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CHAPTER I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A. EVALUATION OF CURRENT NEEDS

Local elected officials in southwestern Utah continue to foster a cooperative allocation of federal, state, and local funds to address regional priorities. This cooperative spirit has been the norm for more than 50 years. Community development and human services staff at the Association of Governments have worked diligently to document 2015 priorities, as reflected in the Consolidated Plan template. The complete document is available on the Five County AOG website at:
http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/dep/community/consolidated.php

Housing

- Meeting the workforce housing and low-income housing demand remains to be a challenge for communities across the region. During the 2008-2011 recession, housing prices decreased substantially, but have since increased to near pre-recession levels. Rental housing prices continue to increase and in many communities and obtaining affordable rental housing for low to moderate income households remains a significant challenge.

- All cities throughout the region have some provision for affordable housing within respective zoning ordinances. However, all cities could take steps toward improving regulatory barriers to providing affordable housing and FCAOG recommends that all communities review ordinances and regulations to improve affordable housing conditions.

- Current lending data indicates that there is a disparity in the St George Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) for mortgage loan denial rates for the minority population and white, non-minority population. FCAOG encourages lenders to abide by Fair Housing Laws to affirmatively further fair housing.

- The Five County Association of Governments has been actively working with cities throughout the region to develop affordable housing plans. Such plans include an assessment of affordable housing needs and strategies to improve affordable housing options for low to moderate income households. FCAOG will continue to work with communities to develop meaningful affordable housing plans, which meet the requirements of state statute.

- Southwest Utah leaders continue to pursue efforts to end chronic homelessness, but those efforts must compete with other priorities. The Housing First concept is being implemented in the region.

- Visioning processes through the Vision Dixie (Washington County) and Iron Destiny (Iron County) exercises focused on means by which communities could help reduce housing costs. Some of the ideas discussed included improving permitting processing and re-evaluating impact fee structures. The 2014 Vision Dixie Report indicates that communities are continuing to pursue the principles of Vision Dixie, including those related to housing.

- The Five County Association of Governments is continues to administer the St. George City Down Payment Assistance Program under an interlocal agreement. The City pays for the staff of Five County to intake applications, qualifying applicants, and inspecting the residence for livability. Applicants are required to complete a first-time home buyer course.

Community Development

- In the Five County region community infrastructure remains a higher priority of regional investment of funding. This is due to a combination of systems that have aged that need upgrading as well as expansion necessitated by growth demands. In addition to infrastructure such as culinary water systems, emergency services such as fire protection are high priorities. Housing has been for a number of years a very high priority, but it is evident from on-site evaluation visits with each entity in our region, that focus on public safety through improved fire protection is our region's highest priority at this time.

- A Housing Condition Windshield Survey was updated most recently in 2012. The staff of Five County has determined that the instance of homes in severely deteriorated or dilapidated in our region as a whole is ver small. There are a few small communities having a higher percentage of homes in those conditions in their respective jurisdiction, however, the number of units in those conditions is relatively small.

Economic Development

- Local jurisdictions in southwestern Utah continue to participate in county-wide economic development programs for active business development; however, the recent economic recession resulted in tight municipal budgets and in many cases reductions in staffing. The Five County AOG's will focus on the continuation of regional priorities including utilizing the Five County Economic District Revolving Loan Fund as well as other economic technical assistance. The Association continues to provide contracted technical planning assistance to Kanab City for city planning.

- A recently completed project included the development of a Regional Broadband Plan which was a part of a statewide Broadband Plan. The Association's Economic Development staff provides support to the regional Small Business Development Centers including active participation in the "Meet the Money People" workshops held annually. As available housing for a workforce is critical to economic development, affordable housing plan development for cities has been a focus of the Community Development staff at the Five County AOG.

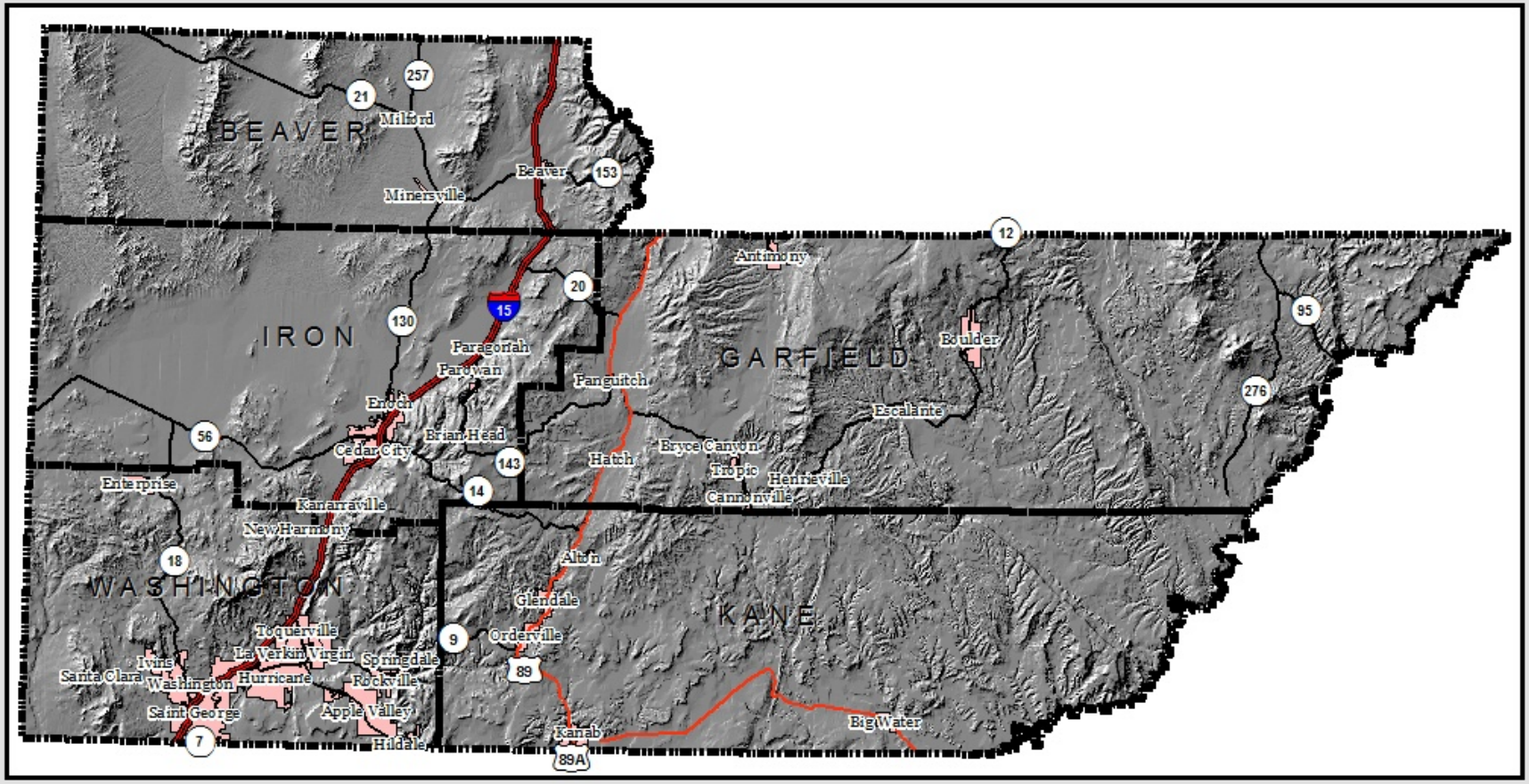
- A voluntary community self-assessment is utilized along with community development program staff knowledge and expertise to determine the state of infrastructure and other non-housing community development needs in our region.

- Local jurisdictions in southwestern Utah continue to benefit from county economic development activities by economic development professionals that actively promote business development. The Five County AOG's continuation of regional priorities includes a focus on utilizing the resources of the Five County Economic Development District Revolving Loan Fund as well as other technical

assistance. In addition, we are currently providing contracted technical planning assistance to Kanab City for current planning. Our staff has recently assisted the City in the processing of applications for two large downtown hotels, as well as a new expanded pharmacy to serve the area.

- Recent projects completed by the staff of the Association included a Regional Broadband Plan that was part of a larger state-wide Broadband Plan produced by the Governors Office of Economic Development. The Five County Community Development staff also provides ongoing technical support to the regional Small Business Development Centers including participation as presenters at the successful "*Meet the Money People*" workshops. In addition, because available housing for a workforce is critical to economic development, the staff at the Association has developed, with the participation of cities in our region, affordable housing plans required under the Utah Code.

Incorporated Cities and Towns in The Five County Region



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CHAPTER II. OUTREACH

A. SUMMARY OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND CONSULTATION

The Five County Association of Governments continued consultation and coordination with agencies in this region and the invited the public to participate in the development of this one-year action plan. In addition, ongoing participation by the three public housing authorities in the region was instrumental in the development of this plan.

A primary purpose of the Association of Governments is to coordinate federal, state and local programs across southwest Utah. Much of this coordination involves aspects of the consolidated planning process.

B. CONSULTATION

Below are listed organizations and groups participated in the development of the 2015 Action Plan in conjunction with the Five County Association of Government Regional Consolidated Plan. Also see Appendix D for a collection of consultation forms.

1. Balance of State Continuum of Care Committee (BOS/COC)

The Continuum of Care is a voluntary organization that includes many organizations that represent and provide services to homeless individuals and others with special needs. The main purpose of the COC is to produce a strategic plan to integrate HUD funding with other funding sources to efficiently address the needs of homeless individuals and families; the availability and accessibility of existing housing and services; and opportunities for linking with other services and resources.

Although Five County Association of Governments does not directly receive Continuum of Care funding. It still coordinates its homeless rapid re-housing and homeless prevention services with Red Rock Center for Independence, Erin Kimball Foundation, New Frontiers for Families, area housing authorities, Iron County Care and Share, Beaver/Milford Care & Share, Hurricane Food Bank, Garfield County Care & Share, Kanab Care and Share, Dixie Care and Share, the DOVE Center, Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center, Washington County Youth Crisis Center, Iron County Youth Services Center, Job Corps, Veterans Administration, Department of Workforce Services Western Regional Council. These partners meet at Local Homeless Coordinating Committee (LHCC) in St. George and Cedar City and provide Five County guidance in its service delivery.

2. Other Groups

Information and data from other non-profit organizations and groups which provide services to low-income clientele were utilized in development of this Action Plan. These include: Area Agency on Aging Services who provided information on the needs and programs of the senior populations; Southwest Utah Behavioral Health Center; Cedar City Housing Authority; Beaver City Housing Authority; Paiute Indian Tribe Housing Authority; St. George Housing Authority; the Human Services Council (CSBG Tripartite Board), including

coordination with local Emergency Food and Shelter Board; Youth Corrections; Department of Workforce Services; Division of Child and Family Services; Elderly Care Facilities and Providers; and the City and County governments including the City of St. George Community Development Staff, in regard to entitlement funding received from the Community Development Block Grant program.

3. Steering Committee

The Steering Committee has the responsibility for setting policy and directing the efforts of the Association. The Steering Committee consists of one commissioner from each of the five county commissions, a mayor representing the incorporated communities in each county, and a representative of each of the five school districts within the region. In addition, representatives from Southern Utah University and Dixie State College serve as ex-officio members. The Steering Committee meets eight times a year on a rotating basis at various locations in each county. A presentation is made to members outlining consolidated plan requirements, the 2015 one-year action plan update, rating and ranking criteria input and approval, as well as requesting input on the community development element of the plan. This committee is responsible to formally approve and adopt the Consolidated Plan. Appendix B has a copy of the 2015 Rating & Ranking criteria.

4. Jurisdictions

Information packets were provided to jurisdictions requesting updated information for the capital investment lists. These jurisdictions included communities (mayors, clerks), counties (commissioners, clerks, administrators), special service districts, housing authorities, school districts, and economic development professionals. Packets contained the previous year's information contained in the Community Development section, which the jurisdictions were asked to update. In addition, many of the jurisdictions were contacted directly by AOG staff to assist in completing required information. During calendar past year, Community and Economic Development staff traveled to the following counties to meet with local elected officials and staff to discuss community development needs of the jurisdiction as provided in their updated capital improvements lists: **Beaver County:** Beaver County, Beaver City, Minersville Town and Milford Town; **Garfield County:** Garfield County, Antimony Town, Boulder Town, Bryce Canyon City, Escalante City, Hatch Town, Henrieville Town, Panguitch City and Tropic Town; **Iron County:** Iron County, Brian Head Town, Cedar City, Enoch City, Paragonah Town, and Parowan City; **Kane County:** Kane County, Big Water Town, Orderville Town, and Kanab City; **Washington County:** Washington County, Apple Valley Town, Hurricane City, Ivins City, LaVerkin City, Springdale Town and Washington City. See lists in Appendix A.

5. Association of Governments Newsletter

The newsletter is published on a quarterly basis and distributed to a large mailing list including jurisdictions, agencies, and special interest groups throughout the five county area. The newsletter highlights activities of the Association, including activities associated with the Consolidated Plan, Human Services CAP activities and assessments, as well as CDBG program activities. The newsletter is also posted on the AOG website. The newsletter is provided to various state and federal agencies as a means of coordination. An article was included in the January/February newsletter as well as the March/April newsletter in regard to

the Consolidated Plan update and the 30-day comment period. Please reference Appendix C which includes copies of the AOG Newsletter and Public Hearing notice. To access the current the current Five County AOG newsletter as well as an archive of all previous editions, please follow this link: http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/info/newsletter/index.php

C. COORDINATION

1. Business Community

The Consolidated Plan process incorporates a wide variety of existing public involvement processes across southwest Utah. Many involve private sector business owners. Examples of such involvement during the preparation of the 2015 Annual Action plan include:

Private sector representation on numerous advisory committees:

- Town & Country Bank, HintonBurdick, MSC Aerospace, Shamo Lumber, SCORE, State Bank of Southern Utah, Cedar City Chamber of Commerce, Washington County Attorney's Office. - These public representatives on the Five County Economic Development District Revolving Loan Fund Board assist in the approval of loans by the Association to businesses that commit to the creation of jobs for low or moderate income individuals.

- A Gentle Touch Home Care, Inc. Acumen (Fiscal Intermediary), Applegate Homecare & Hospice, Beaver Valley Home Health, Beaver Valley Hospital, Beehive Homes of Cedar City, Care To Stay Home, Careage Management, Coplin Compassionate Care, Critical Signal Technologies, E R Home Health Care, Flo's Home Care, Garfield Memorial Hospital, Helping Hands, Helping Hands In-Home Care, Heritage Homes, Home Instead, HomeStyle Direct, Horizon Home Health, Kind Hearts Senior Care, Kolob Regional Care & Rehab, Life Alert, Lifeline, Miyalah Johnson, Mom's Meals, Mytrex Inc., Priscilla Johnson, Rescue Alert of Dixie, Rocky Mountain Home Care, Southern Utah Home Care, Turn Community Services, Visiting Angels, William Whitlow, Zion's Way Home Health.

2. Other Agencies

A primary purpose of the Association of Governments is to coordinate federal, state and local programs across southwest Utah. Much of this coordination involves aspects of the consolidated planning process. Efforts made during the preparation of the 2015 Annual Action Plan include:

- Monthly reports from congressional staff as a standing agenda item at Steering Committee meetings. These reports keep local officials informed of on-going congressional actions, including housing and urban development initiatives.

- Reports from Governor's Office of Management & Budget as a standing agenda item at the Steering Committee meetings.

- Reports from Southern Utah University and Dixie State University as a standing agenda item at Steering Committee meetings.

- Representation as an ex-officio member of the Kanab Center for Education, Business and the Arts (CEBA) Board of Directors.

- Representation as a member of the Southern Utah Planning Authorities Council (SUPAC). SUPAC is chartered to provide a forum where state cabinet-level agency heads or their representatives interact with federal land management agency directors and local officials to coordinate land management activities.

- Participation with the Governor's Rural Partnership Board. The Board is the major rural policy-making entity that works with the Governor and Legislature to champion rural issues.

- Representation on the Utah Small Cities CDBG Policy Committee. The committee develops policy for the implementation of the small cities CDBG program.

- Participation with the southwestern Utah Interagency Council. This council meets regularly to coordinate program outreach to low income clientele across the region.

- Participation with the Forest Restoration Partnership Group. This group of federal, state and local land managers and officials is working to establish a coordinated approach to restoring the health of landscapes across jurisdictional boundaries.

- Membership on the Rural Life Foundation Board. The Rural Life Foundation is a non-profit entity intended to foster land stewardship activities that improve the landscape and offer new opportunities for business creation.

- In addition to the Consolidated Plan, the Association has developed an Economic Development Administration-mandated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document. The Five County Association of Governments' Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for 2014-2019 basically addresses the questions of: (1) where the counties are today; and (2) where they want to be in the future.
  Specifically, the CEDS update includes:
  - A description of the EDD's problems, needs, opportunities and resources;
  - Identification of the region's vision and goals;
  - Outline of the strategic direction embodied in the action plan;
  - Identification of priority projects for implementation; and
  - An update of community indicators that provide a baseline against which the region measures future progress.

The current adopted CEDS document for the Five County Association of Government is found on the Associations' web site at: www.fivecounty.utah.gov

D. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. Community Needs Assessment Survey Instrument

The Five County Association of Government's Community Action Partnership Department engaged a wide variety of community stakeholders in identifying community needs (through meetings, surveys, forums and data collection) on a host of issues including income, nutrition, mental health and substance abuse issues, youth issues, education, employment, housing, transportation and healthcare. This needs assessment is mandated for recipients of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and must be conducted at least once every three years. This needs assessment should:

- Create prospects for community coordination and partnerships
- Determine resource allocation and coordination (volunteers and dollars)
- Indicate causes and conditions of poverty
- Provide information for grants and assist with the ability to seek out new grants
- Address specific community needs, identify gaps
- Identify where the community is and ensure services meet the community needs
- Guide staff training and agency strategic planning.

After reviewing other Community Action Partnership surveys and collaborating with various key community stakeholders, a survey was created to determine how individuals perceived the social needs in their community and supplements the statistical data from state and federal sources. Current customers/clients, partner agencies, elected officials, business owners, and other service providers were surveyed. The survey includes information regarding demographics and opinions about employment, education, housing, income and health care issues. The most recent needs assessment was conducted last year, but saw significantly less citizen participation. For this reason, Five County continues to use the 2013 Five County Community Needs Assessments which garnered 852 responses. Five County will conduct a new Community Needs Assessment in 2015 which will

For the 2013 Community Needs Assessment, Five County Community Action Partnership gathered a total of 852 surveys from March 12, 2013 through April 30, 2013. Surveys were distributed online through Survey Monkey, e-mail and web sites. Additionally, local partners distributed paper surveys to community members. A range of participants completed surveys. The largest age group (36.5%) were between 24 to 44 years of age, while the second largest group (30.2%) were between 55 to 69 years of age. The female population (61.8%) completed the largest amount of surveys. A total of 95.9% of those that completed the survey were white or Caucasian. Households with two parents and children totaled 37.3% and couples with no children totaled 31.3%. Over one-third (38.9%) of those that completed the survey had an income of less than $30,000. It was reported that 72.4% were employed, 21% received Social Security, 16.1% reported they were self-employed and 15.0% reported they collected a pension. Individuals surveyed stated that 19.6% had a high school degree or GED, and 31.4% reported they had some college or trade school, and 46.7% reported they had a bachelor's degree or higher professional degrees.

