

Strengthening Rural Community Colleges: Community Facilities

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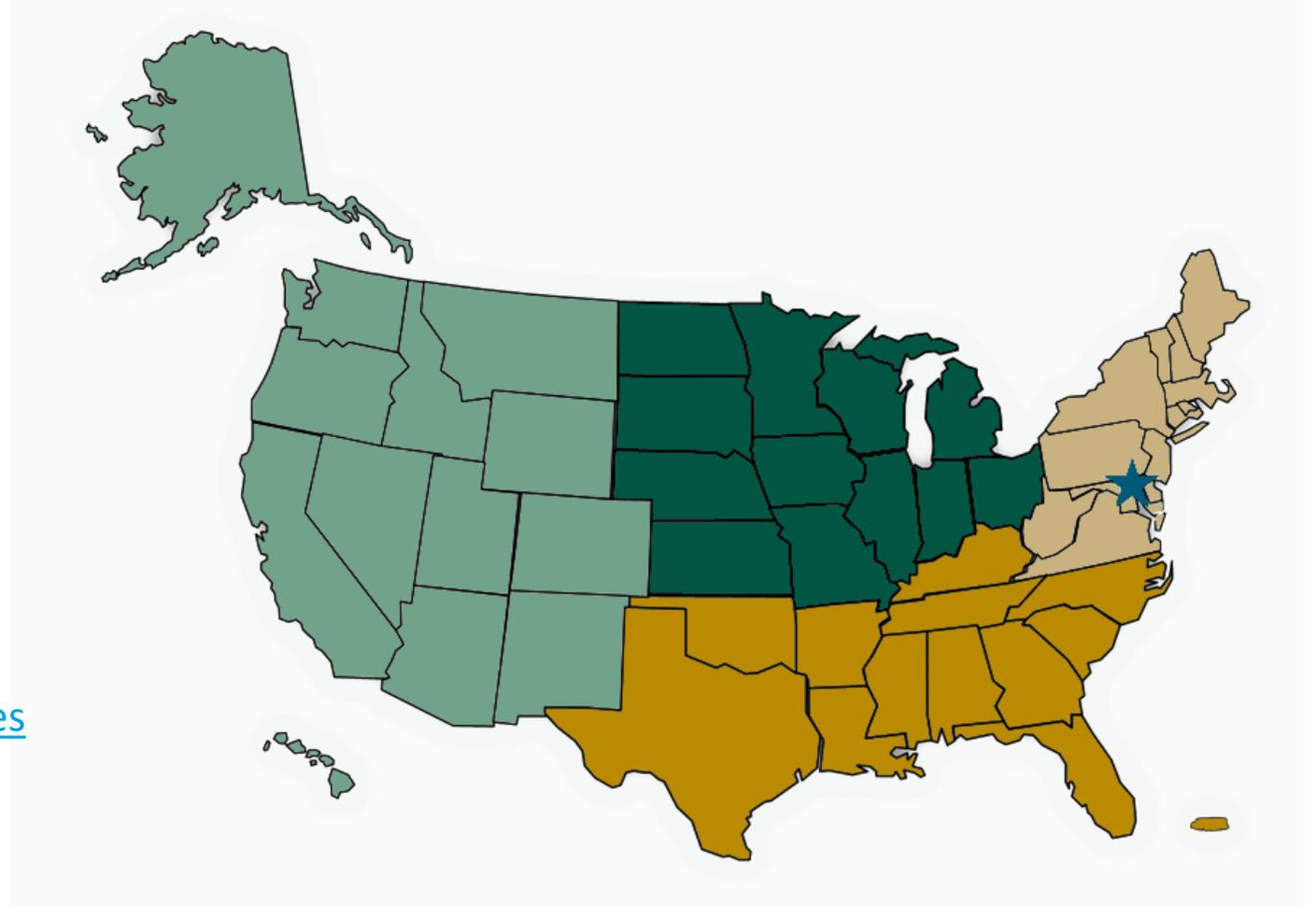
USDA Rural Development Offices

47 State Offices

400 Area Offices

1 National Office in DC

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices>



Community Facilities Program Overview

- **Essential Community Facilities**

- Health Care Facilities & Equipment
- Education & Cultural Facilities
- Public Buildings & Equipment
- Public Safety Facilities
- Other (Natural Gas Distribution, Fairgrounds, Levees, Dams, Farmers Markets,...)

