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Defense Community Infrastructure Program

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Defense Community Infrastructure Program

- Competitive program designed to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a local military installation
- Proposals may enhance **military value, the training of cadets at a covered educational institution, installation resilience, and/or family quality of life** at a military installation
- Notice of Funding Opportunity for FY24 DCIP published March 28, 2024
- \$100 Million available for FY24
- \$250 thousand minimum up to \$20 million
- Proposals due June 17, 2024 5:00 pm PDT

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FY24 Program Changes

Notice of Funding Opportunity for FY24 DCIP Published March 28, 2024

- Per 10 U.S.C. § 2391(d)(1), the term “pilot” is struck from the program title.
- **Defense Critical Infrastructure** Inclusion in Selection Criteria (Military Value Only)
 - Proposers are specifically encouraged to highlight how/whether the proposed project is deemed defense-related critical infrastructure, or non-Department of Defense networked infrastructure assets and facilities **essential to project, support, and sustain military forces and operations.**
 - Proposals supporting defense-related critical infrastructure should clearly indicate such in the enhancement and installation need narrative. The proposal should capture a holistic assessment demonstrating essential, mutual benefit and include installation command support.
 - The Installation Commander’s **letter of support must affirm** a proposed project is defense-related critical infrastructure.
- More detailed information required to explain federal, state/local environmental planning



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Critical Infrastructure & Defense Critical Infrastructure

Defense Critical Infrastructure

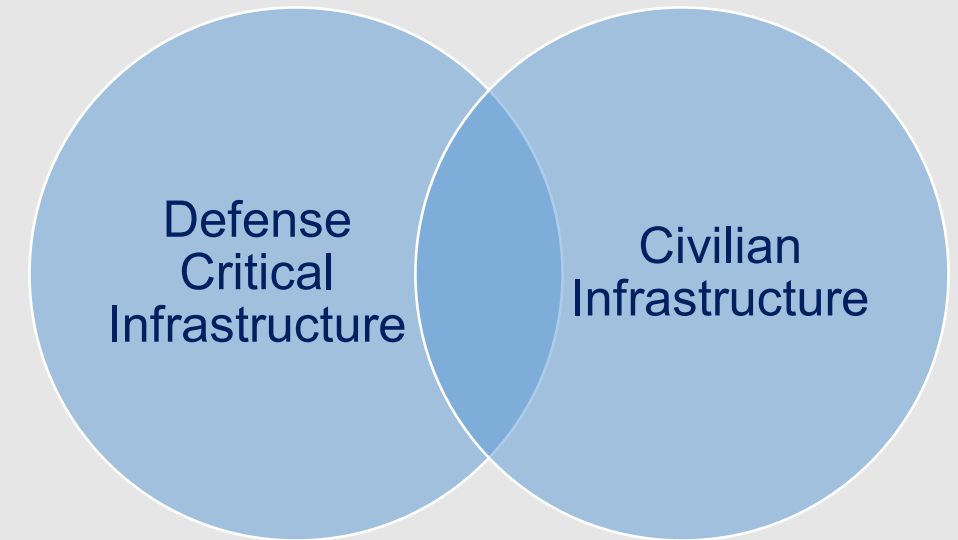
- Department of Defense and non-Department of Defense networked assets and facilities essential to project, support, and sustain military forces and operations worldwide

CISA Critical Infrastructure

- There are 16 critical infrastructure sectors whose assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, are considered so vital to the United States that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination thereof

FEMA Lifelines

- Seven focus areas (lifelines) under the Community Lifelines framework; these include: Safety and Security; Health and Medical; Communications; Hazardous Materials; Food, Water, Sheltering; Energy (Power & Fuel); and Transportation





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Eligibility

- Eligible proposers are state and local governments
- Not-for-profit, member-owned utilities may receive funding as a sub-recipient
- Match Requirements
 - Rural consideration
 - Population $\geq 100K$ – 30% of total project cost match requirement
 - Population $< 100K$ – NO match requirement
 - National Security Waiver – signed statement from Military Department Secretary



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Eligibility

Eligible community infrastructure projects are any complete and usable transportation project; community support facility (school, hospital, police, fire, emergency response, or other community support facility); and utility infrastructure project (water, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas, or other utility project) that:

- Support a military installation
- Are “Construction ready” = Construction must begin within 1 year of award
- Are located either off a military installation OR on property under the jurisdiction of a Military Department that is subject to a real estate agreement (including a lease or easement);
- Are owned by a state or local government, and may have a subrecipient that is a not-for-profit, member-owned utility service;
- Are supported by the installation commander representing the installation benefitting from the proposed project; and,
- Are where ground-disturbing work **has not yet commenced**.



