COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT GRANT



BUILDING VIBRANT COMMUNITIES IN WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's (WEDC's) Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant Program helps transform communities by funding projects that mobilize people and resources to inspire positive and substantive local development.

How it works

The CDI Grant Program will support urban, small city, and rural community (re)development efforts by providing financial incentives for catalytic shovel-ready projects with emphasis on, but not limited to, community-driven commercial corridor efforts. The maximum grant amount is generally \$250,000. Grant recipients must provide a minimum 3:1 matching investment in project costs; projects located in a designated economically distressed community, an Opportunity Zone, a rural community, or a designated district of a Wisconsin Main Street community must provide a minimum 1:1 matching investment. Additionally, a project where a key component is to provide child care services or expand housing availability may also be approved by WEDC to provide 1:1 matching funds.

Eligibility requirements

Grant recipients must demonstrate significant, measurable benefits in job opportunities, property values, and/or leveraged investment by local and private partners in at least one of the following efforts:

- Development of a significant destination attraction
- Rehabilitation and reuse of an underutilized or landmark building
- Infill development
- Historic preservation
- Infrastructure efforts (including disaster prevention measures) providing substantial benefits to downtown residents/property owners
- Mixed-use development (not exclusively residential)

Eligible activities

CDI Grant funds may be used for the following activities:

- Building renovation
- Historic preservation
- Demolition
- New construction
- Infrastructure improvements
- Building relocation of a CDI project property

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For more information about becoming eligible for the Community Development Investment Grant Program, contact a WEDC regional economic development director.

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