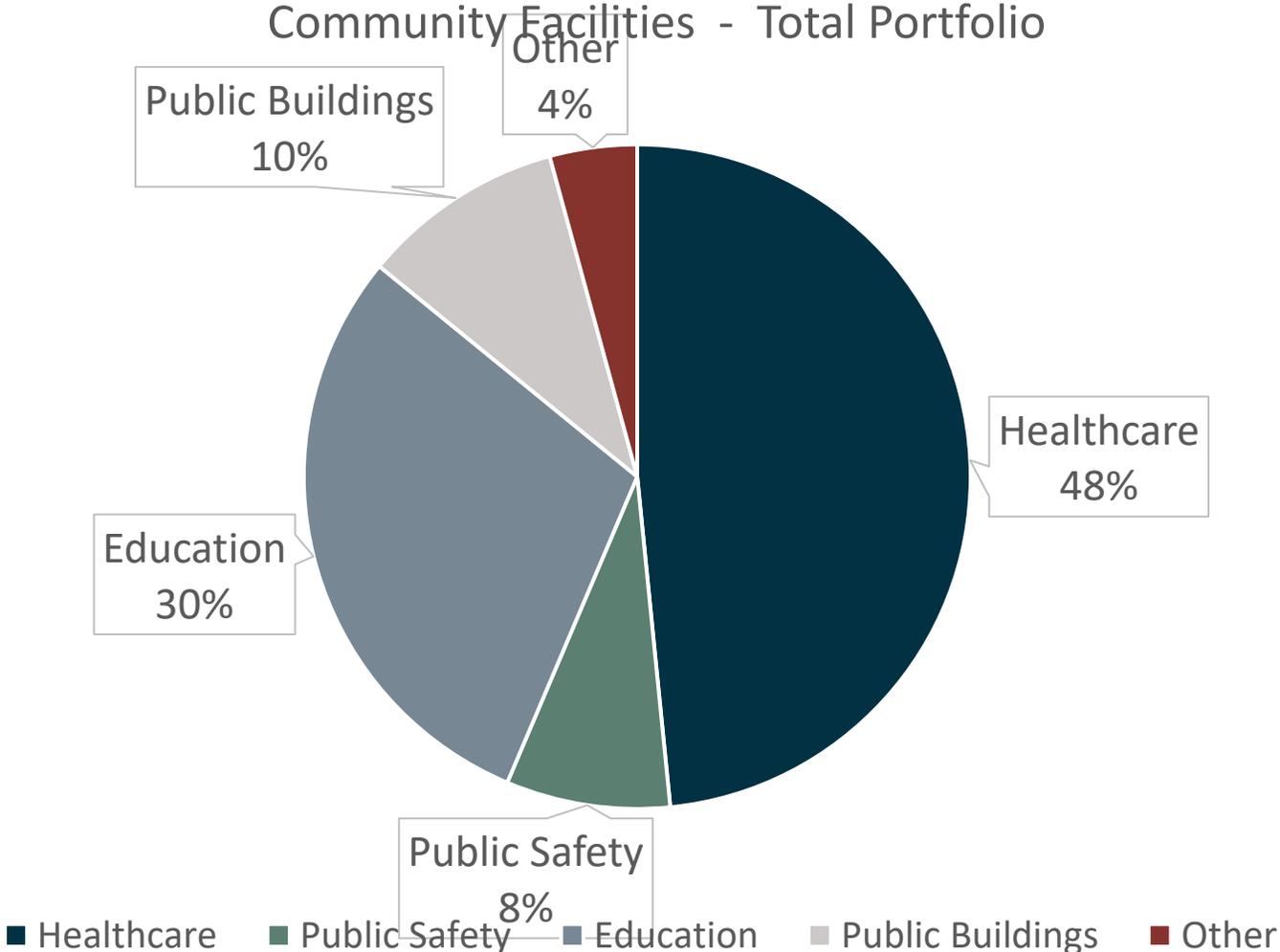
- **Eligible Applicants**

- Public Bodies, Non-Profits or Native American Tribes



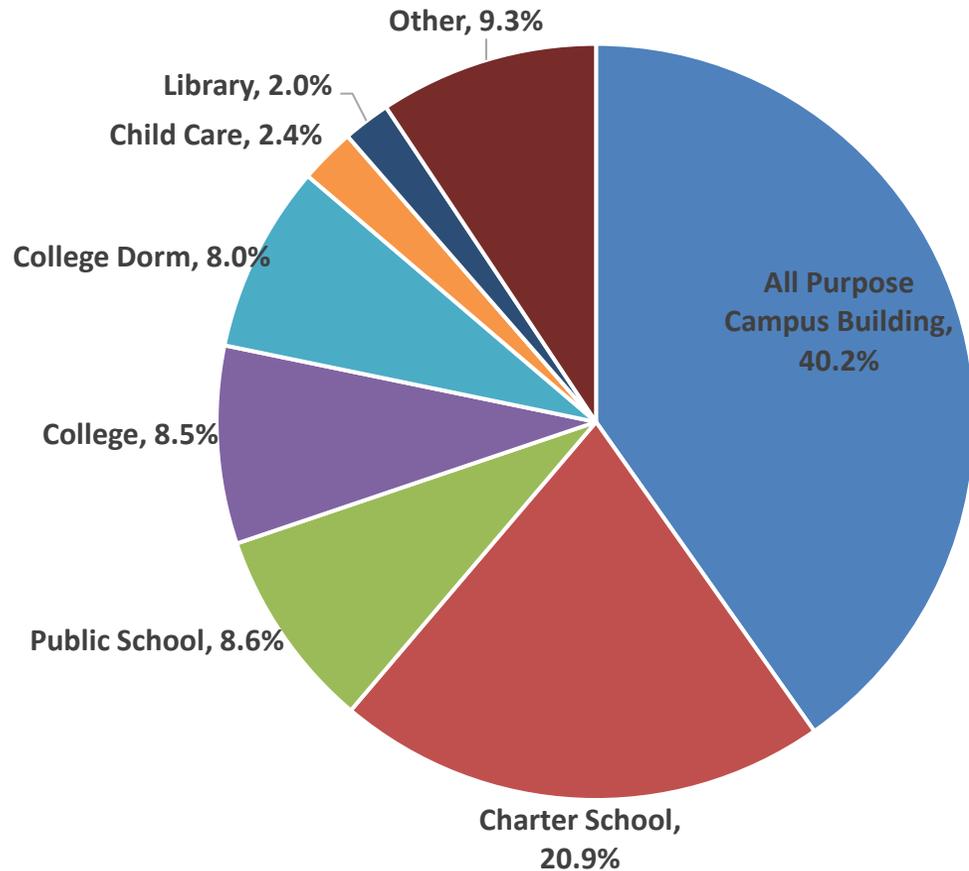
Community Facilities Programs Overview

- Healthcare \$5.9 billion
- Education \$3.6 billion
- Public Buildings \$1.2 billion
- Public Safety \$1.0 billion
- Other \$. 5 billion