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Eligibility

- Eligible costs include hard construction and renovation costs – costs directly associated with project administration, inspection, construction, utilities, capital equipment, and contingency costs required to execute project
- Soft costs or those required for planning, design, permitting, and meeting requirements of National Environmental Policy Act **must be funded by non-Federal project cost contributions**
- Construction contingency costs are limited to no more than 15% of the proposed project
- Land purchase IS NOT an allowable cost for DCIP



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Where to Start?



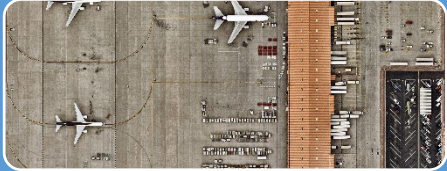
Installation
Equities

Community
Priorities



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DCIP Enhancements



Military Value



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Proposal Requirements

- Standard Form 424 (generated by Grants.gov)
- Proposals may not exceed 21-pages
 - Documents not counted against the 21-page limit: independent third-party cost estimate, documents showing project is construction ready (e.g., NEPA documentation), and availability of other Federal Funding
 - Cover Page – Resource Available on OLDCC website
 - Cover Page must identify the enhancement type and if proposal is Defense Critical Infrastructure
- Installation Need
- Letter of Support from Commander (must note if project is Defense Critical Infrastructure)
- Project Description
- Engineering Information
- Project Parties



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Proposal Requirements

- Funding Sources
- Budget (different from independent third-party cost estimate)
 - The budget must comply with 2 CFR Part 184 (Buy America Preferences for Infrastructure Projects) and ensure all items can be acquired to complete the project within the proposed schedule.
 - OLDCC will not consider waivers under 2 CFR § 184.7 for DCIP awards.
- Project Development Schedule
- Environmental Compliance – Resource providing guidance available on OLDCC website
- Planning and Permitting Approvals
- Grants Management
- Submitting Official
- National Security Waiver Attestation (if appropriate)
- Attachments



Scoring Criteria

Enhancement

- 45 points max.
+ **5 points** for Defense Critical Infrastructure (Military Value Only).
- All proposals are first assessed against four military value criteria in section 3002 of the 2002 Military Construction Authorization Act, resulting in a Military Value score.
- If not Military Value, proposals are scored as contributing to the training of cadets at a covered educational institution, enhancing installation resilience, or enhancing military family quality of life.

Installation Need

- 20 points max.
- Installation commander support letter providing context for the enhancement need and affirming the presence of Defense Critical Infrastructure (for validation by Department of Defense Mission Assurance Office).

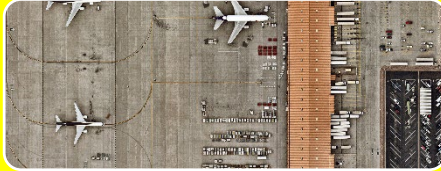
Construction-Readiness

- 30 points max.
- Measures of construction-readiness:
 1. Final design and planning;
 2. Development of bid solicitation documentation;
 3. Federal and state/local environmental planning;
 4. Site control;
 5. Confirmation that non-Federal project funding is firmly committed and immediately available for expending; and,
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DCIP Enhancements



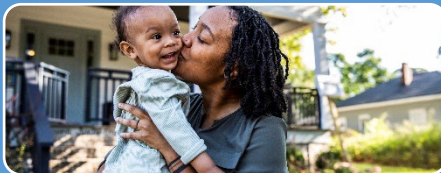
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FY23 Program Results

The DCIP program awarded 17 grants, totaling approximately \$100 million.

These awards derive from Fiscal Year 2023 appropriated funding and leveraged an additional \$39.2 million in non-Federal and other Federal funding for a total investment of \$138.9 million.

