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AMERICAN INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

INCEPTION

July 1, 2012

PROGRAM GOAL

According to Wis. Stat. §16.29(1), the purpose of the program is to partially fund a program to provide technical assistance for economic development on Indian reservations.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Grants to the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC) partially fund a program for the following businesses: a tribal enterprise, an Indian business that is located on an Indian reservation, and an Indian business that is not located on an Indian reservation but that directly benefits the economy of an Indian reservation. Technical assistance provided: management assistance to existing businesses; startup assistance to new businesses, including the development of business and marketing plans and assistance in securing development financing; technical assistance to new and existing businesses in gaining access to tribal, state, and federal business assistance and financing programs. The program may not provide technical assistance for commercial gaming and gambling activity. As a condition of receiving a grant, GLITC shall annually prepare a report on the technical assistance program and submit the report to the Department of Administration (DOA).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Wisconsin statutes dictate that the grant will be given to the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council.

INCENTIVES AND AVAILABLE FUNDING

Each year, GLITC sends a plan of work to the DOA along with a proposed budget of how it will spend the funds and with measurable goals.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

\$79,500 annual grant to GLITC per state statutes.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

The American Indian Economic Development Technical Assistance program has reached out to develop many partnerships and collaborative activities with tribal community economic development initiatives, state business development programs, the private sector, and local colleges.

In collaboration with the GLITC Economic Administration Program director, we will answer the needs of tribal people and communities as they strive for economic prosperity and independence.

We will continue enhancing and adding more resources to the new GLITC Economic Development Program's web page and will work with the American Indian Chamber of Wisconsin on completing and updating the Wisconsin Native Owned Business Directory. We will continue to use the First Nations Development Institute's Building Native Communities: Financial Skills for Families course text to teach financial knowledge and practices that are based in Native tradition and critical to asset building and entrepreneurship.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES

It is more essential now than ever before to provide consistent and culturally sensitive entrepreneurial development skills, small business training, financial literacy, and targeted technical assistance to Native American communities.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WEBSITE

energyandhousing.wi.gov/Pages/CommunityResources.aspx

INCEPTION

Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide resources to units of general local government (UGLGs) throughout Wisconsin to address deficient infrastructure and facilities; alleviate threats to public health, safety, and welfare; support revitalization of established neighborhoods and downtown businesses; and improve economic opportunities for low- to moderate-income persons and communities.

To achieve these goals, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regulations define eligible activities and the national objectives that each activity must meet. For each CDBG project that it funds, the Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources (DEHCR) must ensure that it meets at least one of the following national objectives and that each project is an eligible activity as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The HUD national objective category must be identified in the application prior to the award of funding. The three national objectives are:

1. To provide benefits to low- to moderate-income persons (LMI)
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blighted areas
3. To provide funding for projects that have a particular urgency due to existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

CDBG - Community Development programs include:

- CDBG - Public Facilities (CDBG - PF)
- CDBG - Planning (CDBG - PLNG)

The CDBG Program is administered by HUD. The primary purpose of the Small Cities CDBG Program is the development of viable communities through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and the expansion of economic opportunities, all principally for the benefit of persons of low to moderate income.

The Department of Administration (DOA) is Wisconsin's recipient for the Small Cities CDBG Program. DOA monitors and oversees all of the state CDBG programs, other than those in entitlement communities. Under a previous administrative agreement executed between WEDC and DOA, WEDC administered, with DOA's oversight, Wisconsin's CDBG - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), CDBG - Community Development, and CDBG - Economic Development programs. On July 1, 2013, all CDBG application and contract management activities were transferred to DOA's Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources (DEHCR). WEDC continues its extensive community and economic development and networking outreach to local communities.

Every year, HUD provides federal CDBG funds directly to states, which in turn provide the funds to small, rural cities and towns with populations of fewer than 50,000 and/or to non-urban counties. These small communities are referred to as non-entitlement areas because they must apply to the state for CDBG funding. Larger areas, including but not limited to Milwaukee, La Crosse, and Madison, receive CDBG funding directly from HUD and are defined as entitlement communities. Entitlement communities are not eligible to apply for the state's CDBG program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

DEHCR may only award CDBG sub-awards to UGLGs, which in turn carry out the funded activities. The only UGLGs eligible to apply for CDBG funds are incorporated towns, non-entitlement cities, villages, and non-urban counties. Nonprofit agencies and entities such as sewer districts and fire departments are not eligible to apply for sub-award funds. DEHCR cannot award CDBG funds directly to citizens or private organizations.

UGLGs are responsible for considering the local needs of their populations, preparing applications for assistance to DEHCR, and carrying out the contracted development activities. UGLGs must comply with all federal and state requirements pertaining to the use of their awarded CDBG funding.

State CDBG funds are awarded by DEHCR to non-entitlement communities annually on a competitive basis, based on predetermined scoring parameters. DEHCR awards grants to UGLGs for public infrastructure projects such as municipal water and sewer improvements; construction of public facilities, such as community and senior centers; slum and blight elimination; and community planning activities.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

CDBG - PF:

- 21 communities assisted
- 57,864 persons served

CDBG - PLNG:

- 0 communities assisted
- 0 beneficiaries

Since CDBG data are compiled at contract closeout and reported on the program-year basis, performance data do not reflect the time period covered by the state fiscal year, but rather are based on HUD's program year of April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES

None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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DEHCR awards CDBG - ED funds to non-entitlement UGLGs, which in turn grant or loan funds to local businesses for economic development projects. The controlling federal laws and regulations require that the activity funded must constitute an eligible activity and meet a national objective (benefit persons of low to moderate income, address slum and blight conditions or meet an urgent local need). In addition, at least 70% of the state's total funds must be dedicated to the primary objective of benefiting persons of low to moderate income.

INCENTIVES AND AVAILABLE FUNDING

\$1,312,665 in total funding available

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

0 jobs created/retained

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

Communities and businesses assisted, job creation, job retention, investment in public infrastructure

CDBG - ED:

- 0 community assisted
- 0 jobs created

CDBG - PFED:

- 0 community assisted
- 0 jobs created

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