



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

The Virginia Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a federally-funded grant administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). DHCD provides funding to eligible units of local government for projects that address critical community needs including housing, infrastructure and economic development. Funds may be used for off-site activities such as water and sewer line extensions or treatment facilities and road and rail access. Funds may also be available as loans for on-site assistance that supports economic development, subject to underwriting.

CDBG funds are available for micro-enterprise development and central business district revitalization. Funds are awarded to localities on a competitive basis during an annual application cycle. Funds are also awarded non-competitively, provided certain thresholds are met; applications for these funds may be submitted at any time from January 1 through September 30. At least 51 percent of jobs created or retained by a project using CDBG funding must be held by or made available to low- and moderate-income persons.

DHCD administers the non-entitlement portion of the federal CDBG program for cities and towns with populations under 50,000 and counties with populations under 200,000. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development administers the CDBG entitlement program for metropolitan areas.

For additional information on the CDBG program, please visit: <http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/index.php/component/content/article/1-programs-cd/77-community-development-block-grant-cdbg.html>