

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY:

The Kane County Development & Community Services Department is pleased to announce that applications for 2026 Community Development funding are now available. Specifically, the county is accepting project proposals in the following category:

Neighborhood Improvements: *Public improvements to parks and neighborhood infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, and water/sewer lines; and*

Units of local government are eligible to apply for funds to support projects that meet federal eligibility criteria. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment to confirm project eligibility prior to preparing proposals. [Application materials – including program guidelines, forms, and instructions – are available to download.](#) Completed applications should be submitted electronically to ocr@co.kane.il.us by **4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2026**. Projects will be evaluated for their effectiveness at meeting the needs of area residents, leveraging other funding, soundness of budget, readiness to proceed, and overall community impact and urgency. Projects that can be completed prior to December 31, 2026 will receive priority. The staff of the Kane County Development & Community Services Department is available to answer questions regarding application procedures, project eligibility requirements, and the Community Development Fund in general.

Application is available on our website: [Pages - Community Development Fund \(kanecountyil.gov\)](#)

The Community Development Fund was established by the Kane County Board in 1998 with funds provided annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The overall goal of the program is to foster vibrant and livable communities by addressing housing needs, improving neighborhoods, and expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents. Twenty-four municipalities participate in Kane County's Community Development Program, which provides "gap" funding for a wide array of projects and programs that improve the quality-of-life for area residents.