2. Public Forums

The Five County Association of Governments Needs Assessment utilizes public forums to identifies service gaps and additional community needs. The goal is to have one forum in each county on an annual basis.

3. Five County Association of Governments Human Services Council

Low-income representatives participate as part of the Five County Association of Governments Human Services Council (Tripartite Board). This participation is required by law under 42 U.S.C. § 9910. There are five low-income representatives, one for each county. They are elected by other low-income representatives and play a vital role in determining Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) appropriations and policies. They govern emergency food and shelter, rapid re-housing, and supportive services to assist homeless and at-risk-for-homelessness community members to become stabilized and work towards self-sufficiency.

4. Public Availability of Plan and 30-day Comment Period

A 30-day comment period soliciting public input of the draft document commences on March 1, 2015 and extends through March 31, 2015. The Plan is available for public review during the 30-day comment period at the Five County Association of Governments offices: 1070 West 1600 South, Building B., St. George, UT. The public is provided an opportunity to review the Plan at the AOG office or on the AOG website at: www.fivecounty.utah.gov/conplan.html.

A public hearing advertisement is scheduled for publication in the Spectrum newspaper on Saturday, March 1, 2015. The public hearing is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 in conjunction with the Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee meeting in Kanab, Utah. The Draft Executive Summary and Table of Contents will be presented and discussed. Members of the Steering Committee and others in attendance are encouraged to visit the Five County AOG website to review the complete document and associated attachments. Written or oral comments are welcomed as part of the process to update this important information.

In addition, an article is included in the Five County Association of Governments newsletter soliciting comments on the draft document.

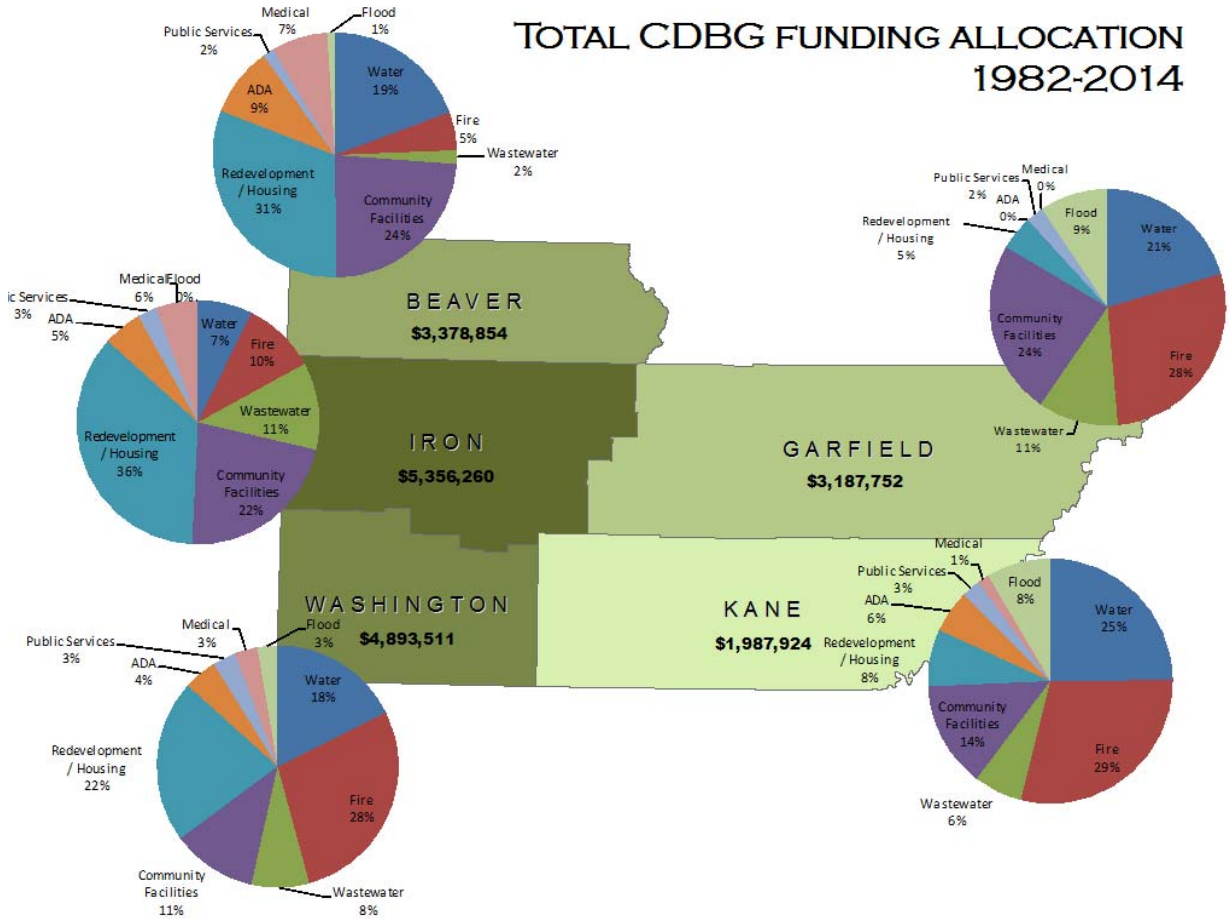
A resolution for adoption of the 2015 One-Year Action Plan, 2-5 Year Consolidated Plan Update, and capital improvements lists will be presented to the AOG Steering Committee for approval. See Appendix E, Citizen Participation Form.

CHAPTER III. EXPECTED RESOURCES

A. HISTORY OF REGIONAL CDBG FUNDING ALLOCATION

Between 1982 and 2014, each of the five southwestern Utah counties received a significant amount of Community Development Block Grant funding for community development projects designed to improve living conditions, primarily for those who are of low to moderate income. The total funding allocation for all five counties was $18,804,301. The graphic below displays the total funding allocation for CDBG funds for entities in each of the Five Counties for this time period. This does not include allocations of CDBG funds for regional projects.

CDBG projects funded included: water, fire, wastewater, community facilities, redevelopment/ housing, ADA, public services, medical facilities/ambulances, and flood control related projects. The pie chart which accompanying each county in the graphic below displays the total funding allocation for each project type. The variation in project type distribution by county reflects how community development needs and priorities vary throughout this region of the state.



B. EVALUATION OF PAST PERFORMANCE

The following projects were accomplished during the past year:

Five County AOG - Region: 1) Five County staff provided regional planning including updating the region's Consolidated Plan; community planning for housing, community and economic development; assistance through attendance at various meetings and review and development of codes and ordinances; 2) Revolving Loan Fund program delivery was provided throughout the region to expand economic development opportunities, primarily to low and moderate income individuals and businesses by retaining existing jobs and/or creating additional employment. The number of persons benefitting in 2014 through job retention/creation was 31 individuals; Housing program delivery included a total of 5 homes were completed in 2014 through the Mutual Self-Help Housing program. An approximate total of 90 households were screened for eligibility for the MSH Housing program with many receiving homeownership counseling, 5 houses are in the construction process, and four houses are pending completed eligibility.

Beaver County: 1) Milford City on Behalf of the Beaver City Housing Authority (BCHA)-- The Beaver Housing Authority has acquired existing housing units in Milford to provide additional housing opportunities for low-income families. This includes one Tri-Plex and one Duplex. The project ensures the provision of decent, safe and affordable housing for low-income families. The total project cost is $200,000, with $150,000 from CDBG funds. The projected number of beneficiaries is 5, all of which are low/moderate income households.

Garfield County: 1) Panguitch City-- The city of Panguitch used $150,000 in CDBG funds to purchase a new fire truck that has multiple capabilities for use as a wildland fire truck. This vehicle significantly increases the pumping capabilities as well as provides access to rural areas that could not be reached previously with the existing equipment. The provision of dependable service is imperative to the health and safety of the residents of Panguitch City. Purchase of this new fire truck improves the livability and sustainability for residents. The number of beneficiaries is 1520, with 72.5% being low-to-moderate income beneficiaries.

Iron County: 1) Cedar City on behalf of the Cedar Housing Authority-- The CCHA is in the process of acquiring property for the construction of low income housing. The property will be utilized to provide housing units that will be occupied by low income families in accordance with the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program targeting families earning 60% or less of the AMI for Iron County. All housing projects of the Cedar City Housing Authority target families earning no more than 80% AMI. Priorities are given to families and individuals earning no more than 50% AMI. This proposed project will provide the opportunity for decent, safe and affordable housing. The projected number of households benefitting from this project is 3-5, with all low/moderate income beneficiaries. CDBG multi-year funding in the amount of $300,000 was allocated to this project. It is anticipated that the acquisition and construction will be completed by the end of December 2015. This project is partnering with the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund to utilize funding from the community driven housing program.

Kane County: There were no projects completed in Kane County utilizing CDBG funding over the past year.

Washington County: 1) The Erin Kimball Foundation- - Washington City sponsored the Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation application to rehabilitate a single-family home. This project will assist in addressing the critical need for additional crisis housing for homeless families fleeing domestic violence and sexual assault. The foundation had previously procured this single-family home and has completed some of the necessary rehabilitation. CDBG funds were utilized to complete the remaining amount of needed rehabilitation. A lot of volunteer labor and materials were previously donated to the project. The foundation used some of the donated materials to complete the project. The total project cost was $327,050. CDBG funding in the amount of $150,000 was provided for the project. Donations from anonymous donors and companies were used in consideration of the matching funds for this project. Rehabilitation efforts have been completed and the facility is now operational. The facility is also be utilized as office space for the Foundation, with a day care area, training area, and case management services. All of the beneficiaries are LMI eligible. The proposed project will improve the livability and sustainability of low-income individuals fleeing domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Five County Association of Governments-- 1) Mutual Self Help-- Four (4) homes were completed in Ivins, and construction of an additional four (4) homes in Toquerville began in January 2015. Funding comes through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and totals $185,000 to $190,000 for each home. Completion of the four homes is anticipated be the end of December 2015.

CHAPTER IV. GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal Outcome Indicator	Quantity	Unit of Measurement
Public Facility or Infrastructure Activity other than low/moderate income housing benefit	5,641	Persons Assisted
Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for low/ moderate income housing benefit	6 to 8	Households Assisted
Public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit (Meals-on-wheels trucks)	100	Persons Assisted
Public service activities for low/moderate income housing benefit (bus passes/flexible gas vouchers/employment support/intensive case management, etc.)	18	Number of Services
Rental units constructed	10	Household Housing Unit
Rental units rehabilitated	0	Household Housing Unit
Homeowner housing added	8	Household Housing Unit
Homeowner housing rehabilitated	0	Household Housing Unit
Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid rehousing	80	Households Assisted
Homeless person overnight shelter	710	Households Assisted
Homeless prevention	20	Households Assisted
Jobs created/retained (RLF)	25	Jobs

One year goals for the number of households supported through:	
Rental Assistance	50
The Production of New Units	10-12
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	60-62

One year goals for the number of households to be supported:	
Homeless	720
Non-homeless	8,909
Special Needs	66
Senior	305
Total	10,000

CHAPTER V. ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

A. FUNDING PRIORITY DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The Five County Association of Governments utilizes a comprehensive rating & ranking matrix to determine the priority for funding of all applications for CDBG. The criteria is approved by the local elected officials functioning as the Rating & Ranking Committee (RRC). The projects in 2014 were evaluated utilizing the matrix and recommendations for funding were presented to the Rating & Ranking Committee for prioritization. A copy of the FY 2015 Rating & Ranking Criteria, Policies and Guidelines is found in Appendix C.

B. PRIORITIES

1. Housing

The regional priorities of the Five County Association of Governments relating to housing include the administration of a down payment assistance program, weatherization of housing stock, rehabilitation of existing rental units owned and managed by public housing authorities, providing better availability of safe and adequate affordable multi-family rental units, providing rental housing to support the seasonal tourism industry, and developing more water and sewer capacity for housing development in growth areas.

2. Community Development

Taking into consideration the locally identified Community Development capital project lists submitted by local jurisdictions, as well as housing needs identified in affordable housing plans developed throughout the region, community development priorities utilizing CDBG funds in this region are outlined below:

- **LMI Housing Activities--** Regional efforts will continue to focus on projects designed to provide for the housing needs of very low and low-moderate income families. This may include the development of infrastructure for LMI housing projects, home buyers assistance programs, land acquisition or the actual construction of housing units for elderly, low-income and homeless individuals, housing rehabilitation, CROWN rent-to-own homes; mutual self help, and LIHTC projects.

- **Public Utility Infrastructure--** Regional efforts will focus on increasing the capacity of water and other utility systems to better serve the customers and/or improve fire flow capacity. Includes wastewater disposal projects. Typically CDBG funds are utilized for these type of projects to cover engineering costs.

- **Public Safety Activities--** Efforts will be concentrated on addressing projects related to protection of property, including flood control or fire protection improvements in a community. Priority should be given to developing additional fire protection such as new stations in areas that are currently unserved or under-served.

- **Community Facilities/Public Services--** Regional support will be provided to jurisdictions undertaking construction of projects such as senior citizens centers; health clinics; food banks/shelters; and/or public service activities. These activities traditionally have no available revenue source for funding and have typically been turned down by other funding sources. This category does not include facilities that are primarily recreational in nature.

- **Transportation--** Jurisdictions throughout the region will continue to focus on addressing transportation related projects, i.e., streets/bridges, curb, gutter, sidewalks to address drainage issues and airport improvements. The use of CDBG funds for these types of projects is extremely limited due to the nature and higher level of funding needed.

- **Parks and Recreation--** Jurisdictions will continue to foster projects designed to enhance the recreational quality of a community i.e., new picnic facilities, playgrounds, community recreation centers, trails, etc. While parks are an important amenity to communities, the focus of funding in this Region will be directed towards needed infrastructure, facilities, and affordable housing.

- **Planning--** Jurisdictions throughout the region will continue to direct planning efforts towards feasibility studies and various planning for projects such as storm drainage, water system master plans, senior citizen center design, city housing data base and capital facilities plans.

- **Economics--** Some of the jurisdictions in the Five County Region are taking steps to rehabilitate historic buildings and/or museums that play a vital role in terms of historic community values and to foster tourism in the area. The recent renovation of the historic Beaver County Courthouse building is an example of this.

3. Economic Development

The Five County Economic Development District Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document identifies the following regional economic development priorities:

- Provide regionally-focused services that complement county and community economic development programs.

- Focus efforts on jurisdictions that do not have internal staff support to provide day-to-day economic development outreach.

- Represent southwestern Utah interests at conferences and forums.

- Forge closer ties between economic development and public/higher education initiatives in the region.

- Continue to champion support for regional projects that foster economic development.

4. Home Program

The HOME program is administered by the state of Utah, Division of Housing and Community Development, Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund and funding priorities are established by the loan board. Refer to the following website for detailed funding priorities and allocation process: http://housing.utah.gov/owhlf/programs.html

5. Emergency Shelter/Food/ Rapid Re-Housing

The Five County Human Services Council utilizes the Five County Community Needs assessment to prioritize CSBG allocations. In 2014, the board determined emergency shelter and food to be top priories in four of the five counties and authorized approximately 27% of CSBG funds to be directed towards emergency shelters and pantries. The majority of this funding will go to subcontractors such as Switchpoint Community Resource Center, Iron County Care and Share, Dove Center, Beaver County Food Network, Garfield County Care and Share, and Kane County Care and Share. The board also approved Five County Community Action case managers to use additional CSBG funding for rapid re-housing. This is in addition to clients served through Pamela Atkinson Trust Fund and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Rapid Re-Housing.

In determining which clients receive limited funding, the State Community Services Office withing the Housing and Community Development Division of Department of Workforce Services asked Five County Association of Governments and other Balance of State-Continuum of Care organizations to utilize the Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) and full Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) tools to prioritize funding for eligible clients.

C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STATUS AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The following list shows the categories with the largest number of locally identified Community Development capital projects taken from individual community, county and special service district capital investment plans in the region. This list reflects regional needs as documented on the community's One-Year Capital Investment Plan. See Appendix A for one-year capital improvements lists. With that in mind, the region's most common documented needs are:

1. **Public Safety/Protection--** There were 29 projects identified for public protection including fire stations and/or equipment; procurement of fire trucks; ambulance/medical equipment & facilities; and storm drain/flood control improvements. Public safety and protection projects exceed the number of housing projects proposed in the region. The fire station in Beryl Junction was recently expanded and a new station has been constructed in Winchester Hills. Enterprise City and Northwestern Special Service District (Gunlock) have received funding from the CDBG program to construct new fire stations. Big Water has been awarded funding from the Permanent Community Impact Board to expand their existing fire station.

2. **Public Utilities/Works--** Jurisdictions identified 12 public utilities/works projects to address related issues. There are six culinary water improvement projects including additional storage capacity; waterline replacement; distribution improvements; and well development and/or improvements. Jurisdictions also

identified one secondary water system improvement project, four sewer improvement projects and one public works facility. Many of the projects identified are in communities that have not conducted LMI surveys to determine eligibility to make application to CDBG.

3. **Community Facilities/Public Services--** There were 12 projects outlining rehabilitation improvements, rehabilitation and/or construction of new senior citizens/community centers; and construction or improvements to community and/or county facilities. One project was identified for a food bank satellite location and procurement of a meals-on-wheels truck for Kane County.

4. **LMI Housing--** Jurisdictions identified eight projects to address affordable housing for low to middle income families; land acquisition or construction of permanent housing for low income and/or homeless individuals; CROWN rent-to-own homes; mutual self help; ongoing operations funding; rental assistance; Section 8 and TANF funding. Both the Cedar City Housing Authority and Beaver City Housing Authority have secured funds for construction and/or acquisition of additional housing units to address low income housing in their communities. Beaver City has also been funded with FY 2014 CDBG funds for construction of a new office building for the housing authority.

5. **Transportation--** Jurisdictions included eight transportation related projects for streets/bridges, curb/gutter and sidewalks, and enhancement improvements. Some of these projects do not list CDBG or CIB as funding sources.

6. **Recreation--** A total of nine projects were identified by jurisdictions for improvements to existing community parks and/or playground equipment. The majority of projects are in communities that are not currently eligible to fund community-wide projects with CDBG funds. Low to moderate income surveys would be required to qualify jurisdictions for the use of CDBG funding.

7. **Planning--** There were eight projects for feasibility studies/plans including storm drainage, water, impact fee analysis, trail plans, strategic planning, master pedestrian plan, and main street plans.

CHAPTER VI. GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

A. GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION BASED ON NEED

CDBG funding is allocated based upon an adopted rating and ranking process, regardless of the county it is located in. Nonetheless, a particular concern is Garfield county which has historically has unemployment rates in excess of the state average as well as exceeding the national average. Garfield county is geographically isolated from major transportation, commercial airports, suppliers, etc. That geographical isolation, in conjunction with lacking, in many cases, sufficient infrastructure and services necessary for industrial and manufacturing, create unique needs in Garfield County.

B. SOLUTION STRATEGY

Maintaining a tradition of focusing HUD CDBG funding to community facilities, basic infrastructure and housing projects, with community planning and limited public services still appears to be an appropriate plan of action. A major impediment to significantly addressing local needs is the fact that Community Development Block Grant funding continues to be inadequate to meet current needs. It appears that current funding may continue to decrease which will limit the ability of this funding to effectively meet the ever increasing community needs identified in our region.

