

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The North Dakota Department of Commerce Division of Community Services (DCS) was established to provide technical assistance to local governments and state agencies in the areas of community and rural planning and development, policy research and development and grant program implementation.



PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

State Energy Program

Promoting Energy Conservation and Efficiency

The State Energy Program (SEP) provides a range of grant resources for energy conservation related opportunities, including energy education, installation of energy efficient features in homes, businesses and political subdivision facilities, and new and expanding energy technologies. The programs state energy plan is funded through state and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The SEP office administers the North Dakota energy efficiency grant, annual allocation of funds from DOE for program grants, Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) grants.



For more information on the SEP program and grants go to ndgov.link@StateEnergy

Community Development Block Grant

Developing Vibrant and Sustainable Communities

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides financial assistance to local governments in the form of grants for public facilities, housing rehabilitation and economic development projects and public services. The primary beneficiaries of these projects must be low to moderate income individuals.



For more information go to ndgov.link/CDBGApplication

Weatherization/LIHEAP

Increasing Energy Efficiency for Low Income Persons

The Weatherization Assistance Program and the LIHEAP Weatherization Program impact low-income individuals across the state to:

- Increase energy efficiency in homes
- Strengthen the health and safety of the home
- Reduce total residential energy expenditures
- Provide conservation measures

Since 2001, more than 10,000 homes have been equipped with energy-conserving measures. They are programs of the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Weatherization program shows an ROI of \$2.78 in non-energy benefits for every \$1 invested in the program.



For assistance, connect with the CAA in your region
<https://www.capnd.org>

Manufactured Home Installation Program

Inspecting Manufactured Homes

Since 2003, the Division of Community Services has overseen the manufactured home installation program, where all new manufactured homes installed for residential purposes are completed by an inspector licensed by DCS. A minimum of 2 inspections are required on a double-wide home and one inspection on a single-wide home is required. ND currently has 61 installers and 16 licensed inspectors.



For more information go to ndgov.link/ManufacturedHousing

Community Services Block Grant

Fighting Poverty in North Dakota

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program assists communities and individuals in implementing anti-poverty programs. The program administers funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the state's seven Community Action Agencies (CAAs), providing various services to low-income persons, including:

- Emergency assistance
- Money management
- Housing counseling
- Self-sufficiency services
- Case management and outreach
- Referral services



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Community Development

The Community Development team supports cities, counties and tribal entities throughout the state through strengthened collaboration and coordination of private, public and federal agencies. Using the Main Street Initiative pillars as the structure and measurement of success, the Community Development team can be the catalyst for the communities to plan appropriately to grow and prosper.



Several best practices, planning grants and educational training webinars can be found at www.mainstreetnd.com

Renaissance Zone Program

The Renaissance Zone Program is a locally driven program for cities across North Dakota for redevelopment and economic investment that incorporates tax incentives to business and residential properties. Major revisions in the program occurred in 2023 which allows local entities to manage their growth and future.



For more information go to ndgov.link/RenZone

