

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary
Announcement of Federal Funding Opportunity

AGENCY: Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), Department of Defense (DoD)
ACTION: Federal Funding Opportunity Forecast

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. This notice includes proposal requirements, the deadline for submitting proposals, and the criteria that will be used to select proposals. Because this is a new program, this notice also requests public comments (as a “Forecast”) on the proposed selection criteria for these grants, as provided in Section E., paragraph 1 of this notice. The Secretary of Defense approved the program on May 6, 2020, and identified the priority focus to be military family quality of life, military resilience, and military value (in that order). OEA will consider and respond to any comments received after the 12-day Forecast period and converting this Forecast to a Final Federal Funding Opportunity notice.

OEA may directly provide awards under this notice for projects owned by a State, local government, or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility service, or it may transfer funds to another Federal agency for award to a state or local government.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. Federal Awarding Agency: Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), Department of Defense (DoD).

b. Funding Opportunity Title: Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program.

c. Announcement Type: Federal Funding Opportunity Forecast.

d. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 12.600.

e. **Key Dates:** Comments on this Federal Funding Opportunity notice must be received by OEA 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 entity. Please access the Defense Community Infrastructure Program link to submit comments (<https://oea.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-pilot-program-dcip>). OEA will consider submitted comments, incorporate revisions deemed necessary, and republish on Grants.gov this Forecast as a Final Federal Funding Opportunity Notice no later than May 26, 2020, 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 Final Federal Funding Opportunity and answer questions from interested respondents. Complete proposals for Defense Community Infrastructure Program grants must be received by OEA by 5 p.m. PDT June 26, 2020, (the Proposal Deadline). All proposals will then be ranked for final approval by the Secretary of Defense for Director OEA to designate project managers and by August 8, 2020, invite the submission of a grant application.

A. 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 identified in Section E., paragraph 1 of this notice.

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.

B. FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

Proposals will be ranked by a Defense Community Infrastructure Program review panel against the selection criteria provided in Section E. paragraph 1, of this Forecast. These criteria may be further amended and the deadline for submission of proposals may be extended by OEA in the Final Federal Funding Opportunity to be published no later than May 26, 2020, on Grants.gov. OEA will invite by August 8, 2020, successful respondents on the basis of their proposal’s ranking by the review panel, following the Secretary of Defense’s approval, to complete a grant application. 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. Individual proposals requesting more than \$25 million from the Defense Community Infrastructure Program will not be accepted for review, and 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 (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.

The total amount of funds available for awards may be reduced by amounts required to reimburse costs for program oversight and administrative services secured from non-DoD Federal agencies. 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.” OEA reserves the right to cancel an award for non-performance, including failure to comply with the agreed upon Project Development Schedule. Awards are subject to compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and entities invited to be applicants for grants under the Defense Community Infrastructure Program are responsible for providing the information required to satisfy NEPA and the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations as well as any required state or local environmental regulations.

Awards under the Final Federal Funding Opportunity will be issued in the form of a grant agreement in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 6302 and 6304.

C. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Eligible Projects

Eligible community infrastructure projects are 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.

In publishing this Forecast Federal Funding Opportunity, the 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.

4. 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.

D. Proposal and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package

Proposals must be submitted electronically as described in Section D., paragraph 4.

2. Content and Form of Proposal Submission

Each interested respondent must submit a complete proposal through Grants.gov not later than the Proposal Deadline date (see Section D., paragraph 4). Grants.gov requires all proposers to complete the Standard Form 424. Please refer to the instructions provided with the Grants.gov Funding Opportunity on how to complete the Standard Form 424.

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 the following information:

A. Point of Contact: Name, phone number, e-mail address, and organization address of the respondent's primary point of contact;

B. 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.

C. 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;

D. Project Description: A description of the proposed Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program project, including an explanation how the project addresses the installation need;

E. Project Engineering Information: A demonstration of the technical feasibility of the construction project;

F. Project Parties: Identification of other parties involved in the project;

G. Grant Funds and other Sources of Funds: An overview and commitment of all funding sources, including non-federal match source funding identified, requested under this notice, financial commitments for other Federal and non-Federal funds needed to complete the project (including any eligibility of Federal funds to be counted as the non-Federal share), documentation demonstrating that the requested funds do not supplant other available funds, and acknowledgement any cost overruns will be the obligation of the proposer. Proposing entity must also state its capability to obtain a surety bond as

backstop ensuring successful completion of the project should cost overruns occur or other unforeseen financial impacts;

H. Uses of Construction Project Funds: The uses of project funding, including a total project cost estimate with major cost elements broken out for project administration, inspection, construction, utilities, and contingency costs. All proposals shall include an independent cost estimate to validate the proposed project budget;

I. Project Development Schedule: A sufficiently detailed project schedule, including milestones such as final permitting and compliance (if required), land acquisition and site control (if needed), start of construction and end of construction, demonstrating that the project can commence within 12 months upon receipt of a grant and that the grant funds will be spent steadily and expeditiously once the project commences, and completed no later than 5 years following the obligation of Federal funds;