The approved Rating and Ranking criteria currently utilized in the Five County region assesses the application quality, which includes how well qualitatively the project applied for addresses the identified need. The Regional Review Committee (Steering Committee) Rating and Ranking methodologies appear to adequately address the types of needs identified in our region. The consideration of adding even additional points or preferences, based on being in an area subject to higher levels of unemployment may be reconsidered during the development of rating and Ranking criteria for future CDBG program years. Housing-related projects are already considerably weighted, addressing the priority nature of those needs, as appropriate.

C. PRIORITY BY LOCATION OR TYPE OF DISTRESS

The priorities established historically by the elected officials in southwestern Utah who serve as the Rating and Ranking committee has focused on brick and mortar type projects and housing related activities. These priorities appear to be quite consistent with the identified needs of local communities and for the region as a whole: Housing rehabilitation, renovation, and or reconstruction as well as basic infrastructure and community facilities, i.e. fire stations, etc.

CHAPTER VII. PROJECTS

A. SUMMARY OF ONE YEAR PERFORMANCE MEASURES

It is anticipated that the following projects will be completed during the upcoming year (based on applications received for 2015):

Five County Region: 1) Consolidated Plan Planning, Administration, Rating and Ranking-- AOG staff will provide assistance to communities in updating the regional Consolidated Plan, general CDBG program administration and continue in the identification of focus communities/ neighborhoods throughout the region; **2) Economic Development (Revolving Loan Fund Program Delivery)--** The RLF program is designed to provide economic development opportunity primarily to low to moderate income individuals and businesses by retaining existing jobs and/or creating additional employment. The program job creating is set at 1 job for every $15,000 lent (30 individuals); **3) Planning- -** CED staff has been working with the larger communities throughout the region to develop and/or update their affordable housing plans. Staff will continue with this planning effort by providing assistance to Escalante and LaVerkin cities. A biannual report and application of the new housing plan model will be applied to the Milford City housing plan. We will be working with Iron County to develop its first plan and develop a plan for Minersville Town which is close to reaching the threshold population requiring a plan.

Beaver County: 1) Milford City on Behalf of the Beaver City Housing Authority (BCHA)-- The Beaver Housing Authority is proposing the acquisition and/or construction of 6-8 multi-family housing units in Milford, Utah. The housing authority works diligently throughout Beaver County to provide decent, safe and affordable housing for low-income families. The total project cost is $840,000. The CDBG funding portion of this project is $300,000. The projected number of beneficiaries is 6-8 households, all of which are low/moderate income individuals.

Garfield County: 1) Hatch Town-- The Town of Hatch is proposing to install a ground source heating system at the Community Center to provide a more efficient and cheaper heating source other than propane. They also propose improvements at the Fire Station to provide better access in and out of the facility which will improve response time during fire events. The improvements at the fire station include a small 'man' door in the front of the facility adjacent to the bays and regrading of the slope with asphalt to facilitate enhanced entrance and exit from the facility. The project will improve the livability and sustainability for residents living in Hatch. The total project cost is estimated at $89,040 with $78,440 requested from the CDBG FY 2015 funds. The total number of proposed beneficiaries is 102, of which 66.66% are low-to-moderate income beneficiaries.

Iron County: 1) Iron County-- There are no proposed CDBG projects for Iron County.

Kane County: 1) Kane County-- The county is proposing to purchase one four-wheel drive meals-on-wheels vehicles. Acquisition of this vehicle will provide the opportunity to expand services as well as to provide service to areas that are difficult to access during winter months. The County is using their funds to purchase a truck as well. The trucks will

be located in Orderville and Kanab. The four-wheel drive trucks are needed to serve rural areas that do not have oiled or well maintained road access. The projected number of beneficiaries is 100, of which 51% are assumed to be low-moderate income persons. The county is requesting $49,000 in CDBG funds and the county is providing $49,000 in match funds for procurement of these vehicles. The proposed project will improve the livability and sustainability of elderly individuals; and **2) Big Water Town--** Big Water Town submitted an application for CDBG funds to improve their culinary water system to provide backup generators at their well, assemble a steel tank that has been donated by the Kane County Water Conservancy District and to repair the aging concrete water tank. The proposed project will improve the livability and sustainability of low-income residents in this area. The total project cost is $330,000 and the town is requesting $300,000 of CDBG funds to complete this project. The steel tank is valued at approximately $130,000 which will constitute the match funding for this project. The total number of beneficiaries is 475, of which 59.7% are LMI individuals.

Washington County: 1) Angell Springs SSD -- Washington County is sponsoring the Angell Springs SSD application to acquire CDBG funding. The district is proposing to complete culinary water system improvements in the site specific area. The proposed project is needed to eliminate stagnant water in the dead-end lines and ultimately improve water quality in this area. Installation of the new looped water lines will also improve fire flows throughout the area. The total project cost is $150,000, with $142,500 of CDBG funds to complete this project. The SSD will contribute $7,500 in match funds to this project. The total number of beneficiaries is 193, of which 108 (55.9%) are LMI eligible. The proposed project will improve the livability and sustainability of low-income residents in this area; 2**) Apple Valley Town --** The Town is proposing to utilize CDBG funding to procure a new fire engine. The total project cost is $261,513. The Town is requesting $200,000 in CDBG funds and has committed $61,000 match funding in their 2016 budget. The total number of beneficiaries is 710, with 51% anticipated as being LMI eligible. The proposed project will improve the livability and sustainability of low-income residents living in Apple Valley; and **3) LaVerkin City--** LaVerkin City is proposing to use CDBG funds to expand their fire station to accommodate larger fire apparatus. Other improvements will also be made to the existing bays, office area, training area and living quarters. The total project cost is $324,600The city is requesting $300,000 in CDBG funds and the Fire District is contributing $24,600 as match funding for the project. The total number of beneficiaries is 4161, of which 73.9% are LMI eligible. The proposed project will improve the livability and sustainability of low-income residents living in LaVerkin City.

CHAPTER VIII. METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION

A. SUMMARY OF HUD PROGRAMS

Funding for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs other than the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program are prioritized by the Balance of State Continuum of Care and allocated directly through HUD. Agencies in the Five County Region that will receive allocations directly from HUD in 2015 include: The Southwest Behavioral Health Center for a Housing Matters Project ($47,123) and ongoing funding for Dixie View ($18,156); Iron County Care and Share ongoing funding for the LaCasa Permanent Supportive Housing project ($12,740); and St. George City, the Friends of Switchpoint, for a Washington County Housing project, Switchpoint Homeless Shelter located in St. George City ($112,360). Funding for the CDBG program is allocated in the Five County region utilizing the Rating and Ranking process as described in Section B below.

The Division of Housing and Community Development manages the HOME and ADDI funds which are allocated through the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund. These funds are used for activities including multi-family rental property acquisition, rehabilitation and new construction, tenant based rental assistance, single-family owner-occupied rehabilitation, down payment assistance, and payment of mortgage assistance for low-income disabled persons in partnership with area mortgage lenders. The Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund Board also has oversight over the HOWPA housing program and funds, which are allocated by an established subcommittee. The Division of Housing and Community Development also manages the Emergency Shelter Grant funds through the State Community Services Office and has an established board with separate allocation policies. Please refer to the following web link for additional information regarding the abovementioned programs administered through the Division of Housing and Community Development: http://housing.utah.gov

B. OUTREACH EFFORTS WITH MINORITY/ETHNIC POPULATIONS

The Five County Association of Governments developed brochures for the HOME rehabilitation program in English and Spanish. In the past these brochures have been distributed throughout the region at key locations including: Local food pantries, senior citizen centers, municipal offices, etc. Once the decision is made on how to administer the HOME program in a sustainable manner it is anticipate that we will again provide this service in Spanish as well as in English.

While the minority population as a percentage of the overall population in the Five County Region is relatively small (7.6%) made up of many races, there is a somewhat larger percentage of population identified with a Hispanic ethnicity (8.9%). The Association will need to work to continue to ensure that services are accessible by those with limited English proficiency.

As part of the intake process, each potential applicant is asked how they learned of the program. Most of the respondents indicated that it was from having obtained a brochure. Others responded that they were referred from other service agencies, including a notable

number referred from the Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT) program, the Weatherization program and the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. A smaller number heard about it from other individuals.

C. RATING AND RANKING TIED TO IDENTIFIED NEED AND ACTION PLAN CONTENT

The elected officials who constitute the Rating and Ranking Committee of the Five County Association of Governments have a long tradition of prioritizing projects that have essentially established guidance for applicants. Over the previous 30+ years of the CDBG program the local elected officials of Five County Association of Governments have primarily focused on brick and mortar projects and improving basic infrastructure. Projects which eliminate an urgent health threat or address public safety such as fire protection have been historically been positioned high in regional priority. Projects which meet federally mandated requirements have been given consideration such as special projects to eliminate architectural barriers have been accomplished. In addition, several major housing projects have been undertaken to meet the need for decent, affordable housing for those in the lowest income categories. A regionally common concern in the past has been lack of adequacy in the safe distribution of meals for home bound elderly. That need has been addressed in a collaborative way by the elected officials in southwestern Utah through the procurement of purpose-designed Meals on Wheels delivery vehicles.

The rating and ranking criteria approved for the 2015 program year was approved by the Steering Committee of the Five County Association of Governments in August of 2014. It is anticipated that the results of an analysis of this 1 year action plan will be considered and evaluated in making staff recommendations as to future changes to the rating and ranking criteria. The rating and ranking criteria and guidelines are adopted each year by local elected officials. At that time consideration of additional points or preference based upon being a "focus community" may be considered.

For the 2015 year the regional prioritization is as follows with the justification(s) for that prioritization listed below each respective type of project.

#1 Public Safety Activities

Projects related to the protection of property, would include activities such as flood control projects or fire protection improvements in a community. Typically general fund items but most communities cannot fund without additional assistance. Grants help lower indebted costs to jurisdiction. Fire Protection is eligible for other funding i.e., PCIFB and entities are encouraged to leverage those with CDBG funds.

#2 LMI Housing Activities

Projects designed to provide for the housing needs of very low and low-moderate income families. May include the development of infrastructure for LMI housing projects, home buyers assistance programs, or the actual construction of housing units (including transitional, supportive, and/or homeless shelters), and housing rehabilitation. Meets a primary objective of the program: Housing. Traditionally CDBG funds leverage very large matching dollars from other sources.

#3 Community Facilities

Projects that traditionally have no available revenue source to fund them, or have been turned down traditionally by other funding sources, i.e., Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (PCIFB). May also include projects that are categorically eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, i.e., senior citizens centers,

health clinics, food banks, and/or public service activities. Includes community centers that are not primarily recreational in nature.

#4 Public Utility Infrastructure

Projects designed to increase the capacity of water and other utility systems to better serve the customers and/or improve fire flow capacity. Other funding sources usually available. Adjusting water rates are a usual funding source. Other agencies also fund this category. Includes wastewater disposal projects.

#5 Projects to remove architectural barriers

Accessibility of public facilities by disabled persons is mandated by federal law but this is an unfunded mandate upon the local government. A liability exists for the jurisdiction because of potential suits brought to enforce requirements.

#6 Parks and Recreation

Projects designed to enhance the recreational qualities of a community i.e., new picnic facilities, playgrounds, aquatic centers, etc.

Five County Association of Governments Rating & Ranking Criteria for the 2015 program year is outlined in Appendix B.

CHAPTER IX. PUBLIC HOUSING

A. MULTI-FAMILY PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING

In developing the Housing Element of the Consolidated Plan, emphasis was placed on obtaining input at the local levels of government. The focus of this element is to identify where the housing stock is at risk, due to physical deterioration. Generally this housing stock is inhabited by those of low to moderate income. In sum, the housing stock assessment provides an increased opportunity to meet the needs of individuals within these income categories, while maintaining CDBG programmatic guidelines. Association staff assessed the condition of the region's housing stock, which was compiled, analyzed, tabulated, and presented in this chapter.

1. Regional Housing Vision Statement

The regional long-range vision of the Five County Association of Governments regarding affordable housing is described as follows:

"We envision the Five County Region fortified with vital and healthy communities, which provide residents with quality housing that is safe and affordable, located in aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods which provide sanctuary and stability."

2. Affordable Housing Defined

Affordable housing simply means that a household is not paying more than thirty percent (30%) of their total adjusted gross income (AGI) toward their monthly house payment or rent payment.

3. Income Guidelines

The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) generates annual household income limits to determine low and moderate incomes. Income limits are based on a county's median income and size of household, "low" income limits are established at 80 percent of median income and "very low" limits at 50 percent. HUD income guidelines are used to qualify participants for low-income housing programs; such as: HOME, Community Development Block Grant programs, and other State and Federally funded programs.

HUD income guidelines during FY 2015 for the five counties are as follows:

BEAVER COUNTY	Table 9-1 Number of Persons Per Household Median Income: $ 40,900							
% of area median income	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**
80% (moderate income)	$32,700	$37,400	$42,050	$46,700	$50,450	$54,200	$57,950	$61,650
50% (low income)	$20,450	$23,400	$26,300	$29,200	$31,550	$33,900	$36,250	$38,550
30% (very low income)	$12,250	$14,000	$15,750	$17,500	$18,900	$20,300	$21,700	$23,100

GARFIELD COUNTY	Table 9-2 Number of Persons Per Household Median Income: $42,000							
% of area median income	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**
80% (moderate income)	$33,550	$38,350	$43,150	$47,900	$51,750	$55,600	$59,400	$63,250
50% (low income)	$21,000	$24,000	$27,000	$29,950	$32,350	$34,750	$37,150	$39,550
30% (very low income)	$12,600	$15,730	$19,790	$32,850	$27,910	$31,970	$36,030	$39,550

IRON COUNTY	Table 9-3 Number of Persons Per Household Median Income: $40,900							
% of area median income	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**
80% (moderate income)	$32,700	$37,400	$42,050	$46,700	$50,450	$54,200	$57,950	$61,650
50% (low income)	$20,450	$23,400	$26,300	$29,200	$31,550	$33,900	$36,250	$38,550
30% (very low income)	$12,250	$14,000	$15,750	$17,500	$18,900	$20,300	$21,700	$23,100

KANE COUNTY	Table 9-4 Number of Persons Per Household Median Income: $42,400							
% of area median income	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**
80% (moderate income)	$33,900	$38,750	$43,600	$48,400	$52,300	$56,150	$60,050	$63,900
50% (low income)	$21,200	$24,200	$27,250	$30,250	$32,700	$35,100	$37,550	$39,950
30% (very low income)	$12,750	$14,550	$16,350	$18,150	$19,650	$21,100	$22,550	$24,000

WASHINGTON COUNTY	Table 9-5 Number of Persons Per Household Median Income: $40,300							
% of area median income	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**
80% (moderate income)	$32,200	$36,800	$41,400	$46,000	$49,700	$53,400	$57,050	$60,750
50% (low income)	$20,150	$23,000	$25,900	$28,750	$31,050	$33,350	$35,650	$37,950
30% (very low income)	$12,100	$18,800	$15,550	$17,250	$18,650	$20,050	$21,400	$22,800

Source: HUD FY 2015 Income Limits Documentation System

HUD is no longer utilizing a "Pre-approved LMI Community List" to document concentrations of low-to-moderate income (LMI) populations towns, cities and counties. Each jurisdiction will be required to conduct and certify a LMI survey to determine eligibility to submit an application for CDBG funding. Several communities were determined as LMI communities based on results of CDBG income surveys. Those include: Minersville Town, Hatch Town, Panguitch City, Orderville Town, Tropic Town, and LaVerkin City. Site specific surveys were certified in 2013 for the following: Big Water (old and new sections), Angell Springs SSD, Northwestern SSD -Gunlock, and the Silver Acres Subdivision located in LaVerkin. In 2011 the Beryl unincorporated area of Iron County certified a survey. The determination of LMI status by surveys for community-wide or site specific projects is for a limited period of eligibility only. In cases where the survey confirms a community's LMI percentage is greater than 60 percent, that community may use the survey results for that and the next four CDBG program years. For those communities where the percentage is between 51 percent and 60 percent, the results are valid for that year and the following two program years.

4. Public Housing Programs

There are currently three housing authorities operating within the Five County Region: The Beaver City Housing Authority, the Cedar City Housing Authority and the St George Housing Authority. The Five County Association of Governments coordinates with local housing authorities through frequent site visits, interviews, and referral of clients. There are several different programs available through the Housing Authorities to assist in affordable housing needs. These programs include: Public Housing, Section 8 Vouchers, Family Self-Sufficiency, House Choice Voucher Homeownership, Farm Labor Program, CROWN Homes, Emergency Rental Assistance, subsidized and tax credit housing.

There are 48 public housing units located throughout the Five County region; 30 managed by the St. George Housing Authority and 18 administered by the Beaver Housing Authority. Approximately 38 individuals are on the waiting lists for these units. The average wait list time varies from 6 months up to 2 years. In addition to public housing units, Cedar City and Beaver City Housing Authority manage a combined 582 other subsidized housing units.

There are 402 Section 8 vouchers available throughout the Five County region; 244 administered by St. George Housing Authority, 139 administered by the Cedar City Housing Authority, and 19 managed by the Beaver Housing Authority. Approximately, 642 individuals are on the waiting lists for Section 8 assistance.

Cedar City Housing Authority

The Cedar City Housing Authority (CCHA) funds eligible affordable housing projects targeting families and individuals earning less than 80% AMI, but preference is given to those individuals earning less than 50% AMI. In addition, CCHA develops housing projects targeting families and individuals earning less than 50% AMI. Currently, CCHA manages 515 subsidized housing units, including USDA, LIHTC and CROWN homes. To view the Cedar City Housing Authority plans please use the following link:

http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/info/consolidatedplan/planupdate/2015/ha-documents.html

Beaver City Housing Authority

The Beaver City Housing Authority's assistance is targeted to families at or below 30% AMI. To date, the Housing Authority provides 18 public housing units, 12 Rural Development Farm Worker housing units, 26 single-family CROWN homes and 29 other housing authority owned units. The Housing Authority indicates that more affordable housing and larger families are especially in need of Section 8 vouchers. Further, the current housing stock (in their region) is old and dilapidated which illustrates an increased need for better housing targeted towards low and very low-income families. To view the Beaver City Housing Authority 5 year Plan, please use the following link:

http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/info/consolidatedplan/planupdate/2015/ha-documents.html

St. George Housing Authority Five Year Plan

The St. George Housing Authority offers rental housing, Section 515 and Section 8 vouchers which target families and individuals earning less than 80% AMI, but preference is given to those individuals earning less than 50% AMI. The Housing

Authority administers 244 Section 8 vouchers, and provides 30 public housing units. To view the St. George Housing Authority 5 year Plan, please use the following link:

http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/info/consolidatedplan/planupdate/2015/ha-documents.html

Table 9-6 Public Housing Statistics, 2015					
Agency	**Public Housing**	**PH Waiting List**	**Section 8**	**Section 8 Waiting List**	**Other subsidized housing units**
Beaver Housing Authority	18	3	19	75	67
Cedar Housing Authority	0	0	139	117	515
St. George Housing Authority	30	35	244	450	0
Total	**48**	**38**	**402**	**642**	**582**

Table 9-7 Federal Low-Income Subsidies for Housing 2015		
Location	**Properties with Active Section 515 Loans**	**Properties with Expiring* Section 8 Contracts**
Utah Totals	1,722	2,218
Beaver County	0	0
Garfield County	0	0
Iron County	63	0
Kane County	46	0
Washington County	229	38
Source: National Housing Trust * Expire before the end of the fiscal year 2015.		

