

# SIMPCO Services Spotlight: CDBG Assistance

## Did you know SIMPCO supports communities with CDBG grant writing and administration every step of the way?

As a SIMPCO member, your community has access to our grant writing expertise. Our planning team prepares CDBG grant applications **at no cost**, helping you put together a strong, competitive submission.

If your project is awarded, SIMPCO continues to support you by partnering with your community to administer the grant. We guide you through each step of the process from start to finish so you're never navigating it alone.

As your local Council of Governments, SIMPCO can provide grant administration services **without the need for formal procurement**, making the process simpler and more efficient for your community.



SIMPCO staff are certified grant administrators in the State of Iowa and regularly participate in IEDA trainings to stay up to date on current requirements and best practices for Iowa CDBG programs.

See the following pages for an overview of 2026 CDBG programs in Iowa.

### Ready to get started?

Contact Corinne Erickson at [corinne@simpco.org](mailto:corinne@simpco.org) or 712-223-8686.

## Water, Sewer, & Stormwater Program

Application window: March 18 – May 22 AND July 1 – September 1

Funds assist cities and counties with sanitary sewer system improvements, water system improvements, water and wastewater treatment facility projects, storm sewer projects related to sanitary sewer system improvements, and rural water connections and stormwater conveyances to mitigate flood risks.

## Housing Rehabilitation Fund

### Roofing Replacement Program:

Application window: March 18 – May 22

Assists low- and moderate-income households by addressing critical roofing deficiencies that threaten the health, safety, and long-term habitability of their homes.

### Upper Story Rehabilitation Program:

Application window: May 26 – July 26

For conversion of existing downtown building space into new residential units. Up to 4 units maximum.

## Community Development & Facilities Fund

### Community Facilities

Application window: May 26 – July 26

This annual program assists communities with infrastructure projects such as day care facilities, senior centers, vocational workshops, food pantries and homeless centers.

### Pocket Parks

Application window: March 18 – May 22

This annual program assists communities with developing new green spaces intended for recreational use on city-owned lots no bigger than a quarter acre.

## Downtown Revitalization Fund

### Commercial Facades

Application window: May 26 – July 26

Assists communities with downtown exterior improvement projects that eliminate slum and blight conditions.

### Streetscapes

Application window: March 18 – May 22

For communities that have completed a previous Commercial Facades project with IEDA. Funds to enhance sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, wayfinding, and other public-realm features that strengthen commercial corridors and promote long-term economic vitality.

## Public Services Fund

### Homeless Providers Program

Application window: March 18 – May 22  
Funds new or expanded eligible operating activities, including staffing, utilities and necessary program supplies. The program does not fund construction or rehabilitation activities.

Eligible activities are limited to:

- Shelter and street outreach
- Rapid rehousing
- Homelessness prevention
- Permanent supportive housing

### Food Pantries Program

Application window: March 18 – May 22  
The CDBG Food Pantries program supports new or expanded food pantry operations serving low- and moderate-income communities.

Funding may be used for:

- Purchase of food
- Non-consumable supplies
- Equipment necessary for food storage and distribution
- Eligible operating costs, including staffing and utilities

## Opportunities & Threats Fund:

### Health & Safety Threat

An immediate threat must exist to health, safety or community welfare that requires immediate action

Applications accepted throughout the year, as funds are available.

### Opportunity for Sustainable Community Activities

Funds innovative, replicable projects that are consistent with sustainability and smart growth principles. Projects must provide a beneficial impact on the standard of living and quality of life of proposed beneficiaries. Applications accepted throughout the year, as funds are available.

## Planning Grant Program

Application window: March 18 – May 22

Funds planning efforts that position future Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) investments, specifically Historic District Surveys, Asset Management Plans and Capital Improvement Plans.