

Who decides what project will move forward as Bernalillo County's application?

The Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners, with input from staff and the community. This decision will include a formal vote at a public board meeting.

When is the deadline to submit public comment or an idea?

Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013, at 5 p.m.

How do I submit an idea or comment?

Simply call or write Richard Meadows at Bernalillo County.

Mr. Meadows can be reached at 505.848.1508 or rmeadows@bernco.gov.

His mailing address is:

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When will the awards be announced?

The New Mexico Community Development Council is scheduled to review and allocate these funds by May 2013.

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