6. Housing Ombudsman

Realizing the need for additional affordable/workforce housing technical assistance, Five County Association of Governments has put an Ombudsman in place to assist the region in addressing these issues. The Ombudsman provides assistance to local communities throughout Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties in an effort to address housing issues and to aid individuals and families in their quest for housing alternatives. Additionally, the Ombudsman publishes a quarterly newsletter which provides affordable housing information and highlights area resources and accomplishments. The newsletter is mailed to the staff and elected officials of all area jurisdictions and posted on http://www.southernutahhousing.com/ . The Ombudsman manages this website, which provides information about affordable housing programs in the region.

CHAPTER X. BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A. SUMMARY OF BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The following is a summary of impediments to providing fair and affordable housing, including strategies that are encouraged in the Five County Region. For a complete analysis, please refer to the Five County AOG 2-5 year Consolidated Plan.

Table 10-1
Affordable & Fair Housing Impediments and Strategies

Impediments	Strategies
Development costs (impact fees) are passed onto the consumer	Local governments can seek low-interest loans and/or grants to reduce development costs. Continue to encourage jurisdictions to enact measures to reduce or waive such fees for projects that include affordable housing opportunities. Jurisdictions may enact graduated impact fees, which set higher fees for larger, less centralized development, and lower fees more smaller, more central development, thus more accurately pricing the impact of the development, and increasing affordability of housing.
Lack of ordinances which specifically mandate the provision of affordable housing	Jurisdictions may consider enacting *inclusionary zoning* to help ensure that housing developments allocate a certain portion of the units to low and moderate income home buyers. Continue to evaluate local land use ordinances in order to suggest amending regulations, where possible.
Costs of pre-development construction and on-site work is excessive	Zone for higher densities to centralize services Encourage in-fill development and adaptive reuse Suggest implementation of mixed-use rehabilitation projects, i.e., retail main street store fronts with upstairs low-income apartments.

Table 10-1 Affordable & Fair Housing Impediments and Strategies	
Impediments	**Strategies**
Historically the cost of property acquisition has affected housing affordability. Large minimum lot sizes tend to inhibit the viability of building affordable housing.	Zone for higher densities and allow for smaller building lots, multi-family housing, and accessory dwelling units Allow for flexibility in zoning ordinances for open space requirements, parking provisions, etc. on low-income housing projects Partner with non-profits and/or Housing Authorities on low-income housing developments Encourage jurisdictions to allow density bonuses for projects which provide affordable housing opportunities
Not enough coordination between government programs and other funding sources	Collaborate with other agencies and housing providers to network information, resources and services Partner on projects with other housing providers and lenders to reduce costs to low-income consumers Provide educational program to enlighten local governments on their role in the scope of participation with other entities
Private sector developers may not be taking a sufficient role in the provision of affordable housing	Work with local employers to establish employer assisted housing (EAH). Ultimately, EAH builds employee loyalty and reduces turnover by offering home buyer assistance or rental assistance
Lack of rental assistance available	Collaborate with local non-profits, clergy, and Housing Authorities to increase the availability of rental assistance programs, including Section 8 housing.
Mortgage application denial rates in the St George MSA for minority populations are significantly higher than for whites	Communicate with private lending institutions to adhere to fair housing laws.

Table 10-1 Affordable & Fair Housing Impediments and Strategies	
Impediments	**Strategies**
Low-income populations are sometimes unable to overcome personal hardships because a lack of knowledge and/or training	Offer down-payment and closing cost assistance to low-income, first-time home buyers. Encourage low-income persons to participate in First Time Home Buyers education courses, when available Outreach to residents and tenants of public and manufactured housing assisted by public housing agencies to inform them of available down payment/closing cost assistance. Encourage local jurisdictions to follow fair housing laws to help prevent discrimination against minority groups, the elderly, disabled, single parent households, and other protected classes.

B. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN DEVELOPMENT

A review of local general plans and land use ordinances municipalities in this region has identified at least some provisions for affordable housing built within their respective ordinances. However, each city can take measures to improve the opportunity to develop affordable housing.

Utah House Bill 295 requires all cities and counties, with over 1,000 inhabitants, to include an affordable housing element as part of the general plan, which assesses the gaps and needs for affordable housing. The Five County Association of Governments has been working with and is continuing to work with a cities in our region to develop Affordable Housing Plans.

Plans have been developed for LaVerkin, Milford, Panguitch, Parowan, Cedar City, Enoch, Toquerville, Kanab, Ivins, Santa Clara, Hurricane, Enterprise, Beaver and Washington City. A planning process is currently underway for Escalante and LaVerkin City. Our goal at FCAOG is to help ensure that each City (communities with a population of 1,000 or more) have an Affordable Housing Plan (also known as a Plan for Moderate Income Housing) in compliance with Utah Code requirements. The purpose for developing these plans is to help increase affordable housing opportunities for current and future residents. The plans include an analysis of the current supply of affordable housing in the community and the demand for such housing. Within each plan, communities may address impediments to affordable housing.

Some of the common findings from plans include:

- Although there is generally an adequate supply of housing affordable to moderate-income households (80% AMI), demand generally outpaces supply for low-income (50% AMI) and very low-income households (30%).

- Manufactured and mobile homes in communities helps meet some of the need for low income housing.

- Housing Authorities in the region (St George, Cedar, Beaver) are addressing affordable housing needs for low-income households, but are unable to meet the needs of those in need of assistance. Cities should continue to support Housing Authorities to address low income housing needs.

- Allowing smaller lot sizes, multi-family, and accessory dwelling units would help address the need for affordable housing in many communities in the region.

- A review of impact fee structures for several communities is needed so that impact fees match the impact of the development. Since centralized affordable housing has a lower impact than low-density, de-centralized development, amending impact fees to better match the impact of the development would help increase housing affordability for low to moderate income households.

CHAPTER XI. OTHER

A. SINGLE-FAMILY

Our agency is active in providing weatherization services that enable persons, especially lower-income, elderly, and the disabled to have reduced energy costs that enable them to afford to maintain their homes. It has also been the general policy of the AOG to leverage available public funding, when and where appropriate, for the development of single family subdivision infrastructure to enable the development of affordable housing on a neighborhood scale rather than assisting individual single family properties. Single family rehabilitation must be determined to be financially sustainable from an administrative standpoint before the Association can resume providing this on an ongoing basis.

B. POINT IN TIME NEEDS ASSESSMENT

In coordination with the State of Utah's Plan to End Chronic Homelessness by the year 2014, the Five County area agrees that the goal is "every person within southwest Utah will have access to safe, decent, affordable housing with the needed resources and support for self-sufficiency and well being."

The Housing First strategy is a key to ending chronic homelessness. As mentioned in the State's plan, housing is more a basic need. Living in one's own home also brings new freedoms and responsibilities and marks the transition to adulthood in contemporary American culture. Finding and maintaining a home is a fundamental indicator of success in community life. Placing the chronically homeless in permanent supportive housing is less costly to the community than living on the street. There is a need to find affordable housing that will accommodate previously homeless individuals.

The Utah Point-in-Time survey was coordinated the week of January 30, 2014 by the State of Utah, with the help of homeless service providers, homeless clients and volunteers. This count provides a single-day "snapshot" of homelessness in Utah. A total of 54 agencies, spanning roughly 80 emergency shelters and transitional housing programs participated. In addition, food pantries, walk-in service providers, libraries, and numerous volunteers administered unsheltered street surveys for one week in an effort to identify homeless persons who were not sheltered on the night of January 29, 2014. The Point-in-Time survey generated the following information regarding homeless individuals in our region. The Local Homeless Coordinating Committee members and 180 other volunteers assisted in collecting local data for the Point-in-Time survey.

Table 11-1 Point-In-Time Survey January 29, 2014	
Homeless Persons Sheltered: 73 Family of Adult and Minor 0 Households Only Children 74 Households No Children 147 Total	Homeless Persons Unsheltered: 112 Family of Adult and Minor 2 Households Only Children 22 Households No Children 136 Total
Households Sheltered that Night: 22 Family of Adult and Minor 0 Households Only Children 72 Households No Children 94 Total	Households Unsheltered: 15 Family of Adult and Minor 0 Households Only Children 23 Households No Children 38 Total
Fourteen (14) of the counted persons were categorized as being Chronically Homeless: 6 Chronically homeless persons were sheltered 8 Chronically homeless persons were unsheltered	
Children in School who are homeless: 976 Total number of homeless school children 53 Living in motels, shelters or in places not meant for habitation 2,175 Doubling-up or living without adequate facilities	
Annualized Homeless Estimate: 9463 Total homeless individuals .44% of total population	

The 2014 Annual Report on Poverty in Utah states that "Homelessness" is the most obvious societal challenge associated with lack of affordable housing. Because the conditions and severity of homelessness vary from one individual to the next service providers recognize different categories of homelessness: transitional or situational, episodic, and chronic." Homelessness is a complex and complicated situation to alleviate. Barriers to obtaining affordable housing include, but are not limited to: lack of available units, criminal background, poor credit history, lack of identification, and lack of access to transportation.

C. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

A "HOUSING FIRST" approach for most families is the most advantageous (see Table 11-2) solution for homelessness. The focus in this approach is to provide homeless individuals and families a prompt, accessible pathway into housing and connections with appropriate mainstream services. This process reduces the amount of time an individual or family is homeless to an absolute minimum.

The components of such a plan are:

- **Housing Services:** Clearing barriers such as poor tenant history, poor credit history, identify landlords, negotiate with landlord, etc.
- **Case Management Services:** To ensure families are receiving needed supports, identifying needs, and connecting tenants with community-based services.
- **Follow-Up:** To work with tenants after they are in housing to avert crises that threaten housing stability and to solve problems.

Temporary Assistance For Needy Families Emergency Fund-- The Utah Department of Workforce Services' Department of Housing and Community Development implements the Temporary Assistance For Needy Families-Rapid Rehousing (TANF-RH) funds to benefit homeless families and those families at imminent risk of becoming homeless. The needs and status of these families will be tracked and success will be measured not just on the household level, but also the effect on the homeless system overall.

The TANF program is designed to provide nonrecurring, short-term benefits that:

- Are designed to deal with a specific crisis situation or episode of need;
- Are not intended to meet recurrent or ongoing needs; and
- Will not extend beyond four months.

Eligibility requirements of TANF are as follows:

- Family income must not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Level;
- Family must contain a citizen or legal resident;
- Family must have a dependent child living with a parent, relative or legal guardian. A dependent child is defined as a child under the age of 18; and
- All members of the family must provide a birth certificate and social security number so income and citizenship/residency status may be verified.
- All work-eligible household members must meet with an Rapid Re-Housing Employment Specialist and work toward finding a job

The TANF-NF funds are currently available through the Iron County Care and Share and the Five County Association of Governments Community Action Program. However, new TANF-RR grants for 2015 - 2018 are accepted until January 30, 2015. Five County Association of Governments and Iron County will apply for continued funding while Switchpoint Community Resource Center and Dove Center will write for new funding.

If Five County Association of Governments continues to receive TANF-RR funding, the agency will provide rapid re-housing and homeless prevention services to eligible clients in Washington, Kane, and Garfield Counties. The agency will utilize the Five County Community Resource Directory, 211, and partner agencies to market the program.

It's target populations are as follows:

1) Families experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of become homeless in rural Garfield and Kane Counties: Five County Community Action partners and CSBG subcontractors identify eligible clients and facilitate remote case management between Five County staff and families.

2) Families living outside Switchpoint and Dove Center experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless: Five County will collaborate with Switchpoint Community Resource Center and the Dove Center as co-recipients of TANF Rapid Re-Housing funding in Washington County. This will be done to provide the most appropriate service delivery option for community members who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless. Because Switchpoint and Dove Center have limited staff and many sheltered families needing re-housing services, Five County will provide rapid-rehousing and

homeless prevention services to families in less critical instances (such as clients staying with friends/family, staying at Dixie Care and Share, or clients living in hotels/motels). Five County will coordinate its efforts with Switchpoint regularly at LHCC and through the coordinated assessment process. Five County can also receive referrals from shelters if needed.

3) Eligible Families in Beaver and Iron Counties: Five County will normally refer clients in Iron and Beaver Counties towards Iron County Care and Share, who is a CSBG subcontractor and partner agency. In the event Iron County resources are exhausted, Five County may receive referrals from Iron County Care and Share as needed.

Five County Association of Governments - In addition to using TANF Rapid Re-Housing funds, Five County will use Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) to provide rapid re-housing, utility assistance, application fees, and homeless prevention services to targeted families with household incomes below the 125% Federal Poverty Guideline. Some funding will be targeting specifically to Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center for victims of domestic violence. Some Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funding may be used to provide emergency transitional housing for individuals with drug/alcohol addictions and domestic violence victims. Five County also provides rental assistance/intensive case management through Unified Housing, a state funding source aimed towards chronically homeless individuals.

Resource and Re-Entry Center (R&RC)-- This program was developed to provide wrap-around services for inmates who are released from incarceration. R&RC also helps other individuals who need support including people who are homeless, abused, veterans, or disabled. RR&C offers a solution that incorporates the following areas:

- Mentoring, Friendship, & Guidance
- Education and Training (job skills, etc.)
- Employment assistance
- Social Services
- Transitional Housing to Affordable Housing
- Transportation Assistance
- Life Skills Training, Guidance, & Support
  - Building Self Worth, Self Belief, & Self Respect
  - Teaching Respect and Empathy for Others
  - Financial Literacy - Budgets, Credit, Banking
  - Morals and Ethics Training
  - Interpersonal Relationships

Empowering former inmates who desire change in their lives to believe in themselves and in their ability to change. As we do this we also help them learn life skills that are critical to productive and health integration into society. RR&C also has a thrift store that takes donations to assist with funding the program and provide job training to clients.

The Southwest Behavioral Health Center (SWBHC)-- A public agency created by the Five Counties comprising southwestern Utah that is designated to serve persons who suffer with severe mental illness and with additional disorders. The Center has observed an increase in homelessness among those participating in its services. Various factors appear to contribute to this problem, including: a lack of

affordable housing in the area, screening practices that exclude those with previous legal problems, financial limitations, and the ongoing issue with stigma against these populations. Homelessness makes the rehabilitation of this population of people very difficult because it:

- Interferes with emotional and social stability.
- Increases the likelihood of arrests.
- Increases the number of emergency room contacts and inpatient psychiatric admissions.
- Decreases treatment compliance and the ability of Center staff to monitor medications.
- Precludes entitlement, training, and employment opportunities due to a lack of an address.
- Increases stigma and decreases public support due to the number of individuals walking the streets.

The Southwest Behavioral Center (SWBHC) received Continuum of Care funds to construct Permanent Housing for persons who meet the criteria for chronically mentally ill (including substance abuse disorders) and who are at risk for chronic homelessness. Along with the Continuum of Care funds, they received Critical Needs Housing monies to use as cash match. Three duplexes, known as "Dixie View", provide a total of 16 beds to provide housing for a combination of single residents or single adults with children. Although treatment is received on an outpatient basis, each resident receives case management and an individual treatment plan outlining and addressing needs such as psychiatric needs including medication monitoring, medical needs, counseling, employment and vocational needs, recreational, and any other specialized need the resident might have. It is the hope of SWBHC to assist as many individuals as possible in this target population and to decrease the risk of homelessness as well as increase valuable skills needed to better manage their illness and become satisfied members of the community.

Southwest Behavioral Health Center received additional funding in FY 2013 for an additional 12 units of permanent housing. The target population includes people with mental health disabilities and/or substance abuse disorders and who are homeless or chronically homeless. These individuals either struggle to gain housing in the community because they lack appropriate life skills or because of legal history, poor credit, and/or poor rental history.

Participants must be literally homeless. The definition of Homeless establishes four categories under which an individual or family may qualify as homeless. The categories are literally homeless, imminent risk of homeless, and individuals fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence. Participants will be selected based on their level of housing need and individuals defined as "chronic homeless" will be first priority. HUD defines a Chronically Homeless person as: "either (1) an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless for a year or more, OR (2) an unaccompanied individual with a disabling condition who has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years. A chronically homeless family is a household with at least one adult the meets requirements as a chronically homeless individual. Southwest Behavioral Health Center will carry the master lease. Residents will be provided clinical services, such as case management, employment training, skills training, therapy, and psychiatric services, based on their individual needs

assessment and have an opportunity to increase employment skills to further job opportunities and work on barriers that may interfere with living independently in a community setting.

Iron County Care and Share-- This non-profit organization provides many humanitarian services to individuals and families needing assistance in Iron County. These services include:

Community Assistance

- Case Management
- Food Bank - Food Distribution
- Direct Food Stamp Application
- Rental/Mortgage Assistance
- Medical/Prescription Assistance
- Rehabilitation Assistance
- Budget & Life Skills Counseling
- Clothing Vouchers
- Gas Vouchers
- Bus Vouchers
- Other Community Service Referrals

Homeless Shelter Assistance

- Case Management
- Emergency Shelter
- Food - Hot Meals & Sack Lunches
- Homeless Outreach
- Shower Facilities
- Laundry Facilities
- Transitional Housing
- Housing First Pilot Program
- Rehabilitation Assistance
- SSD/SSI Application Assistance (Expedited)

The shelter includes nine women's shelter beds and 12 men's shelter beds, two family shelter units, common kitchen, dining, and commercial laundry area, and offices.

