

AGENDA ITEM # III.

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comments from the public that enable the preparation of an application "scope of work" by the FCAOG. The emphasis will be on potential projects the FCAOG can undertake which are region-wide, benefitting the entire Five County service area: Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties. The expected amount of CDBG funds for this program year will be discussed, along with the range of projects eligible under this program and a review of CDBG funded activities carried out by the FCAOG in previous years.

The public hearing is scheduled to be held during the Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee meeting, which will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 in the Heritage Center, Room #1, located at 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City, Utah. The CDBG public hearing will begin shortly thereafter. Further information can be obtained by contacting Diane Lamoreaux at 435-673-3548. Additional information on the CDBG Program in general is available on the FCAOG website: <http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/cdbg.php>

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this hearing should notify Diane Lamoreaux at the FCAOG, (435) 673-3548, 1070 W. 1600 S., Building B, St. George,

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

The FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (FCAOG) will hold a public hearing to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied for by the FCAOG under the CDBG Small Cities Program for Program Year 2015.

Suggestions for potential projects will be solicited, both verbally and in writing, from all interested parties. The focus of the public hearing will be to solicit suggestions for and

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

Community Development Block Grant Funds are distributed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to states for allocation. In Utah, involvement from local elected officials is utilized through each of the Associations of Government. The Utah Small Cities staff in the Department of Community and Culture, Division of Housing and Community Development, allocates funds to each of the AOG's based on a formula containing a base amount and then utilizing population data. Base funding in the amount of \$300,000 to each region and the remainder based on population utilizing state formula approved by the CDBG Policy Committee.

Under HUD standards projects have to meet one of the three National Objectives that Congress has determined to be the purpose of this program: **1) Low to Moderate Income Benefit; 2) Aiding in the Prevention of Elimination of Slums or Blight; or 3) Urgent Health and Welfare Compliance.**

The CDBG program provides grants to **cities and towns less than 50,000** in population and **counties of less than 200,000** in population. Only local jurisdictions, i.e., counties, incorporated cities/towns, tribes, or other HUD recognized units of government (AOGs) are considered eligible applicants. Other applicants must apply through their local jurisdiction, the legal applicant, and enter into an inter-local cooperative agreement to receive CDBG funding.

Benefit to at least 51% LMI direct beneficiaries of the proposed project must consist of families whose total family income does not exceed 80% of the county median income for the current program year or at least 51% of the beneficiaries of the project consist of families whose total family income does not exceed 80% of the median income for the entire non-metropolitan area of the state of Utah.

Presumed Low-moderate income (LMI) groups include: 1) Abused Children; 2) Battered Spouses; 3) Elderly Persons; 4) Illiterate Adults; 5) Homeless Persons; 6) Persons living with AIDS; 5) Severely Disabled Adults meeting the Bureau of Census definition; and 7) Migrant Farm Workers.

An example of a typical annual schedule developed by the State CDBG Policy Committee is shown below:

October - December-- Application How-to-Apply Workshops Held
January-- Application Submitted in WebGrants
February/March-- Regional Project Rating and Ranking
April-- Grant Award Notification w/Invitation to Grantee Training Workshop
May-- Final Application Submitted in WebGrants

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Examples of some eligible CDBG project activities are listed below. The majority of projects funded in the Five County region have historically been brick and mortar types of projects. Projects such as senior citizen centers, fire stations, housing, and improvements on ground to assist low/moderate income individuals have been undertaken.

Affordable Housing Projects:

- acquisition of real property (public housing authorities)
- new construction of multi-family, transitional, special needs housing and homeless shelters
- multi-family & single-family rehabilitation
- relocation expenses
- clearance & demolition
- site improvements

Community Development Projects:

- culinary water improvements
- waste water improvements
- construction of public facilities and/or improvements
- fire stations & emergency equipment
- ADA accessibility for public buildings and curb cuts
- flood control systems/improvements
- cleanup of contaminated sites (slums & blighted areas)
- historic preservation
- acquisition of property/land
- community & senior centers
- parks, recreation & beautification projects
- public services

Economic Development Projects:

- Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program
- Micro-Enterprise assistance
- industrial parks & commercial centers
- commercial/industrial building acquisition, construction, rehabilitation

Planning & Technical Assistance

Note: All project activities must meet a National Objective.