

**FIRST CDBG PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments FIRST CDBG PUBLIC**  
**HEARING**  
**HEARING HELD 252 S Fairgrounds Road, Price, UT 84501, January 25th 2024,**  
**11:30 A.M.**

The Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments first CDBG public hearing was held on January 25th, 2024 at 11:30 a.m., or soon thereafter in the 252 S Fairgrounds Road, Price, UT 84501, meeting commenced at 1:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Michael Kourianos, Mayor Joette Langianese (Richard Lowry), Mayor Danny Van Wagoner, Mayor Bayley Hedglin, Commissioner Tony Martines, Commissioner Lynn Sitterud, Commissioner Bill Winfield, Commissioner Bruce Adams, Sophie Dasaro, Elizabeth Hensa, Ben Fredregill, Zac Whitwell, Merlin Rushton, Greg Bisping, Geri Gamber, Jade Powell, Vikki Ori, Kim Wells, Camille Otto, Paula Ingram, Tamara Dockstader, Orin Stainbrook

Executive Director: Geri Gamber,  
Deputy Director: Jade Powell,  
Fiscal Director: Kim Wells

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC HEARING:**

Commissioner Bruce Adams opened the public hearing for the CDBG program and stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant program and to allow for discussion of possible applications for the 2024 funding cycle. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments, in which Carbon, Emery, Grand and San Juan Counties is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$778,284 in this new program year with approximately \$504,284 in grants to communities in the region. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it at any time at [jobs.utah.gov](http://jobs.utah.gov). Commissioner Bruce Adams read several of the eligible activities listed including examples, such as Construction of public works and facilities, e.g., water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. Commissioner Bruce Adams indicated that in the past the region has received CDBG grants for recreational facilities such as pickleball courts, flood mitigation, residential lot infrastructure, etc.

Commissioner Bruce Adams then stated that a copy of the regional “Consolidated Plan” is available on SEUALG’s website at [seualg.utah.gov](http://seualg.utah.gov). This list shows which projects have been identified as being needed in the region. It was asked that anyone with

questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak so the names of the persons can be included in the minutes and can be specifically responded to interested persons' questions and suggestions during the hearing.

Mr. Orin Stainbrook asked if we could consider affordable housing to encourage youth and others to stay in the area, he also suggested he liked and supported current housing programs. He stated that he felt that the process of building homes together through Mutual Self Help was beneficial and set up homeowners with a strong community. Stainbrook stated he is wondering how smaller dwellings and lots can be accommodated in the area, and understands the infrastructure and zoning needs which may need to be considered. He stated he felt this could be an opportunity to provide affordable housing to young people and older people who may want to downsize or switch housing. He stated that there are some crises in the area such as drug addiction and social isolation. He is hoping to understand how this funding can be used to revitalize Price, and it's downtown through housing and other revitalization. He also discussed using the Business Technical Assistance Center (BTAC) to incubate businesses and revitalize the area, and suggested creating the BTAC as a live/work center as a community resource. He stated he felt that further housing options could facilitate economic development and other new investments. He stated he was open to helping with the project of this nature, and continued the conversation.

Commissioner Bruce Adams responded to the suggestion by stating that he is thankful for his response, and agreed there is a need for further homes and that is a big and important topic. Commissioner Bruce Adams asked if there was any more public comment, being that there were not more comments Commissioner Bill Winfield made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, which was seconded by Mayor Bayley Hedglin. Commissioner Bruce Adams then asked the committee members to vote, in which there was a unanimous vote to close the public hearing. Following the vote by the committee the hearing was adjourned at 1:31.