

Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program Grant

*This is only a summary; applicants should **not** rely on it to meet application requirements. Study the full grant opportunity announcement before applying for any federal grant.*

Program Description – Funds to assist State and local governments to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation. Community infrastructure projects are transportation projects, community support facilities, and utility infrastructure projects that are located off of a military installation or on property under the jurisdiction of a Secretary of a military department that is subject to a real estate agreement, and are owned by a State or local government or a not-for-profit, member owned utility service.

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| Opportunity Numbers – OLDCC-23-F-0001 | Agency – Department of Defense/Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation | |
| Proposal Deadline (Pg 2): June 23, 2023 | Formal Grant Invite: Aug. 4, 2023 | BCA Required: No |
| Available Funding (Pg 1-2): \$100 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum Award: \$20 million Minimum Award: \$250,000 | NOFO & Related – https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=346906 | |
| Award/Obligation Deadline: Sept. 30, 2023 Funding remains available for expenses within five (5) years from the date of award | Eligible Project Cost Restrictions: (see full list below) Soft costs, such as those required for the planning, design, permitting, and National Environmental Policy Act compliance must be funded by non-Federal project cost contribution funds. | |
| Eligibility (Pg 4-5): State or local government or not-for-profit, member-owned utility. | Required Cost Share (Pg 5): State or local government recipients must contribute not less than 30% of the total funding required. A match is not required in rural areas (<100,000 pop.) or for reasons related to national security. | |

Selection Criteria (Pgs 15-19)

Projects will be selected in the following order of priority:

1. That will enhance military value at a military installation,
2. That will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at an educational institution,
3. That will enhance military installation resilience and,
4. That will enhance military family quality of life at an installation.

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| First Priority (45-50 points) Enhancement of Military Value | Second Priority (32-40 points) Training of Cadets | Third Priority (33-38 points) Enhancement of Installation Resilience | Fourth Priority (27-32 points) Enhancement of Military Family Quality of Life |
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Construction-Readiness (1-30 points): Evaluated based on the projects evidence to commence construction within twelve months of funding (Sept. 30, 2023). The proposer must demonstrate that the project can commence within 12 months upon receipt of a grant, that the grant funds will be spent steadily and expeditiously once the project commences, and the project can be completed no later than five (5) years following the obligation of Federal funds.

Assessment of project need. (0 - 20 points): Proposed projects will be assessed based on their applicability to the assessment of the installation commander’s endorsement letter on (i) the existing conditions, (ii) impact should the project not proceed, and (iii) how the proposed project affects installation or program mission and/or operations.

Military Value Criteria

- 1) the current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of the Department of Defense’s total force, including impact on joint warfighting, training and readiness;
- 2) the availability and condition of land, facilities and associated airspace (including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval, or air forces throughout a diversity of climate terrain areas and staging areas for use of the Armed Forces in homeland defense missions) at both existing and potential receiving locations;
- 3) the ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, and future total force requirements at both existing and potential receiving locations to support operations and training; and,
- 4) the cost of operations and manpower implications.

Eligible Projects (Pg 6):

All proposed projects must be construction-ready and must result in a complete and useable project. Eligible community infrastructure projects are any complete and useable transportation project; community support facilities; and utility infrastructure projects that:

- are located off of a military installation;
- support a military installation;
- are owned by a state or local government or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility service;
- that will enhance military value at a military installation, military installation resilience or military family quality of life at the supported military;
- that are endorsed by the installation commander;
- are where ground-disturbing work has not yet commenced; and,
- are construction-ready (the project will commence (turn dirt) within twelve months of award).

Eligible Project Costs (Pg 8):

Only hard construction and renovation costs, such as the costs directly associated with project administration, inspection, construction, utilities, and contingency costs required to execute the project, as well as costs of capital equipment affixed to the real property with a depreciable life of not less than seven (7) years. Construction contingency costs are limited to no more than fifteen percent (15%) of the proposed project.

Application & Narrative Requirements (Pg 8):

A proposal may not exceed twenty-one (21) pages (single-sided, single-spaced with 1-inch margins, 11-point Times New Roman font), including all maps, drawings and attachments. The unsigned Standard Form 424, the independent third-party cost estimate to validate the proposed project budget, and documents showing that the project is construction-ready do not count against this twenty-one (21) page limit. Proposals that exceed this twenty-one (21) page limit will not be considered.

Review and Selection Process (Pg 18): To receive an award, an eligible respondent must submit both a successful proposal and an acceptable grant application. Proposals will be evaluated first based on the substantive explanation of how the proposed project enhances military value at the local military installation based on the four military value criteria. Proposals that do not specify how the proposed project enhances military value at the local installation based on each of those four military value criteria will be evaluated against the second and third priorities, based on how well the project enhances installation resilience or military family quality of life.