J. Environmental Approvals: Indicate the status (e.g., receipt or reasonably anticipated receipt) of all environmental approvals necessary for the construction project to proceed to construction on the timeline specified in the project schedule, including all Federal, State, and local requirements, and completion of an appropriate environmental impact analysis in accordance with NEPA (required);

K. State and Local Planning: If applicable, the inclusion of the construction project in the relevant State, metropolitan, and local planning documents, or a certification from the appropriate agency (e.g., Metropolitan Planning Organization) that the project will be included in the relevant planning document. The proposer should demonstrate that conformance with state and local planning requirements is attainable within 6 months of project approval;

L. Grants Management: Evidence of the intended recipient's ability and authority to manage grants;

M. Spousal Program Support: Proposals must contain a narrative presenting efforts by the proposer, or the proposer's State or local government, to support military spouses, including efforts to ease spousal unemployment and licensure, childcare, mentorship, and other services/programs to assist military spouses.

N. Submitting Official: Documentation that the Submitting Official is authorized by the proposer to submit a proposal and subsequently apply for assistance; and

O. Attachments: In compliance with the overall application page limit (notwithstanding the length of the independent cost estimate to validate the proposed project budget).

Proposals to be complete upon submission and incomplete proposals will not be reviewed. To the extent practicable, OEA encourages respondents to provide data and evidence of all project merits in a form that is publicly available or verifiable.

3. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)

Each proposer invited to be an applicant for a grant is required to: (a) Provide a valid Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; (b) be registered in SAM before submitting its application; and (c) continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal awarding agency. OEA may not make a Federal award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable unique entity identifier and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time OEA is ready to issue a Federal award, OEA may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal award to another applicant.

4. Submission Dates and Times

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.

5. Intergovernmental Review

This program is eligible for coverage under Executive Order 12372, “Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs,” issued with the desire to foster intergovernmental partnership and strengthen Federalism by relying on State and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The Order allows each State to designate an entity to perform this function. The official list of those entities is available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SPOC-February-2019.pdf>. Applicants located in States that provide a designated entity should contact them for more information on the process. States that do not provide a designated entity have chosen not to participate in the intergovernmental review process. Applicants located in States without a designated entity may submit the proposal directly. Funding is subject to NEPA, and compliance with NEPA is required.

6. Funding Restrictions

See Section C., paragraph 3, for information on eligible activities.

Federal funds may supplement and cannot substitute for or otherwise supplant other available public or private funds such as Defense Access Roads Program, Transportation grants, etc.

7. Other Submission Requirements

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E. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

1. Selection Criteria

Upon validating the eligibility of the interested respondent to apply for assistance, a review panel, comprised of the military services, DoD, and OEA, ranks proposals to recommend to the Secretary of Defense for invitation of a formal grant application. The proposed ranking criteria, with relative weights (the more responsive the proposal is to a need in these areas, the higher the score), are:

- a) The program prioritizes projects addressing the following issues (in this ranked order): the extent the proposed project enhances (Tier I) military family quality of life; (Tier II) resiliency; and, (Tier III) military value at a local installation. Proposals in Tier I will rank higher than Tiers II

and III. Proposals in Tier II will rank higher than Tier III. Key considerations are that (i) Service members/families are at least 50% of the patrons/recipients/beneficiaries of the proposed infrastructure project; (ii) State/local government provides DoD spousal licensure reciprocity; (iii) Tier I military family quality of life projects come from installations in locations with the most significant quality of life challenges; and, (iv) Tier I projects focus on schools, hospitals, day care, and recreation centers, etc. (0-40 points);

- b) The need for the proposed project and impacts to the stated issue (Tier) if the project is not undertaken and factoring in the assessment of the local installation endorsement letter on (i) the existing conditions of the issue, and (ii) how those existing conditions rank against other Service installations. This may include the relationship of the proposed project to the requirements and objectives of the relevant military department, for example: support for (1) the extent to which an approved project reduces the operating cost of the local installation or contributes to a cost avoidance for an existing or planned requirement; (2) an approved or planned stationing action; (3) an approved or planned land acquisition; (4) mitigation of an off-post impact required by an existing NEPA analysis identified through local installation endorsement of the proposal; or (5) an approved energy resilience or water master plan (0-25 points);
- c) The extent to which the proposed project is feasible, reasonable, allocable, and allowable; the amount of non-DoD funding leveraged in the proposed project (non-rural projects with a State or local match of 50% or more will score higher); third party cost validation of cost estimates; and an explanation why a proposed project is not otherwise eligible for consideration under any existing Federal program (e.g., Defense Access Roads Program, Federal Transportation formula funding, etc.) (0-25 points); and,
- d) The ability of the proposer to start construction within 1 year or less of funding, including whether the proposer has established site control; completion of necessary Federal and/or State/local environmental analysis; and, public and/or private financing firmly committed and, but for the Federal award, are able to be expended (0-10 points).

Comments on the above selection criteria that are submitted later than 5 p.m. PDT on May 18, 2020, will not be considered, and changes to these selection criteria, if any, will be republished in a Final Federal Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov on May 26, 2020.