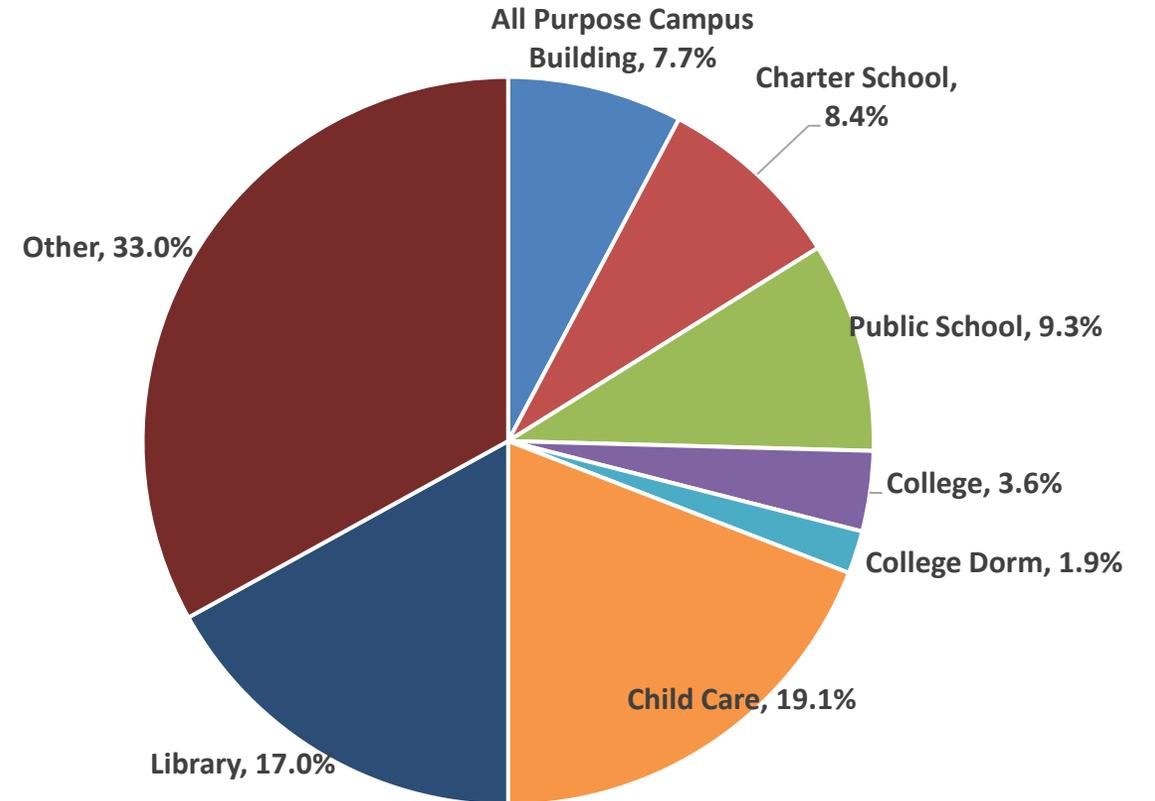


Community Facilities Programs Overview

CF Cultural and Educational Investments, by Total Dollars



CF Cultural and Educational Investments, by Total Facilities



Community Facilities Programs Overview: Who's Eligible

- An applicant must be:
 - A public body
 - A not-for-profit organization
 - Native American tribe on Federal or State Reservations or other Federally recognized tribes
- Facility must be located in a town/city/village with a population:
 - Under 20,000 for a direct loan and/or grant
 - Under 50,000 for guaranteed loans.
- Projects must primarily serve rural residents residing in communities with a population:
 - Under 20,000 for a direct loan and/or grant
 - Under 50,000 for guaranteed loans.
- Applicant must be unable to finance the project from their own resources or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms.



Community Facilities: Direct Loans

CF Direct Loan Rates and Terms

- Interest rates currently at 3.25% (Interest rates change quarterly)
- 40-year term or useful life
- Adequate security to protect the interest of the Government
- Repayment ability



Community Facilities Direct Loan Program Guidance Book for Applicants

Community Facilities Direct Loan Program Guidance Book for Applicants is a step by step guide to help applicants apply for a Community Facilities Direct loan.

This guide book outlines the application process, financial feasibility requirements, construction and closing of an essential community facility for small towns and rural areas.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/community-facilities-programs>



Community Facilities
Direct Loan Program
Guidance Book
for Applicants

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Community Facilities: Grant Programs

CF Regular Grants

- Limited grant funds available for the most-needy communities
 - Average grant obligated in FY21 was \$42,000
- Same eligibility requirements as the direct loan program
- Grant funds cannot exceed 75 percent of the cost of project and authorized on a graduated basis
- Grant funding limitations are based on population and income, economic feasibility and availability of grant funds
- Projects are selected based on a priority point system. Points are assigned based on population, income and other priorities
- Maximum grant assistance cannot exceed the lower of the qualifying percentage of eligible project cost determined, minimum amount sufficient to provide for economic feasibility as determined, and either 50 percent of the annual State allocation or \$50,000, whichever is greater

Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

- Grants to build capacity for housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects
- Rural for this program is a population of 50,000 or less
- RCDI has the “train the trainer” concept
- RCDI program has a dollar-for-dollar match requirement
- Grant amounts range from \$50,000 - \$250,000
- Funding announcement is published in the Federal Register
- \$6 Million is generally available

Technical Assistance and Training Grants (TAT)

Grants can be used to:

- Assist communities in identifying and planning for community facility needs
- Identify resources to finance community facility needs from public and private sources
- Prepare reports and surveys necessary to request financial assistance to develop community facilities
- Prepare applications for Agency financial assistance
- Improve the management, including financial management, related to the operation of community facilities
- Rural for this program is a population of 20,000 or less

Emergency Rural Health Care Grants American Rescue Plan Act

This program provides up to \$500 million in grant funding to help broaden access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines, rural health care services, and food assistance through food banks and food distribution facilities.

Funding was made available to eligible applicants through two tracks:

- **Track One: Recovery Grants** provide immediate relief to address economic conditions arising from the COVID-19 emergency. Grants range from \$25,000 - \$1 million.
- **Track Two: Impact Grants** advance ideas and solutions to solve regional health care problems to support the long-term sustainability of rural health. Grants range from \$5 million - \$10 million.

