

FIRST CDBG PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments dba Southeastern Regional Development Agency FIRST CDBG PUBLIC HEARING HELD 252 S. Fairgrounds, Road, Price, Utah on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 11:03 AM

The Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments dba Southeastern Regional Development Agency first CDBG public hearing was held on December 11, 2025 in the SERDA Agency Building at 252 S. Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah 84501, meeting commenced at 11:03 AM.

Present: Commissioner Bill Winfield (Grand County), Mayor Danny Van Wagoner (Castle Dale), Mayor Bayley Hedglin (Monticello), Commissioner Lori Maughan (San Juan County), Julie Rosier (SERDA), Geri Gamber (SERDA), Jade Powell (SERDA), Korrin Olson (SERDA), Paula Ingram (SERDA), Lon B. Arnold (Public) and Randy Spencer (Public).

Executive Director: Geri Gamber

Deputy Director: Jade Powell

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC HEARING:

Commissioner Bill Winfield opened the public hearing for the CDBG program and state 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 2026 funding cycle. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Southeast Region, in which the Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments dba Southeastern Regional Development Agency is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$778,284 in total with approximately \$504,284 available in grants to communities within 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.

Commissioner Winfield 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 Winfield indicated that in the past Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments (SEUALG) dba Southeastern Regional Development Agency (SERDA) has received CDBG funds for regional planning, single family housing rehabilitation and administration of CDBG throughout the region. The region's consolidated plan is available at serda.utah.gov. This plan shows which projects each city and county has identified as being a need in their communities. It was asked that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak. The CDBG administrator for the southeastern region will include your names in the minutes and we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during the hearing. Lon Arnold with the Huntington Utah Airport Board expressed interest in finding funding to one - expand and improve the Huntington Airport and two - create a subdivision in Huntington and is looking

for funds to help with utilities. Commissioner Winfield let him know that there are funds out there available for that. Korrin Olson, the CDBG administrator for the southeastern region, let Lon know the correct channels to go to in order to apply for CDBG funds by partnering with Huntington City or with Emery County. Korrin let Lon know that the main focus for CDBG funds is to meet a low to moderate income need. Korrin shared an example of Arroyo Crossing in Moab that utilized CDBG funds for utilities in a subdivision but with the caveat that Arroyo Crossing is specifically for those that meet a low to moderate income benefit. Lon Arnold asked what is the low to moderate income requirement. Jade Powell stated 80% of the area median income. Jade Powell also let Lon Arnold know that these are federal funds and that the applicant has to be a government entity. Jade Powell also shared that non-profits and special service districts are eligible to apply but they have to be sponsored by the right government entity based on location. Randy Spencer identified himself and is also with the Huntington Utah Airport Board and asked if the Huntington Board is with Emery County. Lon Arnold answered and said yes. Jade Powell explained that SEUALG/SERDA is holding a public hearing in order to apply for the CDBG funds and that Emery County would also have to hold their own public hearing in order to apply for the same funds not through the Huntington Utah Airport Board. Korrin Olson told Lon Arnold that she is the contact to work with for questions but in order to submit a successful application, he would have to work with Emery County. Korrin Olson also shared that Emery County is not on the pre-approved income list so an income survey would have to be completed, Korrin would get it together and Emery County would be the one to administer and complete the survey. Lon Arnold asked if he were to submit an application for the subdivision if he would have to work with the city. Jade Powell told him yes, if the subdivision is going to be within the city limits. Mayor Danny Van Wagoner let Lon Arnold know that there are solar funds earmarked for housing within Emery County and that he needs to talk to the Emery County Commissioners. Korrin Olson let Lon Arnold know that Huntington City did attend the how to apply workshop - which is mandatory in order to apply for funds - but needs to double check if Emery County attended. Korrin Olson let Lon Arnold know that she will confirm attendance after the meeting and if they didn't attend this year, it is something to look out for next year in October. Korrin Olson also let Lon Arnold know that these How to Apply Workshops are sent to each town administrator, put in the newspaper and up on the serda.utah.gov website. Lon Arnold moved into talking about what they need to do a runway project. Korrin Olson reiterated that the first step is to partner with Emery County so a low to moderate income benefit can be identified and then the project will need to be vetted at the state level. Commissioner Bill Winfield stated that the best avenue he has is through his county commissioners to help identify other grants that he can apply for. Korrin Olson let Lon Arnold know that CDBG wants shovel ready projects. Jade Powell let Lon Arnold know that we can set up a meeting to talk about other opportunities for the airport outside of CDBG. Jade Powell let him know that it might be hard to get an airport project funded through CDBG due to the low to moderate income stipulation. Geri Gamber let Lon Arnold know that we would love to partner with him to help find funding and opportunities to renovate and expand the Huntington Airport. Korrin Olson will coordinate with Lon Arnold to set up a meeting to explore opportunities outside of CDBG. Commissioner Bill Winfield then asked if there were any other suggestions. No other attendees were in attendance to ask questions. The hearing adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Minutes Prepared: *h. Olson*

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Witness: *F. Ingram*

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