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MINUTES OF FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

CDBG SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING - 3RD PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING HELD JANUARY 7, 2021, AT THE FIVE COUNTY AOG 1070 WEST 1600 SOUTH, BUILDING B, ST. GEORGE, UT 84770 AT 6:00 PM IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

The Five County Association of Governments (AOG) CDBG Supplemental Funding – 3rd public hearing was held on January 7, 2021, at 6 pm, in the Five County AOG office at 1070 West 1600 South, Building B, St. George, UT 84770 in the Large Conference Room and was available virtually using the following link: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/888776333. The hearing opened at 6:04 PM.

Present:

Nathan Wiberg, Senior Planner Alyssa Gamble, Associate Planner Jane Muller Family Healthcare

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING - 3RD PUBLIC HEARING:

Alyssa Gamble opened the public hearing at 6:04 PM and turned time over to Nathan Wiberg. Nathan stated that the purpose of this public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant program and to allow for discussion of possible activities for CDBG funding authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act known as the CARES Act. These special CDBG-CV funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) in the Five County AOG region and to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

Five County AOG is eligible to apply to the Utah Department of Workforce Services for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program, a federally funded program administered by the State of Utah, Housing and Community Development Division (HCD). Five County AOG is eligible to apply for CDBG funding authorized by the CARES Act. Provided Five County AOG meets the applicable program requirements.

The grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low-and-moderate income persons. The Five County region will receive a third round of CDBG-CV funding and there is unspent funding from CDBG-CV round one and two. In total there is approximately \$764,764 unallocated and/or unprioritized funding. Eligible activities must prevent and respond to the spread of infectious diseases such as the

coronavirus disease. Many of these activities are available to view on the "Quick Guide to CDBG Eligible Activities to Support Infectious Disease Response" sheet but is not a comprehensive list.

Examples of eligible CDBG-CV activities include but are not limited to constructing a facility for testing, diagnosis, or treatment; Avoid job loss caused by business closures related to social distancing by providing short-term working capital assistance to small businesses to enable retention of jobs held by low- and moderate-income persons; Provide testing, diagnosis or other services at a fixed or mobile location; and Provide equipment, supplies, and materials necessary to carry-out a public service.

The State Annual Action Plan will be revised to add this CDBG-CV funding and the activities that will be carried out. All comments will be considered by the Five County Association of Government when determining the projects.

Nathan asked that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing identify themselves by name before they comment. He turned the time over to meeting participants to provide their comments.

Jane Muller from Family Healthcare made a comment stating that Family Healthcare could use additional funding to help offset costs of care for a large influx of low-income (below 100% FPL) and uninsured/underinsured patients with COVID-19 related illness, an unfortunate outcome of the COVID-19 pandemic

There were no other people in attendance and no other comments were made. The hearing was closed at 6:17 PM.

Prepared by:

Nathan Wiberg, Senior Planner

Attested to being true and accurate minutes of the aforementioned meeting:

Alyssa Garnble, Community Planner