Switchpoint Homeless Shelter, Community Resource Center and Pantry(CRC)-- The Friends of the Volunteers organized a Community Resource Center to provide information and resources to people in Washington County who are in need of food, shelter, and services. They provide connections and funding to help people to become housed. They also provide internet access, emergency food, housing support for homeless households, etc. They also provide services to homeless individuals living outside the shelter as well such as access to laundry and shower facilities. The CRC opened their doors in October 2013 and had a steady increase in people accessing services and many success stories helping households to find permanent housing solutions. They house a Department of Workforce Services Specialist and Work Success program which is yielding positive results. As of January 2015, Switchpoint opened up an overflow area to house more clients during freezing conditions. It will open up overflow operations in the summer with excessive heat.
Dixie Care and Share(DCS)-- Dixie Care & Share is an independent community-based charity that was founded in 1980 by Ruth and Harvey McGee. Their initial idea to help others was formulated by visits to the churches and leading community organizations in St. George. The Dixie Care and Share's mission is to provide food and

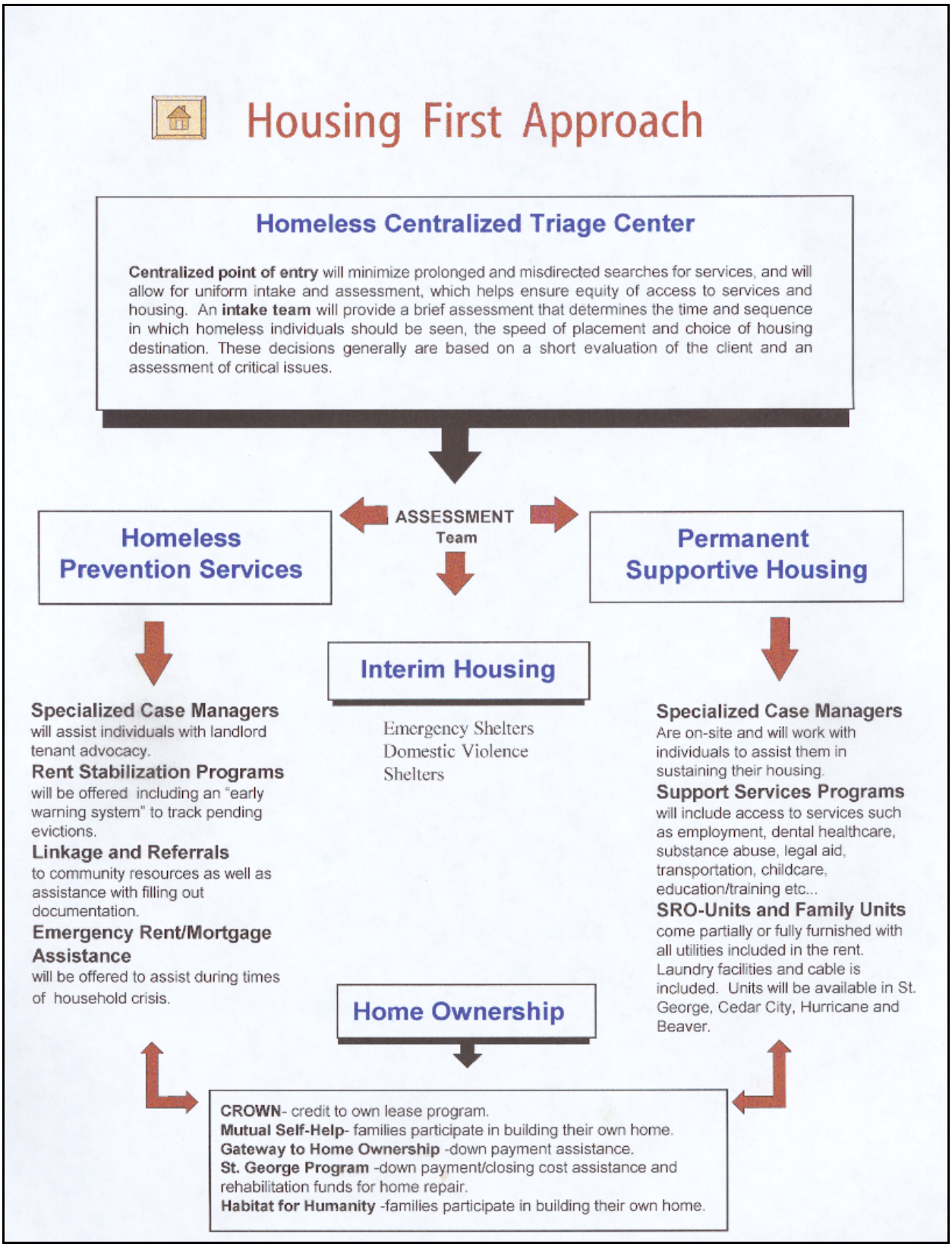
shelter to homeless and disadvantaged people in Washington County, and facilitate their self-reliance and independence. DCS provides emergency shelter and meals, transitional housing, support and information too people looking for help. Because no organization can do everything alone, the following partners are integral to our success in serving the poor:

With the opening of Switchpoint Community Resource Center, Dixie Care and Share has modified its mission to meet another unmet community need - workforce/transitional housing. Dixie Care and Share now provides transitional housing to 18 men, 8 women, and 6 families who have access to meals, a bed, and a shower for $10.00 a day for those who are working.

DOVE Center-- Building a community of peace on person, one family, one home at a time. DOVE Center provides a safe, caring, and confidential shelter, advocacy, and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Services include emergency shelter, crisis intervention, 24 hour hotline, advocacy, and case management to assist clients to move toward self-sufficiency.

Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center-- Shelter and assistance for survivors of domestic violence, rape and sexual assault in Iron, Beaver, Garfield and Kane counties. Services include emergency housing, food and clothing, information and referral, counseling, support groups, and assistance in devising a self-sufficiency plan.

Table 11-2
Housing First Approach



D. OVERALL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. Local Government Housing Needs Summary

The following general needs in relationship to affordable housing continue to exist in the Five County region:

- rehabilitation of deteriorated housing stock is needed to bring them into standard condition;
- rehabilitation of substandard rental units to standard condition;
- providing for the availability of safe and adequate rentals;
- a need for seasonal rental housing to support the tourism industry;
- developing additional water and sewer capacity for housing development in higher growth rate areas.

2. Regional Analysis of Affordable Housing Needs

The Five County Association of Governments identifies the following needs and impacts pertaining to affordable housing for the region:

- Partnerships between local communities, information sharing, and mutual housing assistance will continue to be advantageous in addressing affordable housing issues.

- Issues relating to affordability of housing, particularly for single parent householders with young children, continues to be a need in the region.

- Issues with local governments developing and maintaining adequate infrastructure to support additional development continues to exist.

- There is a strong need for continued coordination and cooperation between all levels of government (local/county/regional/state) to more effectively address housing issues.

- Home buyers education programs should be used to help new home owners learn to more effectively manage their finances, learn life skills, and maintain their investments, and make good choices on housing needs versus wants; and, such programs help reduce mortgage interest rates with most banks. CDBG funds can be used for this eligible activity. The Association would consider an application from agencies such as a housing authority or housing development organization to undertake such training classes.

- Some poverty-level households – migrant workers, seasonal and minimum-wage service workers, and elderly or physically/mentally impaired – may be living in substandard, unsafe housing. Housing stock for this income level continues to be in short supply. What is available is frequently in substandard and unsafe condition. People in these income categories may be living out of automobiles, camp trailers or tents, living with relatives, or may remain homeless. Further study to quantify this need is needed.

E. SPECIAL NEEDS HOMELESS HOUSING PRIORITIES

1. **Chronically Homeless:** Working to end chronic homelessness is a priority. This category of homelessness is defined as individuals with disabling conditions who have been homeless for a year or more, or have experienced at least four episodes of homelessness within three years. This group of individuals represents about 12% of the homeless population and consumes up to 50% of the available resources. While some of the chronically homeless individuals may qualify for or have limited income from wages and/or public benefits, they will ultimately require long-term subsidization of both housing and services to become as self-sufficient as possible. Many of the chronically homeless individuals contend with mental health issues and because of their disability will additionally require long-term case management to be successful in maintaining housing. Although the actual count of chronically homeless individuals is not as high as in more densely populated areas there remains a substantial need to avoid community decay and expenses locally. Permanent supportive housing with appropriate and available services with ongoing case management is a highly successful, cost-effective strategy to stabilize this section of the homeless population. The necessity to make available more opportunities for housing first supports is imperative. The need for affordable, safe housing is still vastly important to reduce the exhaustion of shelter, law enforcement, emergency medical and other community services.

2. **Homeless Youth:** Unaccompanied Youth (an individual under 15 years of age): The process for discharging youth from the custody of the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) requires a transitional plan be developed at least 90 days prior to exit with youth exiting foster care at age 18. Specific exit plan are to include: connections; support services; housing; health insurance; vocational and educational needs; employment and workforce supports. DCFS Caseworkers are responsible for preparing youth for exiting foster care. Options for discharge may include: family members, foster parents, apartments, FUP utilization, student housing, supervised living through other programs such as Division of Services to People with Disabilities (DSPD). The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) and DHS have created a partnership forming the DHS Discharge Planning Workgroup. Representatives for DHS, Juvenile Justice Services, DCFS, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, and DSPD come together to implement changes that will improve housing stability and prevent homelessness for youth making the transition from state custody to emancipation. Other stakeholders involved include the Department of Community and Culture, Housing Authorities with Family Unification Programs; Utah Job Corp, Court Improvement Project, Office of the Guardian Ad Litem, Initiatives on Utah Children in Foster Care, the Youth Mentoring Project, Utah Foster Care Foundation and Local Homeless Coordinating Councils.

   Older youth still in Foster Care (usually over 16 or 17, mature, and unattached to a Foster Family) can be transitioned to Independent Living arrangements where they are housed in an apartment and Foster Care payment is made directly to the youth. The Department of Child and Family Services is currently working with local apartment complex owners to reserve four apartments for this type of transitional situation. The need to provide case management to assist the homeless youth to find housing, education, food and employment as well as meeting the psycho-social needs of local homeless youth, including youth from the

Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS) is substantial. The St. George area has reports of homeless youth staying in the public parks. Homeless youth also tend to move from location to location; moving in and out of homes and facilities making it difficult to count or manage the young population. The Youth Crisis Center and the Division of Juvenile Justice Services staff have voiced a need for additional day and residential supports. Additionally although there are some supports for 16 year old to 18 year old and a Family Support Center for juvenile 0-12, there is a gap in services for children 13-16 years old creating a considerable deficient in services.

3. **Homeless Chronic Substance Abusers:** These individuals have special needs that are not met in the traditional shelter setting. Homeless substance abusers need rehabilitation services in a safe and structured environment that provides therapy to enable them to perceive the broader causes of substance abuse and understand addictive behavioral patterns. After rehabilitation many homeless substance abusers need affordable transitional housing which is not readily available. Mental health and chemical dependency treatment services are organized on a regional basis, with offices locally.

4. **Homeless Veterans:** In addition to the complex set of factors affecting all homelessness a large number of displaced and at-risk veterans live with lingering effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse, compounded by a lack of family and social support networks. Homeless veterans need secure, safe, and clean housing that is free of drugs and alcohol, and provides a supportive environment. The Utah County Veterans Council found the most effective programs for homeless and at-risk veterans are community-based, nonprofit, vets-helping-vets groups. The Resource and Re-entry Center (R&RE) is a Program that is attempting to address some of the needs of the homeless veterans in the Five County area by providing mentors who assist in locating housing, services, employment and resources. The Veterans Administration has received housing vouchers for homeless veterans and has provided a representative to work with homeless veterans to find and keep housing. Currently the Veterans Administration has housing supports through the Homeless services announcing that there should be no homeless veterans anymore. The difficulty for helping homeless Veterans is finding them and building a trusting relationship.

5. **Homeless Seriously Mentally Ill:** Service providers have reported an increase in service levels to the homeless over each of the past several years. When this is measured with the relatively constant proportion of individuals who are mentally ill in the general population, the assumption is that the need for services for homeless individuals who are mentally ill will continue to increase. Local service providers indicate that financial resources to provide supportive, community-based services needs to be made available to homeless mentally ill. This population needs on-going support to assist with vocational training, substance abuse treatment, money management, scheduling and attending appointments, and assistance with applying for social security disability benefits. DWS now has a SOAR trained case manager to help with Social Security applications. The SMI homeless population also needs supportive care in an affordable housing situation. Providing affordable housing opportunities alone will not be sufficient to insure stable living conditions, as they often need supportive case management to monitor their physical and medical needs.

6. **Victims of Domestic Violence:** Homeless persons with children who have fled a domestic violence situation need help in accessing safe and suitable permanent housing, legal services, support groups, substance abuse classes, transportation and job training. The DOVE Center, Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center and Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation are working toward meeting the needs of victims of domestic violence. Kane, Beaver and Garfield counties do not currently have locally based crisis center services and have expressed the need to provide services within each of the rural counties.

7. **Persons with HIV/AIDS:** According to data from the Utah Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program there were 2,690 cumulative HIV/AIDS cases in the state of Utah through December 31, 2011. In addition, there were 1,049 HIV (non AIDS) cases reported. In 2011 there were 92 newly diagnosed reported cases of AIDS in Utah. Forty-nine individuals with HIV live in the Southwest Health District that is comprised of Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties. According to the Utah Department of Health, a majority of persons with AIDS living in rural areas travel to the Wasatch Front for medical treatment. The St. George Housing Authority provides limited assistance for persons with HIV/AIDS through Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) vouchers and short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance for southwestern rural Utah, which includes the five counties.

Table 11-3
Special Needs (Non-Homeless) Populations

Special Needs Sub-Populations	Priority Need Level High, Medium, Low No Such Need
Elderly	H
Frail Elderly	H
Severe Mental Illness	H
Developmentally Disabled	H
Physically Disabled	H
Persons w/Alcohol/Other Drug Addictions	H
Persons w/HIV/AIDS	M
Other	

F. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Association staff will continue to identify potential barriers to housing affordability, as well as develop strategies that are currently not being utilized so that they may be implemented to overcome increasing challenges faced in meeting affordable housing needs in the Five County region.

The Five County Association of Governments is a regional planning organization which provides technical assistance to local governments which adopt local plans and land use ordinances. We do not have regulatory authority within each incorporated city. Because of our role is to function as a technical support agency, our staff at the Association will continue to work with local governments to identify and help them implement the strategies identified in the local jurisdiction's general plan, zoning, subdivision and other land use ordinances and codes.

G. LEAD BASED PAINT STRATEGY

It is the policy of the Five County Association of Governments to test only homes that were built prior to 1978. The HOME and Weatherization Program tests only those areas that might be disturbed during weatherization or rehabilitation activities to determine if lead safe work practices must be implemented. If lead is found, employees of the agency and any sub contractor will be certified to do lead safe work practices. The home owner will be notified and will be given a Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home brochure. It should be noted that all homes built prior to 1978 will receive this brochure even if there are no surfaces are being disturbed.

APPENDIX A.

ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN
CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN LISTS

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
BEAVER COUNTY						
Beaver County		Beaver County Strategic Planning	$ 50,000	PCIFB County	$ 25,000 25,000	2015
	H-1	**Beaver County SSD #1** Purchase Fire Truck	$ 400,000	PCIFB SSD Funds	$ 300,000 100,000	2015
	H-1	**Beaver County SSD #2** Wildland Fire Trucks	$ 320,000	PCIFB CDBG SSD	$ 100,000 200,000 20,000	2015
Beaver City	H-1	Opera House / Senior Complex	$ 280,000	PCIFB (Grant) PCIFB (Loan) City Historical	$ 120,000 120,000 30,000 10,000	2015
Milford City	H	City/County Building	$ 1,484,900	PCIFB (Grant) PCIFB (Loan)	$ 742,450 742,500	2015
	M	Water Master Plan	$ 42,000	PCIFB (Grant) City	$ 21,000 21,000	2015
	H-1	**Beaver City Housing Authority** Acquisition of Existing and/or Construction of Multi-family Housing (6-10 Units)	$ 600,000	CDBG Olene Walker Rural Dev.	$ 300,000 100,000 200,000	2015
Minersville	H-1	Park Restrooms and Park Development	$ 100,000	UT Parks & Rec./Donations Town	$ 100,000	2015
	H-2	Drainage Study and Construction	$ 280,000	PCIFB Town	$ 280,000	2015
	H-3	Community Center	$ 1,000,000	PCIFB Town	$ 1,000,000	2015

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
SOUTHWEST UTAH PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT						
Southwest Utah Public Health Department		No projects listed on one-year list				
SOUTHWEST UTAH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER						
Southwest Utah Behavioral Health Center		No information submitted for one-year list				

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
GARFIELD COUNTY						
Garfield County	H	Public Safety Facility Expansion	$ 1,000,000	PCIFB (Loan) County	$ 500,000 500,000	2015
	H	Public Works Complex	$ 800,000	PCIFB (Loan) County	$ 400,000 400,000	2015
	H	**Mammoth Creek Special Service Fire District** Multipurpose Comm./ Command Post Facility	$ 150,000	PCIFB (Loan) PCIFB (Grant) Fire District	$ 100,000 30,000 20,000	2015
	H	**Panguitch Lake Fire SSD** Building for Storage of Rescue/Fire Equipment	$ 100,000	PCIFB (Loan)	$ 100,000	2015
		Paunsaugunt Cliffs Special Service District No projects included on one-year list				
Antimony	H-1	Curb and Gutter	$ 500,000	PCIFB (Grant)	$ 500,000	2015
	H-2	Town Park Improvements	$ 250,000	PCIFB (Grant)	$ 2 50,000	2015
Boulder	H-1	Create and Improve Parking at Community Center and Firehouse	$ 11,000	PCIFB (Grant) Town	$ 8,000 3,000	2015
Bryce Canyon City	H	Bike Path Improvements	$ 100,000	PCIFB (Grant)	$ 100,000	2015
	H	Main Street Improvements	$ 100,000	PCIFB (Grant)	$ 100,000	2015
	H	Community Center	$ 500,000	PCIFB (Grant)	$ 500,000	2015
	H	Master Pedestrian Plan	$ 30,000	PCIFB (Grant) Town	$ 15,000 15,000	2015
Cannonville		No information submitted for one-year list				

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
Escalante	H-1	City Drainage	$ 600,000	PCIFB / CDBG City	$ 550,000 50,000	2015
	H-2	Community Center	$ 300,000	PCIFB /CDBG City	$ 295,000 5,000	2015
	H-3	Main Street Master Plan	$ 40,000	PCIFB Other	$ 35,000 5,000	2015
Hatch	H-1	Community Center/Fire Station Improvements Ground Source Heat Pump, Water Heater, Back-up Generator for Community Center Man Door, Resurface/grade entry to Fire Station, SCBA (3)	$ 50,000	CDBG Town	$ 48,000 2,000	2015
Henrieville	H-1	Park Improvements/Handicap Plan	$ 75,000	PCIFB	$ 75,000	2015
	H-2	Road Maintenance Equipment /Security Equipment	$ 85,000	PCIFB	$ 85,000	2015
Panguitch	H-1	Industrial Park Land Development	$ 120,000	PCIFB City	$ 100,000 20,000	2015
	H-2	Blight Cleanup of Old Buildings	$ 200,000	PCIFB /CDBG City	$ 150,000 50,000	2015
	H-3	Secondary Water Improvements	$ 1,000,000	PCIFB (Loan) Central UT Proj. West Panguitch Irrigation	$ 300,000 500,000 200,000	2015
Tropic	H-1	Small Community Center	$ 300,000	CDBG	$ 300,000	2015
SOUTHWEST UTAH PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT						
Southwest Utah Public Health Department		No projects listed on one-year list				

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
SOUTHWEST UTAH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER						
Southwest Utah Behavioral Health Center		No projects listed on one-year list				

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
IRON COUNTY						
Iron County	H-1	Beryl Fire Department Improvements - Drill Well and Ground Source Heat Project	$ 150,000	CDBG	$ 150,000	2015
	H-2	Construction of Law Enforcement Building to House State Agencies and Emergency Operations Center	$ 3,000,000	PCIFB (Loan)	$ 3,000,000	2015-16
	H-3	Right-of-way Acquisition - Cedar Valley Belt Route, North from SR-56	$ 1,000,000	PCIFB (L/G) MV Funding Local Match	Not Yet Determined	2015
	H-4	Flood Chanel Development: Parowan - Paragonah; Cedar Valley - Escalante Valley (Multi-year project)	$ 1,500,000	PCIFB Local Match	Not Yet Determined	2015
	H-5	Water System Improvements for Old Meadows Ranches	$ 217,000	PCIFB (L/G)	$ 217,000	2015
Brian Head	H-1	Wastewater Treatment Plant	$ 4,000,000	USDA/Town	$ 4,000,000	2015
	H-2	Trails System Master Plan	$ 50,000	PCIFB USPR	$ 25,000 25,000	2015
	H-3	Public Works Maintenance Facility	$ 1,000,000	PCIFB/USDA	$ 1,000,000	2015
	M-1	Village Way Sewer Line Repairs	$ 520,000	USDA/Town	$ 520,000	2015
	M-2	First Responder Vehicle Replacement	$ 35,000	PCIFB/Town	$ 35,000	2015
	M-3	Aerial Fire Truck	$ 1,000,000	PCIFB/Town	$ 1,000,000	2015
	L-1	Street Master Plan (Rural Planning Group)	$ 14,000	PCIFB (Grant) Town	$ 7,000 7,000	2015
	L-2	Pumper Truck Replacement	$ 325,000	PCIFB/Town	$ 325,000	2015
	L-3	Extrication Equipment Replacement	$ 20,000	PCIFB Town	$ 20,000	2015