ALL 17 grant awards qualified for **Military Value** as the Program Enhancement.



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Military Value Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on their evidence that the proposed project will enhance each of the following four (4) military value criteria as provided in section 3002 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, and as published in 69 Federal Register 6948 (February 12, 2004):

- 1) the current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of the Department of Defense's total force, including impact on joint warfighting, training and readiness;
- 2) the availability and condition of land, facilities and associated airspace (including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval, or air forces throughout a diversity of climate terrain areas and staging areas for use of the Armed Forces in homeland defense missions) at both existing and potential receiving locations;
- 3) the ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, and future total force requirements at both existing and potential receiving locations to support operations and training; and,
- 4) the cost of operations and manpower implications.



Tentative Scoring Criteria

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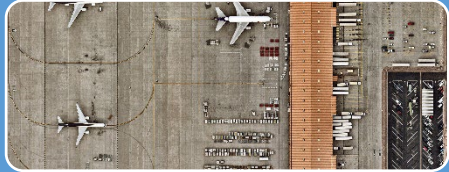
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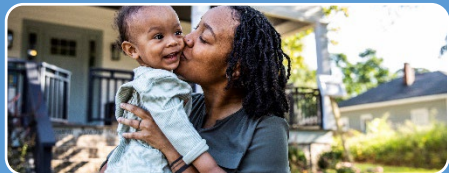
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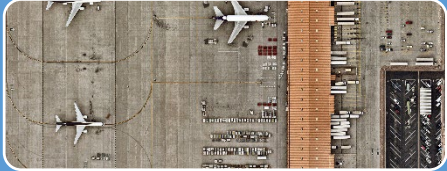
Training of Cadets at Covered Educational Institutions Criteria

- Proposals will be evaluated based on their evidence that the infrastructure project will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution and the evidence that the project supports an installation.
- Proposals supporting the training of cadets at an independent program must affirm each of the following aspects included in the 10 U.S.C. § 2391(e)(6) definition of a covered educational institution:
 - a) a part B Institution, as defined in section 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. § 1061);
 - b) an 1890 Institution, as defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. § 7601);
 - c) is not affiliated with a consortium; and,
 - d) is located at least 40 miles from a major military installation.



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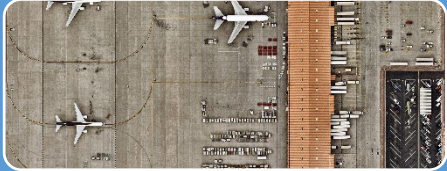
Installation Resilience Criteria

- Proposals will be evaluated based on their evidence that the proposed project will enhance military installation resilience.
 - “Military installation resilience” means, “the capability of a military installation to avoid, prepare for, minimize the effect of, adapt to, and recover from extreme weather events, or from anticipated or unanticipated changes in environmental conditions, that do, or have the potential to, adversely affect the military installation or essential transportation, logistical, or other necessary resources outside of the military installation that are necessary in order to maintain, improve, or rapidly reestablish installation mission assurance and mission-essential functions.”



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Military Quality of Life Criteria

- Proposals will be evaluated based on their evidence that the proposed project will:
 - enhance military family quality of life
 - alleviate installation commuter workforce issues, and;
 - benefit schools or other local infrastructure that will support members of the armed forces and their dependents residing in the community.



Scoring Criteria

Enhancement	Installation Need	Construction-Readiness
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Installation Need

- Proposed projects will be assessed based on the installation commander's letter of support addressing:
 - the existing conditions
 - impact should the project not proceed
 - how the proposed project affects installation or program mission and/or operations, and
 - where applicable, the extent to which the project incorporates energy efficiency and/or carbon reduction measures.
- If the proposed project is defense-related critical infrastructure, the installation commander's letter of support must affirm a proposed project includes defense-related critical infrastructure.
- The letter should reflect support for the scope of the entire project and that the installation commander is willing to support the local community's execution of the project (including NEPA documentation technical review)

An installation commander's signature on a letter of support is not prohibited under the Joint Ethics Regulations or Federal ethics regulations provided that the letter complies with and contains only the information requested as noted in the NOFO.



