

KANE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND FACT SHEET

1. The Kane County Community Development Fund was established in 1998 by the Kane County Board to receive and distribute funding provided annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
2. Kane County's annual federal allocation is roughly \$1.25 million. Additionally, the county receives approximately \$100,000 per year in program income generated from the repayment of loans.
3. The overall goal of the Community Development Program is to foster viable urban communities by providing decent housing, creating suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.
4. Activities generally must address one of two national objectives:
 - a. Primarily benefit low/moderate-income residents
 - b. Prevent or eliminate slum/blight conditions
5. Kane County provides Community Development funds to units of local government and non-profit organizations for a wide array of activities/projects that address the following high-priority needs:
 - a. Affordable Housing Services
 - b. Neighborhood Infrastructure
 - c. Public Facility Improvements
 - d. Emergency Shelter Services
 - e. Planning and Capacity-Building
6. The Community Development Fund is administered by the Kane County Development Department, under the oversight of the Kane County Community Development Commission. The fifteen-member commission is charged with reviewing applications annually and making funding recommendations to the Kane County Board, which approves the program budget for submission to HUD.
7. Applications are evaluated for their responsiveness to four broad criteria, including how effectively they address the high-priority needs listed above, the amount of private and other public funds they will leverage, their "readiness" to proceed, and the overall impact they will have in the community.
8. Project sponsors (or "subrecipients") enter into funding agreements with Kane County which stipulate various requirements as they relate to contracting, reporting/recordkeeping, and the process for receiving reimbursement for eligible project expenses.
9. Applications for the Community Development Fund are typically accepted in January of each year for projects/activities that will begin in June. For additional information, contact Scott Berger, Program Manager, at 630-208-5351, or go to www.countyofkane.org and click on "Community Investment Initiatives."