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
Cedar City	H-1	200 South to Center Street / Westside of I-15 Storm Drain Project	$ 300,000	Private Bond, DWQ, Interfund Loan	$ 300,000	2015
	H-2	Water Line Replacement - Replace 2" and 4" lines to increase fire flow	$ 5,000,000	Water Fund, Private Bonds, PCIFB DDW	$ 2,000,000	2015
	H-3	**Cedar City Housing Authority** Property Acquisition for LMI Housing (May include old ICC&S Building) - Development of 2-4 low-income housing units	$ 910,000	CDBG OWHLF	$ 300,000 610,000	2014-15
	H-4	4500 West Sewer Outfall Extension from 1600 N. To Center Street to reduce load on MTI lift station				2015
	H-5	Animal Control Building Design	$ 131,490			2015
	M	Coal Creek Road at I-15 - Overpass Widening				2015
Enoch City	H-1	New Culinary Water Well	$ 750,000	PCIFB (Loan) PCIFB (Grant) City (Water)	$ 225,000 225,000 300,000	2015
	H-2	Storm water Drainage Improvements	$ 120,000	PCIFB (Grant) City (Gen Fund)	$ 60,000 60,000	2015
	H-2	New Animal Shelter	$ 150,000	PCIFB (Grant) Private Donors City	$ 35,000 25,000 90,000	2015
Kanarraville		No information submitted for one-year list				
Paragonah	H-1	Post Office Addition	$ 300,000	PCIFB (Grant) Town	$ 200,000 100,000	2015
Parowan		No projects included on the one-year list				

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
CEDAR CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY						
	H-1	Housing Assistance Payments - Section 8 (Continued)	$ 575,000	HUD	$ 575,000	2015
	H-1	Rental Assistance - Continued and New (Continue and New)	$ 277,000	USDA	$ 277,000	2015
	H-1	TANF - Funded "Financial Responsibility" Classes	$ 31,000		$ 31,000	2015
IRON COUNTY CARE & SHARE						
	H-3	Iron County Care and Share - (La Casa Permanent Supportive Housing)	$ 12,740	Balance of State Continuum of Care (HUD)	$ 15,000	2015
			50,000	Donation ICC&S Sale of Assets	50,000	
SOUTHWEST UTAH PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT						
Southwest Utah Public Health Department		No projects listed on one-year list				
SOUTHWEST UTAH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER						
Southwest Utah Behavioral Health Center		No projects listed on one-year list				

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
KANE COUNTY						
Kane County	H-1	Meals on Wheels Trucks (2)	$ 100,292	CDBG County	$ 90,292 10,000	2015
	H	Drainage for Vermilion Cliffs Estate	$	PCIFB	To Be Determined	2015
Alton		No information submitted for one-year list				
Big Water	H-1	Backup Generator for Water System and Water Tank Repair	$ 200,000	CDBG Town	$ 200,000	2015
Glendale		No information submitted for one-year list				
Kanab City	H-1	Fire Station #1 Remodel	$ 600,000	PCIFB (Loan)	$ 600,000	2015
	H-2	Tennis Courts	$ 200,000	PCIFB (Loan)	$ 200,000	2015
Orderville	H-1	Upgrade cooking area at Town Park	$ 75,000	PCIFB (Grant) Town	$ 65,000 10,000	2015
	H-1	Tennis Courts	$ 140,000	USDA Town School	$ TBD 20,000 TBD	2015
	H-2	Shooting Range	$ 75,000	CDBG/CIB (Grant)	$ 75,000	2015
	H-2	Main Street Beautification	$ 2,000,000	PCIFB (Grant) CDBG	$ 1,850,000 150,000	2015

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
KANE COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT						
Kane Co. Water Conservancy District	H	Office Building/Warehouse	$ 780,000	PCIFB (Loan) PCIFB (Grant) Water District	$ 420,000 280,000 80,000	2015
KANE COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES - SSD						
Kane County Human Resources SSD	H	Procure a New Patient Van	$ 100,000	PCIFB (L/G)	$ 100,000	2015
	H	Master Plan - Hospital Expansion/Remodel	$ 200,000	PCIFB (Grant) SSD	$ 100,000 100,000	2015
SOUTHWEST UTAH PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT						
Southwest Utah Public Health Department		No projects listed on one-year list				
SOUTHWEST UTAH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER						
Southwest Utah Behavioral Health Center		No projects listed on one-year list				

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
WASHINGTON COUNTY						
Washington County		No projects included on one-year list				
	H-1	**Angell Springs Special Service District** Culinary Water System - Loop Water Lines	$ 150,000	CDBG	$ 150,000	2015
	H-1	**Leeds Area SSD** Fire Station Addition	$ 195,000	PCIFB (Loan) PCIFB (Grant)	$ 100,000 $95,000	2015
Apple Valley	H-1	Structure Fire Engine	$ 280,000	PCIFB CDBG	$ 80,000 200,000	2015
	H-2	Gateway Project	$ 1,500,000	PCIFB (Loan)	$ 1,500,000	2015
	H-3	Complete Town Park	$ 40,000	PCIFB (Loan)	$ 40,000	2015
	H-4	Cemetery Infrastructure	$ 75,000		$ 75,000	2015
Enterprise City		No information submitted for one-year list				
Hildale		No information submitted for one-year list				
Hurricane City	H	Coral Canyon Fire Station	$ 1,500,000	PCIFB (Loan) Local	$ 1,250,000 250,000	2015
	H	Dixie Care & Share Building	$ 350,000	CDBG Care & Share	$300,000 50,000	2015
Ivins City	H	Comprehensive Master Plans - Impact Fee Facilities Plan and Impact Fee Analysis	$ 250,000	PCIFB (Grant) City	$ 125,000 125,000	2015
	H	Two Million Gallon Water Tank & System Improvements	$ 2,200,000	PCIFB (Loan)	$ 2,200,000	2015
	H	Fire Station Expansion and Remodel	$ 300,000	PCIFB (Loan) City	$ 250,000 50,000	2015

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
LaVerkin City	H-1	Addition to Fire Station	$ 355,000	CDBG District/City	$ 300,000 55,000	2015
	H-2	Feasibility Study of Community Center	$ 40,000	PCIFB (Grant) City	$ 20,000 20,000	2015
Leeds		No information submitted for one-year list				
New Harmony		No information submitted for one-year list				
Rockville		No information submitted for one-year list				
St. George City		No information submitted for one-year list				
Santa Clara City		No projects listed on the one-year list				
Springdale	H-1	Street Lighting Replacement	$ 586,000	PCIFB (Grant) Town	$ 439,500 146,500	2015
	H-2	Cemetery Road Replacement	$ 140,000	Town	$ 140,000	2015
	H-3	Ball Field Restrooms	$ 150,000	Town	$ 150,000	2015
Toquerville City		No information submitted for one-year list				
Virgin		No projects included on the one-year list				
Washington City	H	Police Building	$ 3,500,000	City (Bond)	$ 3,500,000	2015
	H	Sullivan Virgin River Soccer Phase 2	$ 4,200,000	City (Impact)	$ 4,300,000	2015
	H	Fire Station Combination with Hurricane for Coral Canyon	$ 650,000	City (Impact)	$ 650,000	2015
	H	Annual Maintenance of Existing City Streets	$ 700,000	City	$ 700,000	2015
	M	100 South Rebuild	$ 214,396	City	$ 214,396	2015

Jurisdiction	Local Priority	Project Description	Estimated Total Cost	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Year Submitted
Washington City (Continued)	L	Industrial Outfall Sewer Line Phase 2	$ 225,000	City (Sewer Fees)	$ 225,000	2015
FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS						
Five County Association of Governments	H-1	Administration, Consolidated Plan, Rating & Ranking - $50,000 Ed Technical Assistance/Planning and Program Delivery - $40,000	$ 90,000	CDBG	$ 90,000	2015
	H-1	Mutual Self-Help Housing (5 Units)	$	USDA	$	2015
SOUTHWEST UTAH PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT						
Southwest Utah Public Health Department		No projects listed on one-year list				
SOUTHWEST UTAH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER						
Southwest Utah Behavioral Health Center	H-1	Operations funding for Dixie View Housing Matters Project	$ 18,156 47,123	Balance of State Continuum of Care (HUD)	$ 27,000	2015
ST. GEORGE CITY - FRIENDS OF SWITCHPOINT						
Friends of Switchpoint	H-1	Operations funding for new Homeless Shelter (Switchpoint)	$ 112,360	Balance of State Continuum of Care (HUD)	$ 27,000	2015
WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT						
Washington County Water Conservancy District		No information submitted for one-year list				

APPENDIX B.

FY 2015 RATING AND RANKING CRITERIA, FORMS, WORKSHEETS, POLICIES AND DATA SOURCES

FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2015 CDBG RATING AND RANKING CRITERIA and APPLICANT'S PROJECT SCORE SHEET

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee (RRC) has established these criteria for the purpose of rating and ranking fairly and equitably all Community Development Block Grant applications received for funding during FY 2015. Only projects which are determined to be threshold eligible will be rated and ranked. Eligibility will be determined following review of the submitted CDBG application with all supporting documentation provided prior to rating and ranking. Please review the attached Data Sources Sheet for a more detailed explanation of each criteria.

Applicant:		**Requested CDBG $'s**		**Ranking:**		**of**		**Total Score:**	

	CDBG Rating and Ranking Criteria Description Five County Association of Governments	Data	Data Range/Score (circle only one for each criteria)						Score	X Weight	Total Score
1	Capacity to Carry Out The Grant: Performance history of capacity to administer grant. Score comes from Worksheet #1. (First-time & <5-yr grantees: default = Good)		Excellent (9-10 score) 4 points	Very Good (7-8 score) 3 points	Good (5-6 score) 2 points	Fair (3-4 score) 1 point	Poor (1-2 score) 0 points			.5	
2	Grant Administration: Concerted effort made by grantee to minimize grant administration costs.		0% CDBG Funds 3 points	1 - 5% 2 points	5.1 - 10% 1 point					1.0	
3	Job Creation: Estimated number of new permanent jobs completed project will create or number of jobs retained that would be lost without this project.		> 4 Jobs 4 points	3-4 Jobs 3 points	2 Jobs 2 points	1 Job 1 point				1.5	
4	Unemployment: What percentage is applicant County's unemployment percentage rate above State average percentage rate?	%	4.1% or greater above state average 3.0 points	3.1% - 4.0% above state average 2.5 points	2.1% - 3.0% above state average 2.0 points	1.1% - 2.0% above state average 1.5 points	.1% - 1.0% above state average 1.0 point	Up to state average 0 points		1.5	
5 A	Financial Commitment to Community Development (Self-help Financing) - *(Jurisdiction Population <500)* Percent of non-CDBG funds invested in total project cost.	%	> 10% 5 points	7.1 % - 10% 4 points	4.1% - 7% 3 points	1% - 4% 2 points	< 1% 1 point			2.0	
5 B	Financial Commitment to Community Development (Self-help Financing) - *(Jurisdiction Population 501 - 1,000)* Percentage of non-CDBG funds invested in total project cost.	%	> 20% 5 points	15.1 - 20% 4 points	10.1 - 15% 3 points	5.1 - 10% 2 points	1 - 5.0% 1 point			2.0	
5 C	Financial Commitment to Community Development (Self-help Financing) - *(Jurisdiction Population 1,001 - 5,000)* Percentage of non-CDBG funds invested in total project cost.	%	> 30% 5 points	25.1 - 30% 4 points	20.1 - 25% 3 points	15.1 - 20% 2 points	1 - 15% 1 point			2.0	
5 D	Financial Commitment to Community Development (Self-help Financing) - *(Jurisdiction Population >5,000)* Percentage of non-CDBG funds invested in total project cost.	%	> 40% 5 points	35.1 - 40% 4 points	30.1 - 35% 3 points	25.1 - 30% 2 points	1 - 25% 1 point			2.0	

	CDBG Rating and Ranking Criteria Description Five County Association of Governments	Data	Data Range/Score (circle only one for each criteria)						Score	X Weight	Total Score
6	**CDBG funds Requested Per Capita:** CDBG funds requested divided by # of beneficiaries.		$1 - 100 5 points	$101-200 4 points	$201- 400 3 points	$401 - 800 2 points	$801 or > 1 point			1.0	
7 T*	**Jurisdiction's Project Priority:** Project priority rating in Regional Consolidated Plan, (Capital Investment Plan - One-Year Action Plan)		High # 1 6 points	High # 2 5 points	High # 3 4 points	High # 4 3 points	High # 5 2 points	High # >5 1 point		2.0	
8	**County's Project Priority:** Prioritization will be determined by the three (3) appointed Steering Committee members representing the county in which the proposed project is located. The three (3) members of the Steering Committee include: one County Commission Representative, one Mayor's Representative, and one School Board Representative. (Note: for AOG application, determination is made by the Steering Committee Chair, in consultation with the AOG Finance Committee.)		# 1 6 points	# 2 5 points	# 3 4 points	# 4 3 points	# 5 2 points	#6 or > 1 point		2.0	
9	**Regional Project Priority:** Determined by the Executive Director with consultation of the AOG Finance Committee members. The Finance Committee is comprised of one (1) County Commissioner from each of the five counties.		# 1 Public Safety Activities 6 points	# 2 LMI Housing Activities 5 points	# 3 Community Facilities 4 points	# 4 Public Utility Infrastructure 3 points	# 5 Remove Architectural Barriers (ADA) 2 points	#6 or > Parks and Recreation 1 point		2.0	
10	**LMI Housing Stock:** Number of units constructed, rehabilitated, or made accessible to LMI residents.		> 20 Units 8.5 points	15 - 20 Units 7 points	10 - 14 Units 5.5 points	5-9 Units 4 points	3-4 Units 2.5 points	2 Units 1 point		1.0	
11	**Affordable Housing Plan Implementation:** City has adopted an Affordable Housing Plan and this project demonstrates implementation of specific policies in the Plan. Towns applying for credit under this criteria may either meet a goal in their adopted Affordable Housing Plan or the project meets a regional affordable housing goal in the Consolidated Plan.		YES 3 points	No 0 points						1.0	
12	**Project's Geographical Impact:** Area benefitting from project.		Regional 3.5 points	Multi-county 3.0 points	County-wide 2.5 points	Multi-community 2.0 points	Community 1.5 points	Portion of Community 1 point		1.5	
13	**Jurisdiction's Property Tax Rate:** In response to higher demand for services, many communities have already raised tax rates to fund citizen needs. The communities that maintain an already high tax burden (as compared to the tax ceiling set by state law) will be given higher points for this category. Property tax rate as a percent of the maximum allowed by law (3 point default for non-taxing jurisdiction).	%	> 50% 5 points	40.1 - 50% 4 points	30.1 - 40% 3 points	20.1 - 30% 2 points	10.1 - 20% 1 point	< 10% 0 points		1.0	

	CDBG Rating and Ranking Criteria Description Five County Association of Governments	Data	Data Range/Score (circle only one for each criteria)						Score	X Weight	Total Score
14	**Jurisdiction's LMI Population:** Percent of residents considered 80 percent or less LMI (based on LMI Survey).	%	91 - 100% 5 points	81 - 90% 4 points	71 - 80% 3 points	61 - 70% 2 points	51 - 60% 1 point			1.0	
15	**Extent of Poverty:** If an applicant satisfactorily documents the percentage of Low Income (LI - 50%) and Very Low Income (VLI - 30%)) persons directly benefitting from a project; or can show the percentage of Low Income/Very Low Income of the community as a whole; additional points shall be given in accordance with the following. Percentage of total population of jurisdiction or project area who are low income and very low income.	%	20% or More 5 points	15 - 19% 4 points	10 - 14% 3 points	5 - 9% 2 points	1 - 4% 1 point			1.0	
16	**Presumed LMI Group:** Project specifically serves CDBG identified LMI groups, i.e. elderly, disabled, homeless, etc., as stipulated in the state of Utah Small Cities CDBG Application Policies and Procedures.	%	100% 5 points	80 - 99% 4 points	60 - 79% 3 points	51 - 59% 2 points				1.0	
17	**Pro-active Planning:** Reflects on communities who pro-actively plan for growth and needs in their communities; coordination and cooperation with other governments; development of efficient infrastructure; incorporation of housing opportunity and affordability in community planning; and protection and conservation plan for water, air, critical lands, important agricultural lands and historic resources. Score comes from Worksheet #18.		Very High 4 points	High 3 points	Fair 2 points	Low 1 point				0.5	
18	**Application Quality:** Application identifies problem, contains a well-defined scope of work and is cost-effective. Score comes from Worksheet #19.		Excellent 5 points	Very Good 4 points	Good 3 points	Fair 2 points	Acceptable 1 point	Poor 0 points		1.5	
19	**Project Maturity:** Project demonstrates capacity to be implemented and/or completed in the 18 month contract period and is clearly documented. Score comes from Worksheet #20.		Excellent 5 points	Very Good 4 points	Good 3 points	Fair 2 points	Acceptable 1 point	Poor 0 points		2.0	

PLEASE NOTE: Criteria marked with a T* is a THRESHOLD eligibility requirement for the CDBG Program. < = Less Than > = More Than

Previously Allocated Pre-Approved Funding: $90,000, Five County AOG Grant - Administration, Consolidated Plan, Rating & Ranking, Program Delivery for HOME and RLF Programs, Economic Development Technical Assistance and Affordable Housing Plan Development and Updates
$142,308, Enterprise City - 2nd year funding of multi-year project for Construction of New Fire Station

CRITERIA 1 WORKSHEET

STATE OF UTAH DIVISION OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - GRANTEE PERFORMANCE RATING										
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Score (10 Points Total)
Excellent ⇦ (Circle One) ⇨ Poor										
Person Providing Evaluation: (Circle) Cheryl Brown										
Excellent = 9 to 10 Very Good = 7 to 8 Good = 5 to 6 Fair = 3 to 4 Poor = 1 to 2										Total Points: _____ Rating: _____ (Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Poor)

CRITERIA 17 WORKSHEET

PRO-ACTIVE PLANNING		
Criteria	Support Documentation Provided	Score (4 Points Total)
1. Has the local jurisdiction provided information demonstrating pro-active planning and land use in their community in coordination and cooperation with other governments?	Yes____ 1 point No____ 0 points 1 point	
2. Has the applicant documented that the project is in accordance with an adopted master plan (i.e., water facilities master plan, etc.)	Yes____ 1 point No____ 0 points 1 point	
3. Has the applicant documented incorporation of housing opportunity and affordability into community planning (i.e. General Plan housing policies, development fee deferral policies, etc.)	Yes____ 1 point No____ 0 points 1 point	
4. Has the applicant documented adopted plans or general plan elements addressing protection and conservation of water, air, critical lands, important agricultural lands and historic resources?	Yes____ 1 point No____ 0 points 1 point	
Very High = 4 Points High = 3 Points Fair = 2 Points Low = 1 Point		Total Points: _____ Rating: _____ (Very High, High, Fair, Low)

CRITERIA 18 WORKSHEET

APPLICATION QUALITY			
Criteria	Support Documentation	Other Documentation	Score (7 Points Total)
1. Problem Identification	Additional written text provided? Yes____ 1 point No____ 0 points 1 point	Detailed Architectural/Engineering Report prepared? Yes____ 2 points No____ 0 points 2 points	
2. Is proposed solution well defined in Scope of Work? In other words, is solution likely to solve problem?	Yes____ 1 point No____ 0 points 1 point		
3. Does the application give a concise description of how the project will be completed in a timely manner?	Yes____ 1 point No____ 0 points 1 point		
4. Does proposed project duplicate any existing services or activities already available and provided to beneficiaries in that jurisdiction through other programs, i.e. those locally or regionally based.	No____ 2 points (Does not Duplicate) 2 points Yes____ 0 points (Duplicates Services) 0 points		
Excellent = 7 Points Very Good = 6 Points Good = 5 Points Fair = 4 Points Acceptable = 3 Points Poor = 2 Points			Total Points: _____ Rating: _____ (Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Acceptable, Poor)

CRITERIA 19 WORKSHEET

PROJECT MATURITY		
Criteria	Status	Score (9 Points Total)
1. Architect/Engineer already selected and is actively involved in the application process	Yes____ 1 point No____ 0 points 1 point	
2. Is there evidence that the project manager has the capacity to carry out the project in a timely manner?	Yes____ 1 point No____ 0 points 1 point	
3. Is the proposed solution to problem identified in the Scope of Work <u>ready to proceed immediately</u>?	(Well Defined) Yes____ 2 points No____ 0 points 2 points	
4. Are architectural or engineering design/plans (i.e. blueprints) already completed for the project?	Yes____ 2 points No____ 0 points 2 points	
5. Funding Status (Maturity)	Is CDBG the only funding source for the project? Yes____ 1 point No____ 0 points 1 point (or) All other project funding is applied for but not committed. Yes____ 2 points No____ 0 points 2 points (or) All other project funding is in place for immediate use. Yes____ 3 points No____ 0 points 3 points	
Excellent = 9 Points Very Good = 8 Points Good = 7 Points Fair = 6 Points Acceptable = 5 Points Poor = 4 Points or Less		Total Points: _____ Rating: _____ (Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Acceptable, Poor)

FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
GENERAL POLICIES

1. **Weighted Value utilized for Rating and Ranking Criteria**: The Rating and Ranking Criteria utilized by the Five County Association of Governments contains a weighted value for each of the criteria. Points values are assessed for each criteria and totaled. In the right hand columns the total points received are then multiplied by a weighted value to obtain the total score. These weighted values may change from year to year based on the region's determination of which criteria have higher priority.

