

Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP)

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The **Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP)** provides competitive grants to state and local governments and not-for-profit, member-owned utilities to address deficiencies in community infrastructure that support U.S. military installations. Projects must enhance military readiness, resilience, or family quality of life.

A total of \$230 million is available for FY 2026, distributed across three funding priorities.

FUNDING PRIORITIES | Awards range from \$250,000 to \$20 million

Readiness & Mission Assurance FY26 Funding: \$76.65 M

Enhances installation readiness or mission assurance.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CONCEPTS

- Electric infrastructure,
- Water pipelines,
- Wastewater treatment plants,
- Fiber upgrades.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Alignment to mission needs
- Implications if the proposed action is not taken
- Construction readiness

Military Family Quality of Life FY26 Funding: \$76.65 M

Improves quality of life for service members & families off-base.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CONCEPTS

- Roadway improvements,
- Airport upgrades,
- First responder facilities,
- Community centers.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Likelihood of enhancing quality of life
- % of installation population that benefit
- Construction readiness

Remaining Top Ranked Projects FY26 Funding: \$76.7 M

Awarded to highest-ranked remaining proposals.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CONCEPTS

- Projects listed in Appendix A of the NOFO.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Alignment with Military Family Quality of Life
- Similarity to initial application
- Construction readiness

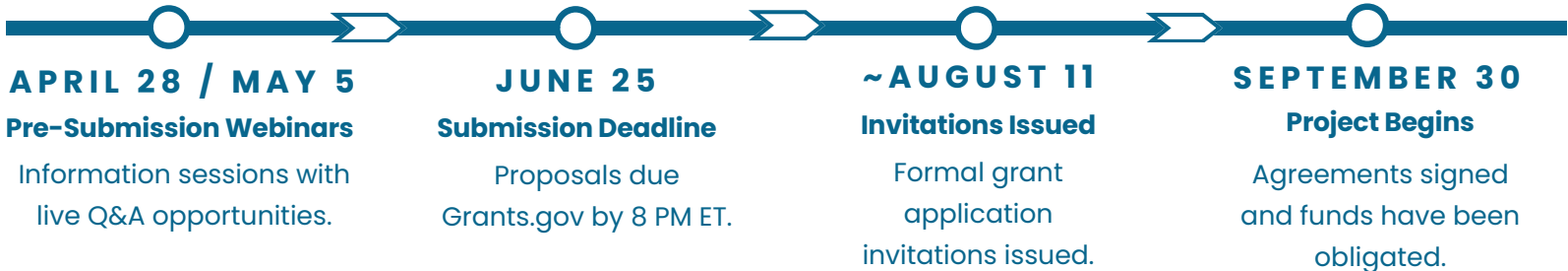
COST SHARING

30%

Applicants must contribute at least **30% of total project cost**. Two exceptions apply:

- (1) projects in **rural areas** with population ≤ 100,000,
- (2) projects deemed **advantageous for national security**.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES



ELIGIBILITY

ENTITIES

- State and local governments
- Not-for-profit, member-owned utility services

PROJECT TYPES (selected)

- **Community Infrastructure:** community support facilities, fire
- **Utility:** electric, natural gas, water, wastewater, telecomms