



**Committed to the future of rural
communities**

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Tribal College Grants

**USDA, Rural Development
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Tribal College Eligibility

- The Secretary may make grants to tribal colleges and universities (as defined in section 1059c of title 20)
- The term "Tribal College or University" has the meaning give the term "tribally controlled college or university" in section 1801 of title 25, and includes an institution listed in the Equity in Educational Land Grant Status Act of 1994.

Eligible 1994 Land Grant Colleges and Universities



- Bay Mills Community College.
- Blackfeet Community College.
- Cheyenne River Community College.
- D-Q University.
- Dullknife Memorial College.
- Fond Du Lac Community College
- Fort Belknap Community College.
- Fort Berthold Community College.
- Fort Peck Community College.
- LacCourte Orielle Ojibwa Community College.
- Little Big Horn Community College
- Little Hoop Community College.
- Nebraska Indian Community College.
- Northwest Indian College.
- Oglala Lakota College.
- Salish Kootenai College.
- Sinte Gleska University.
- Sisseton Wahpeton Community College.
- Standing Rock College.
- Stonechild Community College.
- Turtle Mountain Community College.
- Navajo Community College.
- United Tribes Technical College.
- Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute.
- Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.
- Crownpoint Institute of Technology.
- Haskell Indian Junior College.
- Leech Lake Tribal College.
- College of the Menominee Nation.
- Little Priest Tribal College.



USDA, Rural Development Funding: Other Sources

- Community Facilities Direct Loans
- Community Facilities Grants
- Economic Impact Initiative Grants



Eligibility

Eligibility requirements apply to
Community Facilities Direct Loans, CF
Grants, and Economic Impact Initiative
Grants

Who Is Eligible To Participate?

Eligible Applicants



1. Public Bodies
2. Nonprofit Organizations
3. Native American Tribes



Where?

Eligible Rural Areas

Cities, towns, and census designated places (CDP's) with populations of 20,000 or less according to the latest decennial census of the United States.

A census designated place (CDP) is a geographic entity for the purpose of census data for an area with a concentration of population, housing, and commercial structures that is identified by name but is not within an incorporated place.



Eligible Rural Areas

- There is no limitation placed on population in unincorporated rural areas, with the exception of CDP's.
- Projects must **primarily** serve rural residents.

County (unincorporated area)



CDP 5,000

CDP
21,000

City 22,000

CDP 1,000

City 15,000

CDP 8,000



What Is An Essential Community Facility ?

- Must be a public improvement needed for the orderly development of a rural community - the service must be a function customarily provided by a local unit of government
- Does not include private affairs, commercial or business undertakings



What Is An Essential Community Facility?

- It must primarily serve and benefit rural residents and communities
- Must be open to the public



How Can Funds Be Used?

Eligible Grant Purposes

- Purchase real estate and improvements (i.e. buildings)
- Construction, expansion, renovation, and/or improvements to essential community facilities
- Purchase of vehicles and major equipment



Other eligible grant purposes:

- Reasonable necessary fees for:
 - legal
 - architectural/engineering
 - accounting services
 - environmental
 - archaeological
 - establishing or acquiring rights

Leech Lake Tribal College Trades Building



Ft. Berthold Community College Student Center



Sitting Bull College Science Building



Blackfeet Community College Classrooms



College Administration Building Sisseton Wahpeton College



Stone Child College Learning Center



Ft. Peck Community College Administration Building



Turtle Mountain Community College Auditorium and Performance Center



Chief Dull Knife College Early Childhood Literacy Center



Little Big Horn College Library Construction



College Library

Little Priest Tribal College



United Tribes Technical College Dormitory



United Tribes Technical College Wellness Center



Salish Kootenai College Wellness Center / Gymnasium



Ft. Belknap College Storage Facility



Bay Mills Community College Campus Buildings





Healthcare

- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Medical/Dental Offices
- Nursing Homes
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Diagnostic Equipment



Medical Center
15 Bed
Critical Access Hospital

Health Clinic Noorvik Village, Alaska





Substance Abuse Treatment Center

New Medical Equipment

New Chemical
Analyzer:



New CT Scanner:





Public Safety: *Fire & Rescue*

- fire stations
- pumper/tanker trucks
- water hauling trucks
- radio systems
- Chassis
- Generators
- bunker gear
- police vehicles
- Ambulances
- rescue boats
- Helicopters
- “jaws of life” tools



Public Safety

- civil defense buildings
- county jails
- emergency broadcasting systems
- first aid trailers
- hazardous substance detection equipment