2. Five County AOG staff will visit each applicant on site for an evaluation/review meeting.

3. All applications will be evaluated by the Five County Association of Governments Community and Economic Development staff using criteria approved by the Steering Committee.

4. Staff will present prioritization recommendation to the RRC (Steering Committee) for consideration and approval.

5. Maximum amount per year to a jurisdiction is $200,000.00.

6. Maximum years for a multi-year project is 2 years for a total amount of $300,000 (year 1 @ $200,000 and year 2 @ $100,000).

7. All applications for multi-year funding must contain a complete budget and budget breakdown for each specific year of funding. Depending on available funding, all or part of the second year funding of a multi-year project may be made available in year one.

8. Applications on behalf of sub-recipients (i.e., special service districts, non-profit organizations, etc.) are encouraged. However, the applicant city or county must understand that even if they name the sub-recipient as project manager the city/county is still responsible for the project's viability and program compliance. The applying entity must be willing to maintain an active oversight of both the project and the sub-recipient's contract performance. An inter-local agreement between the applicant entity and the sub-recipient must accompany the pre-application. The inter-local agreement must detail who will be the project manager and how the sponsoring entity and sub-recipient will coordinate work on the project. A letter from the governing board of the sub-recipient requesting the sponsorship of the project must accompany the pre-application. This letter must be signed by the board chairperson.

9. Projects must be consistent with the District's Consolidated Plan. The project applied for must be included in the prioritized capital improvements list (CIP) that the entity submitted for inclusion in the Consolidated Plan. Your jurisdictions CIP is due no later than January 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. If your CIP list containing your project is not submitted by the deadline, your project application will not be rated and ranked. You may not amend your list after the deadline.

10. Previously allocated pre-approved funding:

    - ➢➢➢ $ 90,000 Five County AOG (Administration, Consolidated Plan Planning, Rating & Ranking, HOME & RLF Program Delivery and Economic Development TA and Planning)
    - ➢➢➢ $142,308 Enterprise City for the balance of year two multi-year funded project.

11. Set-aside Funding:
    - ➢➢➢ None.

Adopted by the Five County Association of Governments Regional Review Committee (Steering Committee) August 14, 2002, as amended August 13, 2014.

12. Emergency projects may be considered by the Regional Review Committee (FCAOG Steering Committee) at any time. Projects applying for emergency funding must still meet a national objective and regional goals and policies.

    Projects may be considered as an emergency application if:

    - ➢➢➢ Funding through the normal application time frame will create an unreasonable risk to health or property.
    - ➢➢➢ An appropriate third party agency has documented a specific risk (or risks) that; in their opinion; needs immediate remediation.

    If an applicant wishes to consider applying for emergency funds, they should contact the Five County Association of Governments CDBG Program Specialist as soon as possible to discuss the state required application procedure as well as regional criteria. Emergency funds (distributed statewide) are limited on an annual basis to $500,000. The amount of any emergency funds distributed during the year will be subtracted from the top of the appropriate regional allocation during the next funding cycle.

13. Public service providers, traditionally non-profit organizations, may apply for CDBG funds for capital improvement and major equipment purchases. Examples are delivery trucks, furnishings, fixtures, computer equipment, construction, remodeling, and facility expansion. State policy guidelines prohibit the use of CDBG funds for operating and maintenance expenses. This includes paying administrative costs, salaries, etc. No more than 15 percent of the state's yearly allocation of funds may be expended for public service activities.

14. State policy has established the minimum project size at $30,000. Projects less than the minimum size will not be considered for rating and ranking.

15. In accordance with state policy, grantees with open grants from previous years who have not spent 50 percent of their previous grant <u>prior to rating and ranking</u> are not eligible to be rated and ranked, with the exception of housing rehabilitation projects.

16. It is the policy of the Five County Association of Governments RRC (Steering Committee) that CDBG funding of housing related projects shall be directed to the development of brick and mortar LMI housing, or utilized for the infrastructure supporting housing. CDBG funds in this region shall <u>not</u> be utilized for LMI rental or direct homeless support assistance payments.

17. It is the policy of the RRC (Steering Committee) that lots for single family homes may <u>not</u> be procured with CDBG funding in the Five County region, unless the homes remain available as rental units under the auspices of a public housing authority.

18. In the event of a tie for the last funding position, the following will be awarded one (1) point for each criteria item listed below answered affirmatively:

    - ➢➢➢ The project that has the <u>Highest</u> percentage of LMI;
    - ➢➢➢ The project that has the most <u>Local</u> funds leveraged;
    - ➢➢➢ The project with the most <u>Other</u> funds leveraged;
    - ➢➢➢ The largest <u>Geographical</u> area benefitted;
    - ➢➢➢ The project with the <u>Largest</u> number of LMI beneficiaries;

    If a tie remains unbroken after the above mentioned tie breaker, the members of the RRC will vote and the project that receives the majority vote will be ranked higher.

FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
HOW-TO-APPLY CDBG APPLICATION WORKSHOP
ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance at one workshop within the region is mandatory by all prospective applicants or an "OFFICIAL" representative of said applicant. [State Policy]

Attendance at the workshop by a county commissioner, mayor, city council member, or county clerk satisfies the above referenced attendance requirement of the prospective applicant's jurisdiction. In addition, attendance by a city manager, town clerk, or county administrator also satisfies this requirement.

Jurisdictions may formally designate a third party representative (i.e., other city/county staff, consultant, engineer, or architect) to attend the workshop on their behalf. Said designation by the jurisdiction shall be in writing. The letter of designation shall be provided to the Five County Association no later than at the beginning of the workshop.

Attendance by prospective eligible "sub-grantees", which may include non-profit agencies, special service districts, housing authorities, etc. is strongly recommended so that they may become familiar with the application procedures. If a city/town or county elects to sponsor a sub-grantee it is the responsibility of that jurisdiction to ensure the timely and accurate preparation of the CDBG application on behalf of the sub-grantee.

Extraordinary circumstances relating to this policy shall be presented to the Executive Director of the Five County Association of Governments for consideration by the Regional Review Committee (Steering Committee).

Adopted by the Five County Association of Governments Regional Review Committee (Steering Committee) October 9, 2002.

FY 2015 Regional Prioritization Criteria and Justification

Criteria # 9: Regional Project Priority **Project priority rating with regional goals and policies. Regional prioritization** ***as determined by the Executive Director with consultation of the AOG Finance Committee members.***

#1 priority	6 points	X 2.0 (weighting)	=	12.0 points
#2 priority	5 points	X 2.0 (weighting)	=	10.0 points
#3 priority	4 points	X 2.0 (weighting)	=	8.0 points
#4 priority	3 points	X 2.0 (weighting)	=	6.0 points
#5 priority	2 points	X 2.0 (weighting)	=	4.0 points
#6 priority	1 point	X 2.0 (weighting)	=	2.0 points

Regional Prioritization		Justification
#1	**Public Safety Activities**	Projects related to the protection of property, would include activities such as flood control projects or fire protection improvements in a community. Typically general fund items but most communities cannot fund without additional assistance. Grants help lower indebted costs to jurisdiction. Fire Protection is eligible for other funding i.e., PCIFB and entities are encouraged to leverage those with CDBG funds.
#2	**LMI Housing Activities**	Projects designed to provide for the housing needs of very low and low-moderate income families. May include the development of infrastructure for LMI housing projects, home buyers assistance programs, or the actual construction of housing units (including transitional, supportive, and/or homeless shelters), and housing rehabilitation. Meets a primary objective of the program: Housing. Traditionally CDBG funds leverage very large matching dollars from other sources.
#3	**Community Facilities**	Projects that traditionally have no available revenue source to fund them, or have been turned down traditionally by other funding sources, i.e., Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (PCIFB). May also include projects that are categorically eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, i.e., senior citizens centers, health clinics, food banks, and/or public service activities. Includes community centers that are not primarily recreational in nature.
#4	**Public Utility Infrastructure**	Projects designed to increase the capacity of water and other utility systems to better serve the customers and/or improve fire flow capacity. Adjusting water rates are a usual funding source. Other agencies also fund this category. Includes wastewater disposal projects.
#5	**Projects to remove architectural barriers**	Accessibility of public facilities by disabled persons is mandated by federal law but this is an unfunded mandate upon the local government. A liability exists for the jurisdiction because of potential suits brought to enforce requirements.
#6	**Parks and Recreation**	Projects designed to enhance the recreational qualities of a community i.e., new picnic facilities, playgrounds, aquatic centers, etc.

Note: The Executive Director, in consultation with the Finance Committee members, reviewed and obtained approval of the regional prioritization for the CDBG program.

Five County Association of Governments
CDBG Rating and Ranking Program Year 2015
Data Sources

1. **CAPACITY TO CARRY OUT THE GRANT:** The grantee must have a history of successful grant administration in order to receive full points in this category. First time grantees or grantees who have not applied in more than 5 years are presumed to have the capacity to successfully carry out a project and will receive a default score of 2.5 points. To adequately evaluate grantee performance, the RRC must consult with the state staff. State staff will rate performance on a scale of 1-10 (Ten being best). A grantee whose performance in the past was poor must show improved administration capability through third party administration contracts with AOG's or other capable entities to get partial credit. Worksheet #1 used to determine score.

2. **GRANT ADMINISTRATION:** Grant administration costs will be taken from the CDBG pre-application. Those making a concerted effort to minimize grant administration costs taken from CDBG funds will be awarded extra points.

3. **JOB CREATION:** Information provided by applicant prior to rating and ranking. Applicant must be able to adequately support proposed figures for job creation or retention potential. This pertains to permanent jobs created as a result of the project, not jobs utilized in the construction of a project. Two part-time employees = 1 full-time.

4. **UNEMPLOYMENT:** "Utah Economic and Demographic Profiles" (most current issue available prior to rating and ranking), provided by Utah Office of Planning and Budget; or "Utah Labor Market Report" (most current issue with annual averages), provided by Department of Workforce Services.

5. **FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Self-Help Financing):** From figures provided by applicant in grant application. Documentation of the source(s) and status (whether already secured or not) of any and all proposed "matching" funds must be provided prior to the rating and ranking of the application by the RRC. Any changes made in the dollar amount of proposed funding, after rating and ranking has taken place, shall require reevaluation of the rating received on this criteria. A determination will then be made as to whether the project's overall ranking and funding prioritization is affected by the score change.

   Use of an applicant's local funds and/or leveraging of other matching funds is strongly encouraged in CDBG funded projects in the Five County Region. This allows for a greater number of projects to be accomplished in a given year. Acceptable matches include property, materials available and specifically committed to this project, and cash. Due to federal restrictions unacceptable matches include donated labor, use of equipment, etc. All match proposed must be quantified as cash equivalent through an acceptable process before the match can be used. Documentation on how and by whom the match is quantified is required. "Secured" means that a letter or applications of intent exist to show that other funding sources have been requested as match to the proposed project. If leveraged funds are not received then the points given for that match will be deducted and the project's rating reevaluated.

   A jurisdiction's population (most current estimate provided by Utah Office of Planning and Budget) will determine whether they are Category A, B, C or D for the purposes of this criteria.

6. **CDBG DOLLARS REQUESTED PER CAPITA:** Determined by dividing the dollar amount requested in the CDBG application by the beneficiary population.

7. **LOCAL JURISDICTIONS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES: THRESHOLD CRITERIA:** Every applicant is required to document that the project for which they are applying is consistent with that community's and the Five County District Consolidated Plan. The project, or project type, must be a high priority in the investment component (Capital Investment Plan (CIP) One-Year Action Plan). The applicant must include evidence that the community was and continues to be a willing partner in the development of the regional (five-county) consolidated planning process. (See CDBG Application Guide.)

8. **COUNTY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND POLICIES:** Prioritization will be determined by the three (3) appointed Steering Committee members representing the county in which the proposed project is located. The three (3) members of the Steering Committee include: one County Commission Representative, one Mayor's Representative, and one School Board Representative. (Note: for AOG application, determination is made by the Steering Committee Chair, in consultation with the AOG Executive Committee.)

9. **REGIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND POLICIES:** Determined by the Executive Director with consultation of the AOG Finance Committee members. The Finance Committee is comprised of one County Commissioner from each of the five counties.

10. **IMPROVEMENTS TO, OR EXPANSION OF, LMI HOUSING STOCK, OR PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACCESSIBILITY TO LMI RESIDENTS:** Information provided by the applicant. Applicant must be able to adequately explain reasoning which supports proposed figures, for the number of LMI housing units to be constructed or substantially rehabilitated with the assistance off this grant. Or the number of units this grant will make accessible to LMI residents through loan closing or down payment assistance.

11. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:** The CDBG State Policy Committee adopted the following rating and ranking criteria to be used by each regional rating and ranking system: *"Applications received from cities and counties which have complied with Utah code regarding the preparation and adoption of an affordable housing plan, and who are applying for a project that is intended to address element(s) of that plan will be given additional points."* Projects which actually demonstrate implementation of a jurisdiction's Affordable Housing Plan policies will be given points. Applicants must provide sufficient documentation to justify that their project complies with this criteria. Towns applying for credit under this criteria may either meet a goal in it's adopted Affordable Housing Plan or the project meets a regional affordable housing goal in the Consolidated Plan.

12. **GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT OF PROJECT'S IMPACT:** The actual area to be benefitted by the project applied for.

13. **PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR JURISDICTION:** Base tax rate for community or county, as applicable, will be taken from the "Statistical Review of Government in Utah", or most current source using the most current edition available prior to rating and ranking. Basis for determining percent are the maximum tax rates allowed in the Utah Code: .70% for municipalities, and .32% for counties.

14. **PERCENTAGE OF APPLICANT'S JURISDICTION WHO ARE LOW TO MODERATE INCOME:** The figures will be provided from the results of a Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD) approved income survey conducted by the applicant of the project benefit area households.

15. **EXTENT OF POVERTY:** Based on information provided by applicant prior to rating and ranking that satisfactorily documents the percentage of Low Income (LI - 50%) and Very Low Income (VLI - 30%) persons directly benefitting from a project.

16. **PRESUMED LMI GROUP:** Applicant will provide information as to what percent of the proposed project will assist a presumed LMI group as defined in the current program year CDBG Application Guide handbook.

17. **PRO-ACTIVE PLANNING:** The State of Utah emphasizes the importance of incorporating planning into the operation of city government. Communities that demonstrate their desire to improve through planning will receive additional points in the rating and ranking process.

    In the rating and ranking of CDBG applications, the region will recognize an applicant's accomplishments consistent with these principles by adding additional points when evaluating the following:

    **** Demonstration proactive land use planning in the community;**
    **** Development of efficient infrastructure including water and energy conservation;**
    **** Incorporation of housing opportunity and affordability into community planning; and**
    **** Protection and conservation plan for water, air, critical lands, important agricultural lands and historic resources**.

    Worksheet #17 will be used in the rating and ranking process for applicants who have taken the opportunity to provide additional information and documentation in order to receive these additional points.

18. **Application Quality:** Quality of the Pre-Application is evaluated in terms of project identification, justification, and well-defined scope of work likely to address identified problems.

19. **Project Maturity**: Funding should be prioritized to those projects which are the most "mature". For the purposes of this process, maturity is defined as those situations where: 1) the applicant has assigned a qualified project manager; 2) has selected an engineer and/or architect; 3) proposed solution to problem is identified in the Scope of Work and ready to proceed immediately; 4) has completed architectural/engineering design (blueprints); and 5) identifies all funding sources and funding maturity status. Projects that are determined to not be sufficiently mature so as to be ready to proceed in a timely manner, may not be rated and ranked.

APPENDIX C.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND MINUTES, AND AOG NEWSLETTERS ANNOUNCING CONSOLIDATED PLANNING PROCESS

PUBLIC NOTICE

CONSOLIDATED PLAN UPDATE

The Five County Association of Governments (FCAOG) has completed a draft update of the Five County Consolidated Plan. A thirty-day public comment period commences on March 1, 2015 and will end March 31, 2015. The Plan details this region's community development and housing needs and priorities, as well as strategies to meet those needs and priorities.

Anyone desiring to review the updated plan may do so at the FCAOG office located at 1070 W. 1600 S., Bldg. B., St. George, UT, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or on the web at: www.fivecounty.utah.gov/conplan.html

A public hearing on the document will be held in conjunction with the FCAOG Steering Committee meeting which begins at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at the Kane Co. Emergency Training Facility/Search & Rescue Building, 30 W. Airport Dr., Kanab, UT.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Diane Lamoreaux at 435-673-3548.

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FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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Director's Dialogue

Each January signals the start of a new year, with new eager hopes and resolutions made (with some kept). One hope that each of us makes as individual families, as well as collectively, is that our personal and family, as well as our local, regional, and national economic condition all improve in the new year.