Applications accepted until funding no longer available

Deadline October 12, 2021; Applications no longer accepted



Community Facilities Loans and Grants

Project Examples

Glen Oaks Community College (Michigan)

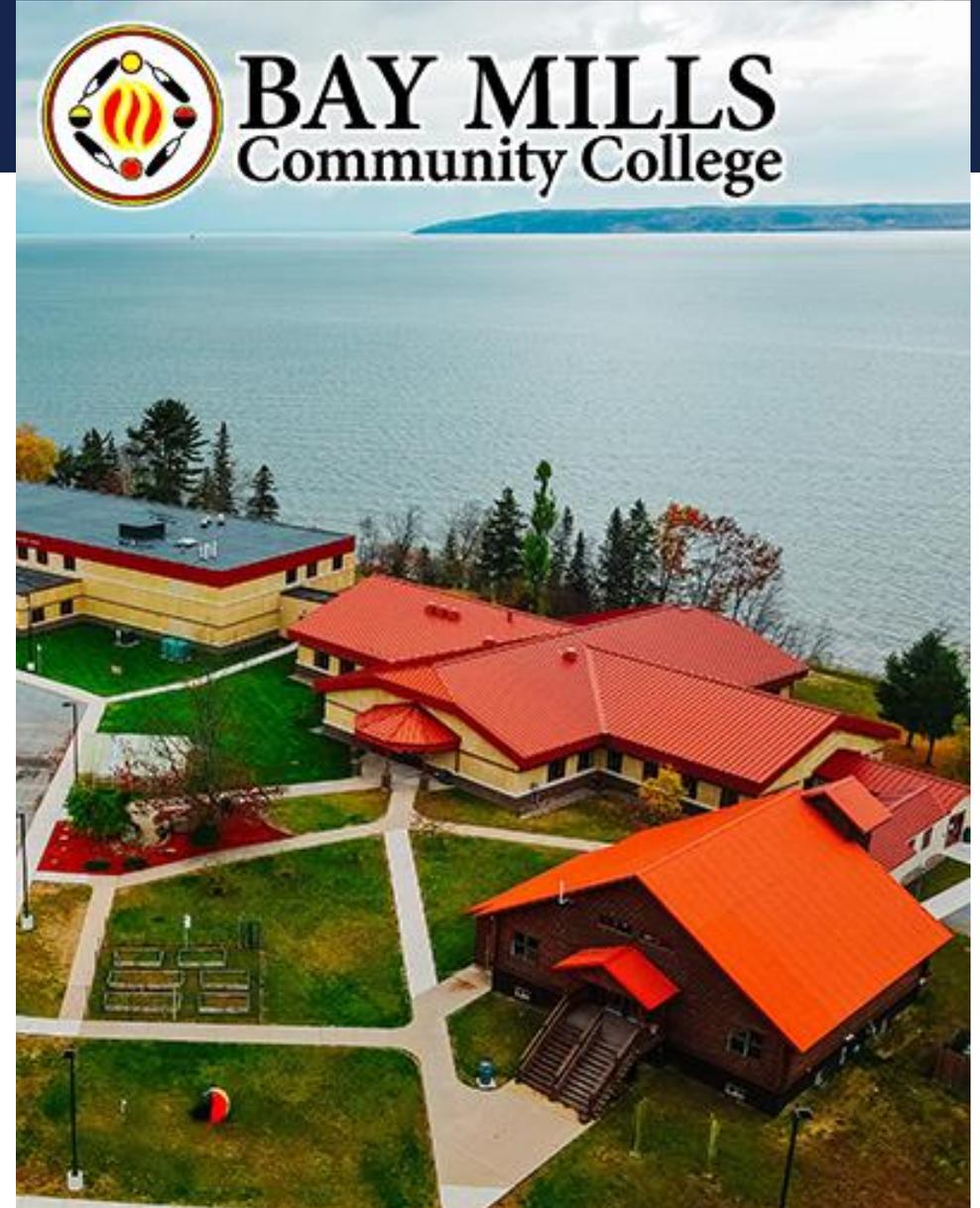
\$6,500,000 CF Direct for new college dorm

\$2,200,000 CF Direct for renovation of student union



Bay Mills Community College (Michigan)

\$7,500,000 CF Direct Loan for construction of a new administration and classroom building



Cankdeska Cikana Community College (North Dakota)

\$7,600,000 CF Direct
Loan for construction of
a Head Start facility



Contact Information

Contact your local USDA Rural Development office for more information.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/>

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

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