Police Car





Public Services

- Child Day Care
- Adult Day Care

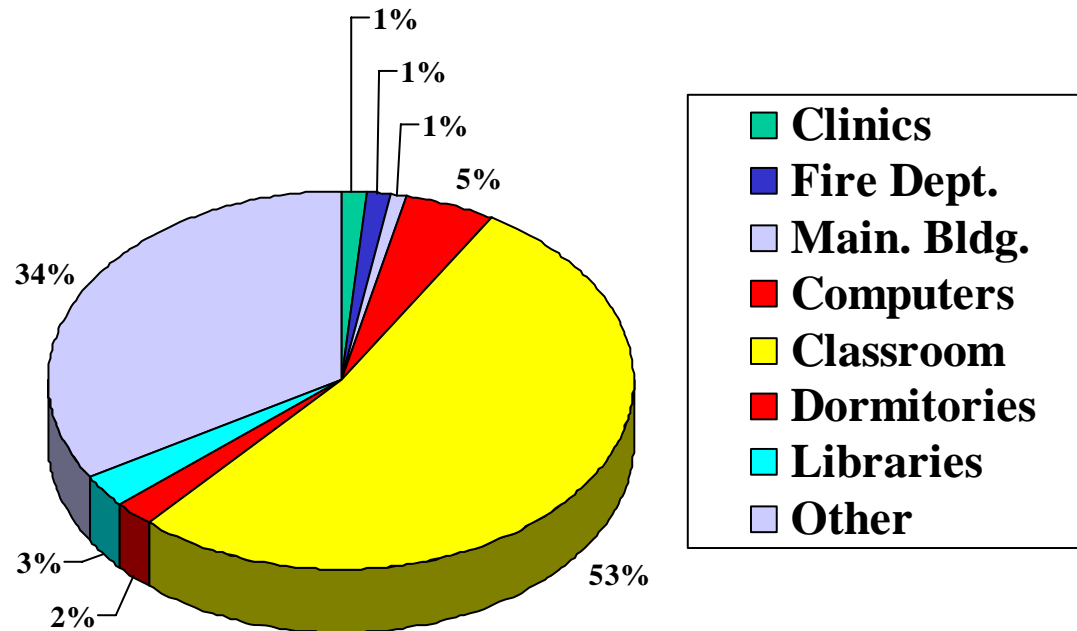


Other

- Animal Shelter
- Agricultural Fairgrounds
- Snow Removal Equipment

Tribal College Facilities

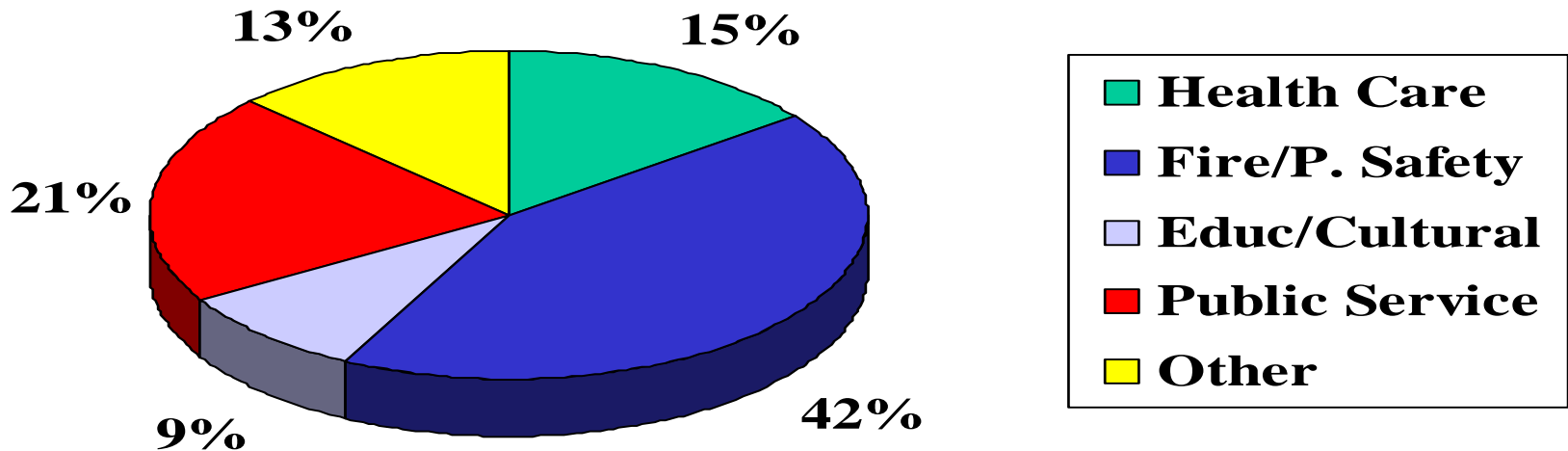
FY 2001-2007



Number of Loans/Grants Obligated

COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAMS

FY 1974 -2007



**Number of Loans/Grants Obligated Since
FY 1974**

Ineligible Purposes



- Commercial Enterprises - a project that is typically operated by private enterprise or for the purpose of producing profits. *Does not include nonprofits that provide childcare, geriatric care, and healthcare to rural communities.*

