



Your municipality can receive grant funds to make a forgivable loan to a private business in your community for the purpose of job creation for low-to-moderate income residents.

Funds will be made available for local governments to make forgivable loans to businesses in order to create or retain jobs for the following:

- Purchase of equipment or to provide working capital
- Training needs
- Construction

Funding cannot be used for:

- Relocation of a business if the relocation is likely to result in a significant loss of employment in the labor market area from which the relocation occurs

Questions? Please contact:

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**Community Development
Block Grant**

**Economic
Development
Program**

**Creating new jobs through
economic development projects**

What are CDBG funds?

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds promote affordable housing, suitable living conditions, and economic opportunity primarily to benefit individuals with low to moderate income (LMI). CDBG funds are available for:

- Affordable Housing
- **Economic Development (CDBG-ED)**
- Emergency Assistance
- Planning (CDBG-PLNG)
- Public Facilities (CDBG-PF)
- Public Facilities Economic Development (CDBG-PFED)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



Wisconsin Department of Administration



Wisconsin Communities



Grant Requirements:

- CDBG funds must be used to primarily benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) individuals. At least 51% of jobs created must be held by LMI individuals.
- Self-certification forms, including family income for new hires, shall be used to track hiring of LMI individuals.
- The business receiving the funds must maintain employment verification records.
- Environmental reviews (ERRs) must be completed. Non-construction projects have limited paperwork.
- Job-pirating is prohibited. A business cannot be lured from one labor market to another with CDBG funds.
- The time allowed to complete project activities and job creation is two years.
- Project must be an eligible CDBG activity and must meet a CDBG national objective.
- Municipalities have financial obligation to repay CDBG funds if the project does not meet a national objective.



GET STARTED TODAY

CDBG-ED funds are awarded throughout the year until funds are no longer available. A pre-application meeting with the benefiting business and municipality is required prior to application submission.

For application form and instructions, visit: [EnergyandHousing.wi.gov](https://www.energyandhousing.wi.gov)

Typical awards are \$7,000-\$10,000 per job created or retained. Successful applicants will receive an award letter with information on next steps.

