



Community Grants

LCRA supports local communities in its service area with grants of up to \$50,000 through the Community Development Partnership Program (CDPP).

Applications for the next cycle will
be accepted January 1-31, 2025

About CDPP grants

Who can apply

Volunteer fire departments, emergency responders, cities and counties, schools, libraries, civic groups, museums and other tax-exempt nonprofit organizations with projects located within LCRA's wholesale electric or water service area, or areas in which LCRA Transmission Services Corporation provides transmission services are eligible to apply. [View a map of LCRA's service areas.](#)

Projects eligible for funding

Grant projects must improve the value of a capital asset by building, renovating or purchasing equipment, and must benefit an entire community. Review [recent CDPP grants](#).

Grant application requirements

LCRA awards up to \$50,000 for capital improvement projects that benefit an entire community. Applicants requesting more than \$5,000 in grant funding must supply matching funds of at least 20% of the total project cost. Proposals must include plans, detailed budget, financials, vendor quotes or estimates, and IRS determination documentation. [See more FAQs.](#)

How often grants are awarded

CDPP grants are awarded twice a year and online grant applications are accepted in January and July.

What projects are eligible for funding? ▾

Under CDPP rules, 70% of the funds available in any given grant cycle must be awarded for grants of \$25,000 or less. The remaining 30% may be awarded for larger grants of up to \$50,000. The larger grants are intended for projects with a far-reaching impact on a broad community. Applications in this category should be for particularly impressive and noteworthy projects.

Projects should encourage economic diversification in local communities; contribute to the health, safety and development of a community; or improve the quality or quantity of services essential for the development of viable communities and economic growth.

The projects must benefit or be available to an entire community and must improve the value of a capital asset by building, renovating or purchasing equipment.

CDPP places emphasis on projects for volunteer fire departments, projects that include public safety lifesaving equipment and/or public education, demonstration components and projects that address needs caused by natural disasters.

Favorable attention also is given to projects that have a positive impact on natural resources and include:

- Water conservation components such as:
 - Xeriscaping.
 - Low-flow toilets and fixtures.
 - Rainwater catchment systems.
- Energy conservation components such as:
 - Solar panels.
 - Windows or insulation.
 - LED lighting and energy efficient bulbs.

What projects are NOT eligible for funding?

- Religious sanctuaries.
- Projects that are not available to an entire community.
- Projects that already are complete or in fundraising mode.
- Land acquisition, debt-reduction campaigns and capital campaigns projects.
- Program operating costs, administrative and/or indirect costs, such as personnel and overhead expenses.
- Social service projects and limited use facilities such as food pantries, transitional housing and substance abuse facilities.
- Appliances, unless they are part of a renovation project and are commercial in nature or built-in and would be conveyed with the property if sold.
- Planning or consultant fees, grant writing fees, training, workshops or seminars (except for public firefighting organizations, including volunteer fire departments).

Additional items that are not eligible:

- Drones.
- Software.
- Office equipment.
- Tree trimming or removal.
- Animal kennels or enclosures.
- Computer and/or video equipment.
- Furniture (including chairs and tables).
- Two-way radios, repeaters, base units and pagers.

What are the matching fund requirements?

LCRA requires applicants to supply at least 20% of the total cost of projects greater than \$5,000.

Matching funds must be available at the time of application submittal and documented in the grant application with financial or bank statements and/or letters of credit or monetary support.

Matching funds can include pledged donations and/or awarded funds reserved for the project. (Application must include documentation to substantiate the value and availability.) Funding awards in pending status at the time of grant submittal are not eligible as matching funds.

In-kind volunteer labor and/or donations of materials or equipment use may be used as matching contributions and must be identified and explained in the application and values calculated at current prevailing rates.

What documentation is required?

- A detailed description of the proposed project.
- An IRS determination letter or Form 990, if a nonprofit.
- A detailed project cost summary, including itemized costs and funding sources.
- A current financial or bank statement.
- Vendor quotes or estimates.
- A list of key staff and members of the applicant organizations' Board of Directors.
- Photos of the project, if applicable.