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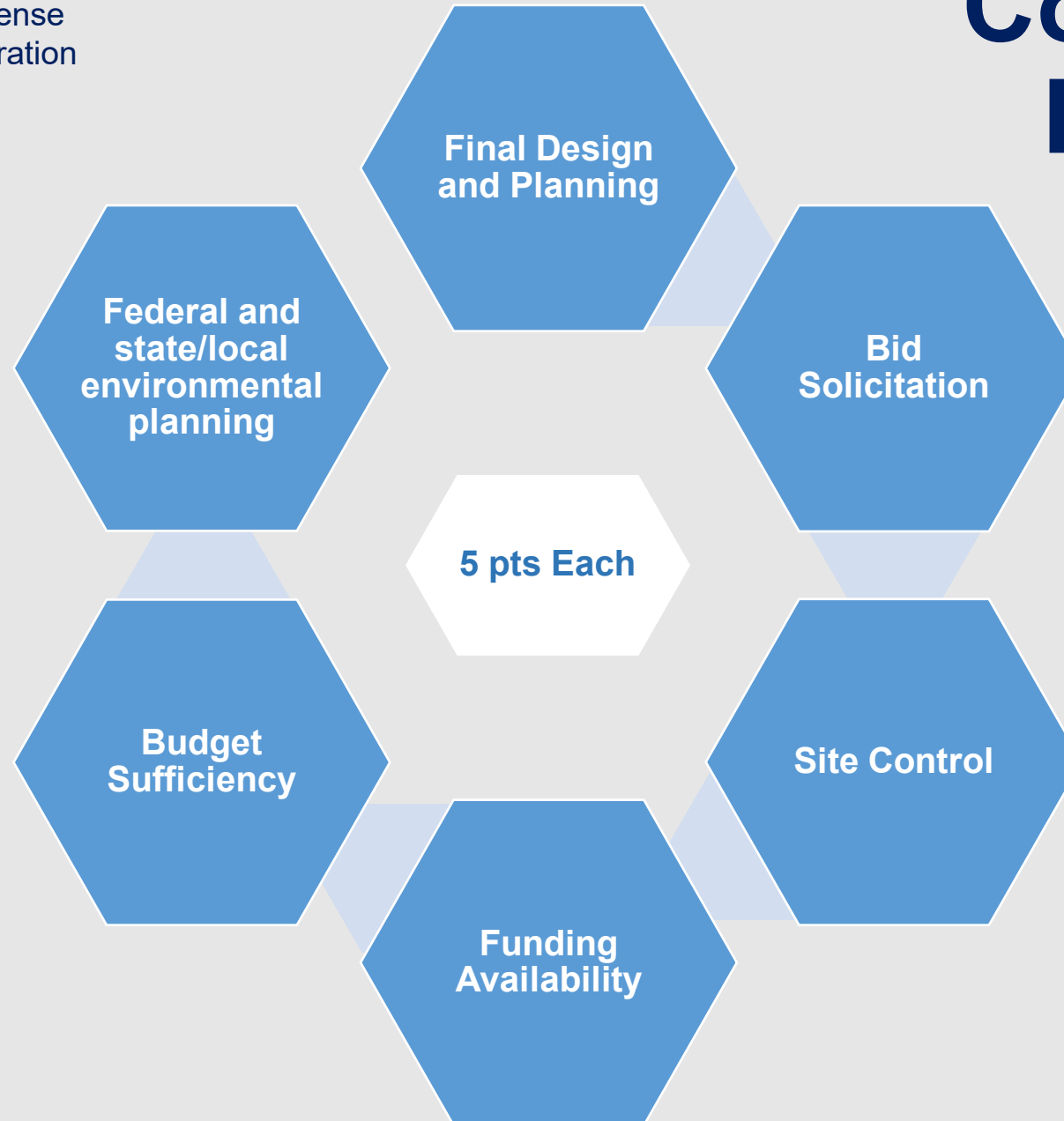
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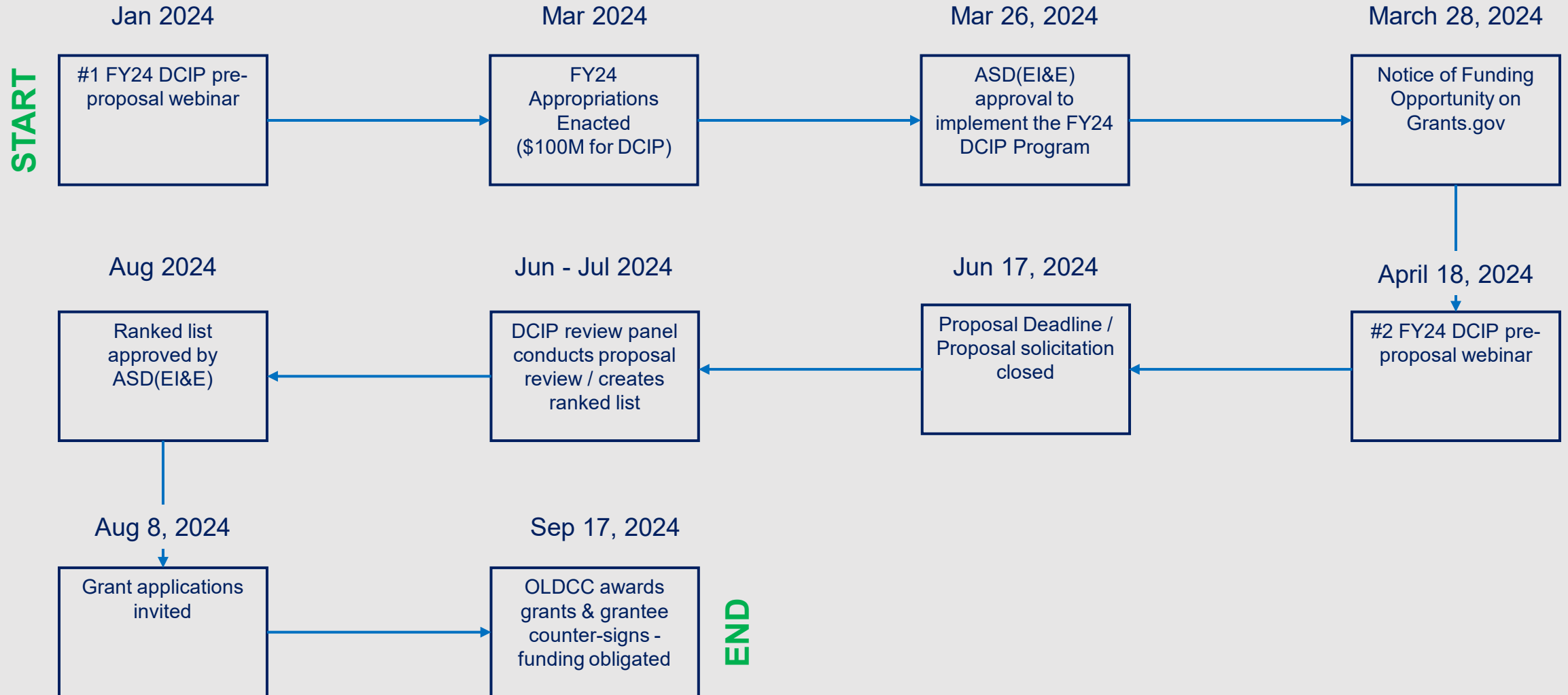
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FY24 Program Timeline

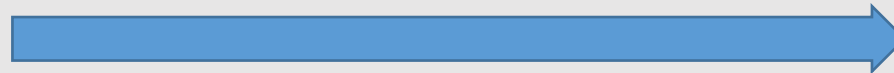




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Suggestions

1. Visit the website to review FY24 NOFO and Frequently Asked Questions
[Defense Community Infrastructure Program | Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation \(oldcc.gov\)](https://oldcc.gov)
2. If you haven't already, start discussing projects with your local installation commander **NOW** and start drafting [a] proposal(s); ensure discussion about defense-related critical infrastructure
3. Follow FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) instructions **VERY CAREFULLY**
4. **WRITE TO MILITARY VALUE**
5. Consider using resources that OLDCC provides for the proposal cover page and environmental compliance
6. Sign up DCIP updates on OLDCC.gov





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Questions?