

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, and not-for-profit, member-owned utilities, in addressing deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation. For purposes of the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP), “Community Infrastructure” includes projects related to transportation; schools; hospitals; police, fire, or emergency response, or other community support facilities; and utility projects (e.g., water, wastewater, telecommunications, electric and natural gas facilities). The facility or project itself must be owned by a state or local government, or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility.

Opportunity Numbers – OLDCC-25-F-0001	Agency – Department of Defense/Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation	
Proposal Deadline (Pg 4): June 23, 2025	Formal Grant Invite: Aug. 8, 2025	BCA Required: No
Available Funding (Pg 5): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum Award: \$20 million • Minimum Award: \$250,000 	NOFO & Related – https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358802	
Award/Obligation Deadline: Sept. 30, 2025 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 5): State or local government or not-for-profit, member-owned utility services. To receive an award, an eligible respondent must submit both a successful proposal and an acceptable grant application.	Required Cost Share (Pg 6): Grant 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. Any proposal relying on contributions sourced from other federal funds that have not been awarded through a counter-signed financial award pre-dating the proposal submission will not be considered.	

Selection Criteria (Pgs 20-22)

Criteria 1 – Enhancement (50 Points)*

Proposals that describe community infrastructure projects that enhance military value at a military installation will be prioritized over all other proposals.

Criteria 2 – Community-Installation Need (20 points)

Criteria 2 reviews the strength of the proposal’s content provided in the Summary of Community-Installation Need section. All proposals will be scored based on how strongly they evidence the need for the proposed project.

Criteria 3 - Construction-Readiness (30 points): Evaluated based on the projects evidence to commence construction within twelve months of funding (Sept. 30, 2025). 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.

* Proposals that do not identify the military value prioritization category within the Summary of Proposer and Eligibility nor specify how the proposed project enhances military value by demonstrating the project meets three (3) of the four (4) military value criteria will be evaluated against the remaining priorities,

1. That will enhance military value (40 - 45 points)
2. That will contribute to the training of cadets (34 - 39 points)
3. That will enhance military installation resilience (28 - 33 points)
4. That will enhance military family quality of life (22 - 27 points)

All grant agreements must be issued and countersigned prior to September 24, 2025, to ensure the appropriated funds are obligated no later than September 30, 2025

Eligible Projects (Pg 7):

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 are endorsed by the installation commander;
- are where ground-disturbing work has not yet commenced; and,
- are construction-ready so that the project can be completed within five (5) years of grant award.

Eligible Project Costs (Pg 8-9):

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 10):

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 letter of support from the installation commander, documents showing that the project is construction-ready (e.g., maps, drawings, and attachments), and documentation showing evidence of the availability of any other participating federal funding do not count against this twenty-one (21) page limit.