Ineligible Purposes



- Requirements for facilities that want to lease space for an ineligible purpose:
 - Less than 25% of the total floor space may be used for an ineligible purpose.
 - The ineligible organization/activity must be related to and enhance the primary purpose of the loan. i.e., homeless shelter and thrift store – proceeds from thrift store are used to operate shelter; floor space of thrift store must be less than 25% of facility.



Ineligible Purposes

- On-site utility systems or buildings in connection with industrial parks
- Business Incubators
- Community antenna television services/facilities.
- Electric generation/transmission facilities or telephone systems.



Ineligible Purposes

- Projects that are not modest in size, type, and design.
- Loan/grant finder's fees.



OTHER CREDIT

- USDA, RD must be able to determine and document:
 - applicant is unable to finance the proposed project from their own resources, or
 - through commercial credit, including an Agency loan or loan guarantee.



Grants Restrictions

Tribal College Grant Restrictions



B) Federal share.-- (i) In general.--Except as provided in clauses (ii) and (iii), the Secretary shall, by regulation, establish the maximum percentage of the cost of the facility that may be covered by a grant under this paragraph.

- Allows the Secretary to lower the eligible grant percentage

Tribal College Grant Restrictions



ii) Maximum amount.--The amount of a grant provided under this paragraph for a facility shall not exceed 75 percent of the cost of developing the facility.

- Established 75% as the maximum amount
- Amendment to the Language: 2007 Farm Bill

Tribal College Grant Restrictions



(iii) Graduated scale.--The Secretary shall provide for a graduated scale of the percentages of the cost covered by a grant made under this paragraph that provides higher percentages for facilities in communities that have lower community population and income levels

- Establish a set of tiers for providing grants factoring in population and income levels

Grant funds may be available up to:



- **75 percent when the proposed project is:**
 - **Located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or less; and**
 - **The MHI of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the State NMHI.**

Grant funds may be available up to:



- **55 percent when the proposed project is:**
 - **Located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or less; and**
 - **The MHI of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the State NMHI.**

Grant funds may be available up to:



- **35 percent when the proposed project is:**
 - **Located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or less; and**
 - **The MHI of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the State NMHI.**



Grant funds may be available up to:

- **15 percent when the proposed project is:**
 - **Located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or less; and**
 - **The MHI of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the State NMHI.**



Grant assistance cannot exceed the lower of:

- ↓ **Qualifying percentage of eligible project costs (tiers - 75%, 55%, 35% or 15%);**
- ↓ **Minimum amount sufficient to provide for economic feasibility;**
- ↓ **Grant assistance may be further limited to the amount available in USDA Rural Development's Tribal College Grant Allocation.**



Tribal College Grant Restrictions

- Tribal College grant funds may not exceed 75% of the total cost of developing the facility.

NOTE: Funding for the balance of the project can come from CF direct or CF guaranteed loans, applicant contributions, or loans/grants from other sources.

- Excess grant funds must be used toward project costs or deobligated.



Tribal College Grant Restrictions

- No operating expenses or annual recurring costs, including purchases or rentals that are generally considered O & M expenses
- No refinancing of existing indebtedness
- Cannot pay project costs when other loan funding for the project is not at reasonable rates and terms.
- No interest repayment or grant finder's fees



Tribal College Grant Processing

- Field accepts applications.
- State Office forwards request to National Office.
- National Office announces funding and allocates funding to the State Offices.



Ownership Requirement

Applicant must own the facility,
unless an Administrator's waiver is
obtained.

Tribal College Grants

Notification of Funding Availability

- Published in RD Instruction 1940-L
- Use RD Instruction 3570-B
- Send a letter to the Tribal College Presidents notifying them of funding availability



Tribal College Initiative

- Published in RD Instruction 1940-L
- Use RD Instruction 3570-B
- Maximum grant is \$350,000 – based on eligibility
- Only tribal colleges can apply – 1994 Land Grant
- Applications submitted by June 1st
- Compete nationally for funding

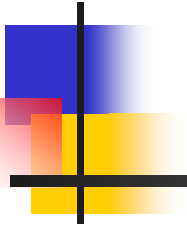


Further Guidance

- <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

CF Grants: RD Instruction 3570-B

Now, I think we
have some time for
any questions you
may have.



Thank you for your
time!