2. Review and Selection Process

The composition of the Defense Community Infrastructure Program review panel, to include other DoD and Military Department staff with technical proficiencies and relevant experience, will be finalized after the Proposal Deadline, based on the number and nature of proposals received. The panel will rank all proposals against the Selection Criteria and make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense. Following the Secretary of Defense's approval of the final rankings, the Director, OEA, will proceed to invite grant applications by August 8, 2020, and award funding consistent with the ranked proposals prior to September 23, 2020. Recipients will need to accept the terms of these awards so the funds can be obligated prior to September 30, 2020. Proposers invited to submit grant applications must also evidence steps to obtain a surety bond as a contingency against project cost overruns or other unforeseen financial impacts that might result in an unfinished project. Review panel members will be subject to a non-disclosure agreement and be expected to keep the review of these proposals confidential until released from the non-disclosure agreement by OEA.

F. FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Federal Award Notices

In the event a grant is awarded, the successful applicant (Grantee) will receive a notice of award in the form of a grant agreement, signed by the Director, OEA (Grantor), on behalf of DoD. The grant agreement will be transmitted electronically. Grants must be awarded and the Grantee must accept the terms and condition of an award before September 23, 2020, so the funds can be obligated prior to

September 30, 2020. Once obligated, the funding remains available for expenses for up to 5 years, as approved by OEA in the grant terms and conditions.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Any grant awarded under this program will be governed by the provisions of the OMB circulars applicable to financial assistance and DoD's implementing regulations in place at the time of the award. A Grantee receiving funds under this opportunity and any consultant or pass-thru entity operating under the terms of a grant shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws applicable to its activities. Federal regulations that will apply to an OEA grant include administrative requirements and provisions governing allowable costs as stated in:

- 2 CFR part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards";
- 2 CFR part 1103, "Interim Grants and Cooperative Agreements Implementation of Guidance in 2 CFR part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, And Audit Requirements for Federal Awards";
- 2 CFR part 25, "Universal Identifier and System for Award Management";
- 2 CFR part 170, "Reporting Sub-award and Executive Compensation Information";
- 2 CFR part 180, OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement), as implemented by DoD in 2 CFR part 1125, Department of Defense Non-procurement Debarment and Suspension; and
- 32 CFR part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying".
- Additional requirements applicable to construction awards include compliance with:
 - National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)
 - National Historic Preservation Act
 - Buy American Act and Hire American Act

3. Reporting Performance

OEA requires performance reports in intervals no less frequent than annual nor more frequent than quarterly except in unusual circumstances, for example, where more frequent reporting is necessary for effective monitoring or could significantly affect deliverables. OEA's notice of award will include a schedule to identify reporting type, frequency, and due dates. All performance reports will be submitted electronically. The following provides the required criteria for construction grant performance reports:

- OEA will significantly rely upon onsite technical inspections and certified percentage of completion data to monitor progress under awards and sub-awards for construction. OEA may require additional performance reports when considered necessary.
- Significant developments. Events may occur between the scheduled performance reporting dates that have significant impact upon the supported activity. In such cases, the non-Federal entity must inform OEA as soon as the following types of conditions become known:
 - Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially impair the ability to meet the objective of the Federal award. This disclosure must include a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation.
 - Favorable developments which enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.
 - OEA retains the right to make site visits as warranted.

The final performance report will be due 90 calendar days after the period of performance end date. The final performance report must contain a summary of activities for the entire grant period. All required deliverables should be submitted with the final performance report. If a justified request is submitted by a non-Federal entity, OEA may extend the due date for any performance report.

Awards including acquisition or improvement to real property or personal property will be subject to OEA Federal interest as well as property standards as specified in 2 CFR 200.

Evidence submitted by the non-Federal entity demonstrating completion of the project is required. Examples of such evidence include occupancy permits, operational licenses and permits, titles, etc.

4. Financial

The non-Federal entity will submit SF-425, “Federal Financial Report,” electronically to OEA. Submission due dates will be provided in OEA’s notice of award. Interim financial reports are required annually. The final financial report is due 90 days after the period of performance end date.

5. Post Award Reporting Requirements

The non-Federal entity must comply with the post award reporting requirements reflected in Appendix XII to 2 CFR Part 200-Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters.

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts

Please access the Defense Community Infrastructure Program link on the OEA homepage (<https://oea.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-pilot-program-dcip>) to submit comments on this Forecast. 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. Requests for further information or for help with problems related to this program should be directed to: Mr. Daniel Glasson, Office of Economic Adjustment, 2231 Crystal Drive, Suite 520, Arlington, VA 22202–3711. Office: (703) 697–2130 or (if on Telework) (571) 733-7467. Email: daniel.l.glasson.civ@mail.mil.

The OEA homepage address is: <http://www.oea.gov>.

H. OTHER INFORMATION

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Awards may be provided under this notice directly by OEA to a State, local government, or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility service, or funds may be transferred to another Federal agency for award on behalf of a state or local government.

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