

Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program Executive Summary



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Summary



- This notice announces an opportunity to obtain funding from the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to assist States and local governments, and not-for-profit, member owned utility services in addressing deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation, under the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program.

Program Description



- Section 2391(d) of title 10, United States Code, authorizes the Secretary of Defense to, “make grants, conclude cooperative agreements, and supplement funds available under Federal programs administered by agencies other than the Department of Defense, for projects owned by a State or local government, or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility service to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation, if the Secretary determines that such assistance will enhance the military value, resilience, or military family quality of life at such military installation.”
- The Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (PL 116-93) provides \$50 million for the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to obligate prior to September 30, 2020. On May 6, 2020, the Secretary of Defense approved OEA to implement this program with the eligibility criteria and grant process provided under this notice.
- Project proposals must include the endorsement of the local installation commander representing the installation benefitting from the proposed project, and will be competitively ranked across review criteria.
- Federal funds may supplement, but cannot substitute for or otherwise supplant other available public funds that are available for the proposed project, including funds from the Defense Access Roads Program, U.S. Department of Transportation grants, etc.

Federal Award Information



- Proposals will be ranked by a DCIP review panel against the selection criteria.
- Complete proposals for Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program grants must be received by OEA by June 26, 2020, (the Proposal Deadline). To receive an award, an eligible respondent must submit both a successful proposal and an acceptable grant application.
- The award ceiling is \$25 million and the award floor is \$250,000. All proposed projects must result in a complete and useable project. The final amount of each award will be determined by OEA based on the recommendation of the review panel, subject to the availability of appropriations under this announcement.
- For non-rural area projects, the State or local government, or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility service, must agree to contribute 50% or more of the funding for the project, unless a national security waiver is approved by the SECDEF.
- Project cost overruns are the responsibility of the recipient. Recipients of grant funding under this program will be subject to terms and conditions in the course of undertaking their project, including conformance with an agreed upon "Project Development Schedule."
- Awards are subject to compliance with NEPA, and entities are responsible for providing the information required to satisfy NEPA and the CEQA regulations as well as any required state or local environmental regulations.

Eligible Proposers



- State or local governments and not-for-profit, member owned utility services owning infrastructure outside of, owning infrastructure outside but supporting, a military installation.
- The term military installation means a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other activity under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, including any leased facility, which is located within any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or Guam.
- Such term does not include any facility used primarily for civil works, rivers and harbors projects, or flood control projects.

Cost Sharing or Matching



- For non-rural area projects (rural area being defined as a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of not more than 50,000 inhabitants) the State or local government, or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility service, must agree to contribute 50% or more of the funding for the project, unless a national security waiver is approved by the Secretary of Defense.
- These matching funds may not count as non-Federal match for other project funding, and the ability to use other Federal funds as a non-Federal match contribution will be determined by the authority and appropriation providing those funds as well as whether the relevant Grantor provides approval.
- Funding proposed as a source for the non-Federal share must be expended either within the proposed project period commencing from the date of award or no earlier than the date of enactment of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, August 13, 2018.



Eligible Projects

- Any complete and useable transportation project, school, hospital, police, fire, emergency response, or other community support facility; or water, waste-water, telecommunications, electric, gas, or other utility infrastructure project, that:
 - support a military installation;
 - are owned by a state or local government or a not-for-profit, member owned utility service;
 - will enhance military family quality of life, resilience or military value at the supported military installation;
 - endorsed by the local installation commander representing the installation benefitting from the propose project; and
 - are construction-ready.
- Project proposals improving military family quality of life include: schools, hospitals, daycare centers (CDCs), recreation centers, etc.



Eligible Projects (cont)

- Secretary of Defense has prioritized projects that: First, improve the quality of life of our service members and their families; Second, provide resilience; and, Third, provide military value ranked in that order.
- A project is construction ready if construction of the project may commence within 12 months of award, and all necessary final design and planning, Federal and state/local environmental planning, and local permitting actions are substantially complete.
- Eligible activities include only hard construction and renovation costs outside of local installation property (defined as property not owned by the local installation), including reasonable allowances for contingencies, and capital equipment affixed to the real property with a depreciable life of not less than 7 years.



Eligible Costs

- Eligible costs include, but are not limited to, project administration, inspection, construction, utilities, and contingency costs required to execute the project as well as capital equipment affixed to the real property with a depreciable life of not less than 7 years.
- Proposals that meet the aforementioned eligibility conditions will be ranked by the Defense Community Infrastructure Program review panel against the selection criteria provided in Section E., paragraph 1 of this notice. The highest-ranking proposals will be invited to be applicants to submit formal grant applications, and grant awards will be made to successful applicants until the available appropriations are exhausted.



Content and Form of Proposal Submission

- A proposal may not exceed 18 pages (single-sided, single-spaced with 1-inch margins, 11 point Times New Roman font, and including all maps, drawings and attachments—excepting the Standard Form 424 and the independent cost estimate to validate the proposed project budget, the pages for which do not count towards this 18 page total) and shall include:
 - Installation Need: A summary of the installation need, including which issue the proposal addresses—military family quality of life, resiliency, or military value—and how the issue degrades military family quality of life, resilience and/or military value at the local installation. Information on this need must also include an assessment of the likely beneficiaries from the project, and specifically an assessment of the extent to which the total installation population of military service members and/or their families will benefit (e.g., 0-100% of the population); Service members and /or their families must be 50% or more of the population benefitted by the proposal.
 - Installation Endorsement: A letter of endorsement from the Commander of the local installation that includes (a) the existing conditions at the local installation to be impacted by development of the proposed project (and the extent to which the proposed project enhances the existing conditions), and (b) a comparison of how those existing conditions rank against all other installations of that same Military Service



Submission Dates and Timelines

- Comments on this Forecast must be submitted to the OEA email address identified in Section G of this notice no later than 5 p.m. PDT on May 18, 2020.
- Comments on this Forecast must include the name of the individual transmitting the comments, the entity represented by those comments, an email address and a phone number for the comments. Please access the Defense Community Infrastructure Program link on the OEA homepage (<https://oea.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-pilot-program-dcip>) to submit comments.
- OEA will incorporate comments and republish this Forecast as a Final Federal Funding Opportunity no later than May 26, 2020, on Grants.gov for a 32-day solicitation period.
- OEA will hold a pre-proposal webinar at 3 p.m. EDT on June 2, 2020, to review the goals and objectives of the Federal Funding Opportunity and answer questions from interested respondents.
- Complete proposals for Defense Community Infrastructure grants must be received by OEA by June 26, 2020, (the Proposal Deadline). All proposals will be ranked by the review panel, the Secretary of Defense shall approve the final rankings, and OEA will assign project managers and invite applications by August 8, 2020, accounting for the amount of the available appropriation from those ranked projects according to the ranking.