The Five County Association of Governments was designated as an Economic Development District by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in April, 1979. The purpose of this designation was to promote a coordinated, region-wide approach to the economic development efforts of local governments in southwestern Utah. Local officials in this region have a long history of cooperation which started well before the creation of regional development organizations or economic development districts.

The Association develops and continues to annually update the EDA required Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document which consolidates significant local economic development activities in our region as well as identifying regional economic development goals and strategies. The adopted CEDS document is found on the Five County AOG web site at www.fivecounty.utah.gov

Each of our five individual counties, through active economic development programs, continue to implement economic development in unique ways tailored to that county's individual challenges and needs, but do so complementary with regional goals. We applaud the efforts of economic development professionals and business people throughout southwestern Utah and look forward to working with them towards improvement of the economic conditions in this new year and beyond. Bryan Thiriot, Executive Director

2015 Transportation EXPO - Speak Up Dixie

Do you drive, walk, bike or use public transportation in Washington County? Do you have ideas or need more information regarding current or future road projects? Then the 2015 Dixie Regional Transportation Expo is the place for you. Attend this years' Expo and be better informed on current and future transportation projects and have a voice in regional transportation planning.

This year the Expo will be held February 10, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Dixie Center Ballroom. Representatives from surrounding cities, the county and UDOT will be available to explain transportation projects and studies and take your comments on projects such as: Bluff St./Red Hills Parkway; Sunset/Bluff Interchange; Bluff Street/St. George Blvd. Improvements; I-15 Widening and Mall Drive Underpass; Southern Parkway; Old SR 91 Improvements; SR-9 Arch Bridge in LaVerkin; I-15 Interchange at MP11; Washington Fields Road widening; River Road/Fort Pierce Bridge Widening, and updated information on St. George Parks and Trail; SunTran Bus System, the Airport, and much, much more!!

You will be invited to comment on the Regional 2015-2040 Transportation Long-Range Plan, Ivins City Transportation Master Plan, and the future look of transit in the area.

The Southern Utah Bike Alliance will have a display of bicycles illustrating the range of cycling opportunities in Washington County.

In addition, golfing, hiking, and biking clinics will be presented as follows:
11:00 a.m. Golf - Improve Your Swing - (win free golf passes and cart rentals).
1:00 p.m. Hiking - Hiking the Trails on BLM Land.
3:00 p.m. We Bike Southern Utah! - Cycling Safety and Finding Epic Trails and Bike Routes.

Admission is Free!

Staff Spotlights

Kayla Jensen has worked at Care About Childcare @ Five County for five months and has enjoyed her time fully. She is from Spanish Fork, Utah and now attends Southern Utah University. She is studying Elementary Education and Technical Theater. Kayla is passionate about theater arts and has devoted much of her time to stage managing productions both in high school and college. She is very excited for her future endeavors in the elementary education field and is excited to teach and better the lives of children. Kayla loves photography, cats, pearls, and donuts.

Nathan Reeves has worked at Care About Childcare @ Five County for roughly five months and recently graduated from Southern Utah University with an MBA. He has lived in California and all over Utah, but he and his wife really love Southern Utah and all the beauties it has to offer. Nathan also loves to go hiking and boating whenever possible. One of his favorite things to do is visit Zion National Park. He has really enjoyed the Angel's Landing hike. Nathan has been married for roughly five years and they both love the outdoors, going to the movies and playing video games. Another interest of his is playing basketball with buddies and spending time with family. While growing up he loved to ride his bike everywhere and was a huge fan of the Ninja Turtles.

Chelsea Johnson grew up in Huntington/Newport Beach, CA and is the youngest of six siblings, four brothers and one sister. After graduating from High School she attended Orange Coast College (OCC) and competed on the Cross Country and Track team. After a year a half at OCC, Chelsea transferred to Southern Utah University with her husband and is majoring in Elementary Education with a concentration in Mathematics. Chelsea has been working for Care About Childcare for almost a year. When she was younger she loved to play board games with her family and play sports with her brothers. Chelsea never really had a favorite toy because she preferred to do activities with her siblings, but she did enjoy playing with big Lego's.

Early Childhood Collaboration Conference

"Love is the Invitation: Supporting Children with Challenging Behavior" was the theme for the Care About Childcare @ Five County Early Childhood Collaboration Conference! It was held in September at the Hunter Conference Center at Southern Utah University. Over 200 early childhood educators and child care providers attended this day full of quality training experiences that bring together the many partners in our early childhood community. The day went wonderfully as the guests arrived to receive gift bags with educational materials and goodies from various associations.

Workshops featured some of the best presenters, coming from many areas of the state. Topics included, "Playful Yoga & Meditation," "Creating a Stress-Free Environment," and a variety of others. We also had the honor of having Tim Eicher, a recently retired educator at Dixie State University, as our keynote presenter. He spoke to the audience about "What Children Need and Why." The attendees shared a lunch that was accompanied by prizes, hands-on activities, and presentations. The entire day received great feedback and we look forward to next year!

Consolidated Planning Process

Every five years, the Five County Association of Governments produces a Consolidated Plan as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Plan details this region's community development and housing needs and priorities, as well as strategies to meet those needs and priorities. These plans emphasize serving the needs of low and moderate income and special-needs populations. The Five Year Consolidated Plan identifies proposed projects and actions which may be programmed to occur in the mid-term horizon. Additionally, each year between the five year plan rewrite, we are required to develop a One-Year Action Plan which identifies implementation of HUD funded projects and activities that should take place in the immediate or near future. While the Association writes these plans, we make specific effort to hear from elected officials and citizens of Southwestern Utah.

We undertake a planning process with the assistance of towns, cities and counties, and the public, to identify, prioritize and quantify the cost of capital improvement needs in each jurisdiction in the region. We also work closely with public housing agencies to identify gaps in affordable housing in our region and look for appropriate means to address those gaps. We hold public hearings in conjunction with our governing body (the Steering Committee) to solicit public involvement in the plan development process. In this light, we consider the following questions as we develop the annual One Year Action Plan and the Five Year Consolidated Plan:

1. What are the key priorities for housing and community development for each jurisdiction in the region, and the region as a whole?

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2. What opportunities exist for integration and coordination of federal, state and/or local programs?

3. How can the Five County Association of Governments and the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Gant (CDBG) program, which is administered through the Utah Division of Housing and Community Development help foster better coordination?

4. What data or other information would help us in developing and improving the housing and community development decision-making process as it relates to rating and ranking of projects proposed for HUD funding?

The plan development process is heavily influenced by the input of local jurisdiction leaders, service providers, and other community stakeholders. We would like to hear from and hereby solicit comments and suggestions from the general public. Anyone interested in providing input on housing and community development needs in our region may do so at any time during the year. We will consider input received as we develop the next One Year Action Plan and Five Year Consolidated Plan. You may provide comments and suggestions to Diane Lamoreaux, Community Development Program Specialist, at 435-673-3548 or via e-mail: dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov

2015 Steering Committee Schedule

Date / Time	Location / Address
February 11, 2015 1:30 p.m.	Beaver City Office Conference Room 30 W. 300 N., Beaver, UT
March 11, 2015 1:00 p.m.	Kane County Emergency Services Training Facility / Search & Rescue Building 30 W. Airport Dr., Kanab, UT
April 8, 2015 1:00 p.m.	Heritage Center 105 N. 100 E., Room #1 Cedar City, UT
June 10, 2015 1:00 p.m.	Kane County Courthouse Commission Chambers 76 North Main, Kanab, UT
August 12, 2015 1:00 p.m.	Garfield County Courthouse Conference Room (Upstairs) 55 S. Main; Panguitch, UT
October 14, 2015 1:00 p.m.	Heritage Center 105 N. 100 E., Room #1 Cedar City, UT
November 18, 2015 1:00 p.m.	Five County AOG Office Conference Room 1070 W. 1600 S., Building B St. George, UT

Senior Day at the Legislature

A group of Seniors and Caregivers from the Five County Area of Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties will be attending Senior Day at the legislature on Thursday, February 19, 2015. They are excited to watch our law makers in action and look forward to the opportunity to meet with them this year to discuss key issues which impact them and other seniors in our area of the State.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact myself and/or, Carrie A. Schonlaw, Director of Aging & Human Services at 435-673-6548 or cschonlaw@fivecounty.utah.gov or Tracy HeavyRunner Program Director of Home and Community Based Services theavyrunner@fivecounty.utah.gov.

Free Senior CONNECTION Expo

The Senior Corps Programs operated by Five County Association of Governments (AOG) will be participating in WestWind Productions third annual Senior Connection Show. The show will be held January 26, 2015 in the Courtyard Marriott's Rim Rock Convention Center, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. The Rim Rock Convention Center is located at 185 South 1470 East, St. George.

Senior Connection Expo features products and services that pertain to good health and health maintenance, recreational activities and hobbies, home improvement, travel, fashion, and just plain fun! There will be on stage performances and presentations starting on the hour.

Five County AOG will have representatives at the expo to publicize and endorse the Senior Corps programs. Sheryl Gardner will promote the Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs, while Bonnie Char Hallman will encourage attendees to join the volunteer ranks of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). RSVP matches community volunteers with local non-profit organizations.

Additionally, the Senior Corps program coordinators will be promoting a state-wide initiative to "Give the Gift of Time" in 2015. The Holiday Pledge Drive, which continues through the end of January, encourages Utahans to sign up on the Userve website at (www.userve.utah.gov/pledge) to pledge to serve the community by lending a helping hand. The online pledge sign-ups are part of the Utah Commission of Service and Volunteerism and will be shared with regional volunteer centers throughout the state. The Five County Association of Governments' Senior Corps Programs make up the Washington County Volunteer Center.

All are welcome to attend the free Senior Connection show on January 26, 2015 at the Courtyard Marriott from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and encouraged to visit the Volunteer Center of Washington County's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/volcenter

For more information about: Senior Companion, Foster Grandparents or Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs, please call the Five County Association of Governments at (435) 673-3548.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

It's tax time again; VITA has several sites in the Washington county area and can help you with free tax preparation if you've made $54,000 or less.

VITA sites will be opening in February, so please check out utahtaxhelp.org for a site near you with opening dates and times, or you can call 211 for appointments in the Five County area.

If you have other questions, please contact: Tom Everett at 435-673-3548, Ext. 104 or e-mail to teverett@fivecounty.utah.gov

earn it. keep it. save it.
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Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550.

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Director's Dialogue

Senator Marco Rubio, Bryan, Nathan and Bryce Thiriot

I had the opportunity to meet up with a childhood friend, Senator Marco Rubio of Florida at his book signing, "American Dreams" in Las Vegas on February 18, 2015. We lived directly across the street from him during my elementary years in Las Vegas and would walk to school together. I have great memories of playing in the neighborhood with him and my brothers. He comes from a very hardworking family.

We both had the same great teachers in school, and on occasion he would get in trouble for talking too much in class, and our fifth grade teacher would have him sit by her and pull out the Webster dictionary and have him write verbatim a column of words. There is no doubt in my mind that this helped to increase his vocabulary and helped him today as a U.S. Senator.

Of course now he is expected to debate, filibuster, and advocate for his constituent's interests on the floor of the United States Senate.

America truly is a land of opportunity, and I am grateful to associate with each of you, and the Five County staff in this area of southern Utah we call home. Please let us know how we may serve you. (Bryan Thiriot, Executive Director)

Mark Your Calendar for the "CIB 101" Application Tutorial Workshop in March

If your entity intends to apply for funding from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board for public infrastructure or facilities in the coming 12 months, you should have a representative from your entity attend the **"CIB 101" Application Tutorial Workshop.** This workshop is conducted by staff of the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (known by most as simply the "CIB").

The workshop is scheduled on **Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.** at the **Winchester Hills Fire Station, 5300 North Winchester Drive in the Winchester Hills community**. Winchester Hills is located 9 miles north of St. George on SR-18. Please take the 'The Ledges' exit. The fire station is just north of the Ledges Exit on the east side of SR-18, near the LDS church building. The workshop will be approximately 1½ hours in length.

The tutorial will discuss **'who can apply?'**, **'when can you apply?'**, **'how to apply?'** and **'what comes next?'** after you are funded. CIB policies and procedures will also be addressed.

The CIB program provides loans and/or grants to state agencies and subdivisions of the state which are or may be socially or economically impacted, directly or indirectly, by mineral resource development on federal lands.

A town, city, county or special service district that plans to apply in the June 2015, October 2015 or February 2016 CIB application cycles should have the person, or persons, from your jurisdiction who will prepare a CIB application, as well as manage the project once CIB funding is secured, attend this workshop.

It is strongly recommended that staff of engineering or architectural firms who will be directly involved in preparing CIB applications, providing cost estimates, or providing technical assistance to CIB funded projects, attend this workshop. Jurisdictions with plans to apply to CIB beyond the next three application cycles may also attend, if desired.

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Please RSVP your attendance to Gary Zabriskie, CIB Regional Planning Program Planner, via e-mail: gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov or by phone (435) 673-3548, ext. 126. (Gary Zabriskie, CIB Regional Planner)

Five County Regional Consolidated Plan 30 Day Public Comment Period

Every five years, the Five County Association of Governments produces a Consolidated Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Plan details this region's community development and housing needs and priorities, as well as strategies to meet those needs and priorities. It emphasizes serving the needs of low and moderate income and special-needs populations. The Plan suggests projects and actions which may be undertaken in the mid-term horizon. Between the five year plan rewrite, a One-Year Action Plan is required which identifies activities that should take place in the near future.

As the Association writes these plans, specific effort is made to hear from elected officials and citizens of Southwestern Utah. Information received is used to identify needs, as well as to prioritize and quantify the cost of capital improvement projects in each jurisdiction in the region. Staff works closely with public housing agencies to identify gaps in affordable housing in our region and look for appropriate means to address those gaps. A public hearing is held by our governing body (the Steering Committee) to solicit public involvement. Key questions asked in the planning process are:

- What are the key priorities for housing and community development for each jurisdiction in the region, and the region as a whole?
- What opportunities exist for integration and coordination of federal, state and/or local programs?
- How can the Five County Association of Governments and the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Gant (CDBG) program, which is administered through the Utah Division of Housing and Community Development help foster better coordination?
- What data or other information would help us in developing and improving the housing and community development decision-making process as it relates to rating and ranking of projects proposed for HUD funding?

The plan development process is heavily influenced by the input of local jurisdiction leaders, service providers, and other community stakeholders. We would like to hear from and hereby solicit comments and suggestions from the general public. Anyone interested in providing input on housing and community development needs in our region may do so at any time during the year. We will consider input received as we develop the next One Year Action Plan and Five Year Consolidated Plan.

Send any comments and/or suggestions to Diane Lamoreaux, Community Development Program Specialist, via e-mail: dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov

Iron County Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) Gala & Silent Auction

The YVC of Iron County will hold their second annual YVC Gala on March 27th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Heritage Center in Cedar City. Tickets are $35.00 per person or $275.00 for a table of eight (8). A sit down meal will be served and the guest speaker is Michael Bahr from the Shakespeare Festival. The YVC will be on hand to help as needed and to talk about their program. The highlight of this event is a silent auction.

Our YVC is one of the two non-funded programs; all other 33 affiliates are funded. The gala provides an opportunity to raise funds that will cover snacks for our monthly meetings, provide lunches for our all day volunteering during the summer, supplies and materials needed for various projects and funds for the YVC Summit training in Ann Arbor, Michigan this year, where I hope to bring 6 to 8 youth along.

These YVC volunteers are between 11 to 18 years old and are amazing kids that love to make a difference in their community. Their combined volunteer hours for 2014 equal about $50,000.00 that they gave back to Cedar City! Some projects include collecting food to feed 44 families in need a Thanksgiving dinner and donating well over 800 pounds of food to the local food bank, childcare at SUU Head Start for parent – teacher meetings, helping with after school programs, scavenger hunts for the hungry and homeless, numerous community events throughout the spring and summer months, helping at the City, County and National parks etc.

For ticket information, reservation, and/or questions, please call Cindy at (435) 867-8384 or email crose@fivecounty.utah.gov (Cindy Rose)

Dixie MPO Draft Regional Transportation Plan

The Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization will be looking for public comment on its draft Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan in April 2015. The plan outlines the need for additional roadway, pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and highway projects over the next 25 years within Washington County.

The plan is currently under staff review, but will be posted on the internet at http://www.dixiempo.org by April 1, 2015 for public comment. MPO staff and leadership encourage anyone who travels in, through, or around the St. George Utah area to log into the site in April, review the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan, and to comment on the various projects, programs, and projections. Public participation in the planning process will assure complete consideration of the primary issues facing this community over the next 25 years. (Myron Lee, MPO Director)

Senior Day at the Legislature Report

Rosie Fletcher, Caregiver Advisory Board member, Senator Evan Vickers, and Susan Swapp, Long Term Care Ombudsman

Seventeen seniors representing four counties from the Five County region attended Senior Day at the Legislature, February 19, 2015. We were able to take a tour of the Capitol building, attend sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate, and visit with our local elected officials in the Hall of Governors during lunch. The Utah Association of Area Agencies on Aging sponsored a break in the House and Senate and two of our seniors were able to represent Five County during this time. We were also honored to hear from the Key Note Speaker, former first lady, Norma Matheson.

Representative Brad Last, Christine Holliday, Washington County Aging Coordinator and Representative Don Ipson

We would like to express our appreciation to Senator Evan Vickers, Representative John Westwood, Representative Mike Noel, Representative Lowry Snow and Representative Don Ipson for taking time out of their busy schedules to meet with seniors from the Five County Region. Senator Ralph Okerlund, Majority Leader, was unable to attend in person, but sent one of his staff. Ms. Sharon Ott and Ms. Christine Holliday were invited to sit by Representative Ipson and Representative Last on the floor of the House Chamber during Senator Orrin Hatch's address.

I would also like to personally thank the seniors and program staff who were able to attend from our Five County region. Everyone had a great time, and we are looking forward to attending again next year. (Carrie Schonlaw, Director of Aging & Human Services)

The 13TH Annual Southern Utah Seniors Conference

The Five County Area Agency on Aging is presenting the 13th Annual Seniors Conference on May 1, 2015. The Keynote speaker this year is Dr. David Parker, who is the Fair Housing Education Outreach Specialist with the Fair Housing Division of the Utah Labor Commission. He will be addressing housing issues for seniors and disabled individuals. There are three energetic and fun break out sessions planned.

Friday, May 1, 2015
Festival Hall/Heritage Center, Upper Floor
105 North 100 East, Cedar City
Check-In - 9:00 a.m.
Conference 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Admission Free (includes lunch)

To Register: Call the Volunteer Center of Iron County at 435-867-8384

Seating guaranteed only if you register by Friday, April 24th

In addition to speakers, this event will feature door prizes and a resource fair!

Would you like to attend but don't know who will care for your loved one while you're at the conference? The Five County Caregiver Support Program can help! Call Carolyn Moss or Tracy HeavyRunner at 435-673-3548 by Friday, April 24, 2015 to inquire about respite care during the conference.

Dixie MPO Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Draft- Available for Public Comment

The Dixie MPO is currently reviewing and taking comment for a Draft Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. The Dixie MPO Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan aims to enhance the existing bike and pedestrian corridors to allow a means for more people to bike and walk to work, school and other destinations. The plan analyzes the area's current biking and walking activity as well as the needs of residents. Through this analysis, the Plan makes facility and program recommendations for improvement and then defines the costs and priorities for implementation.

Specific facility recommendations include, education and awareness campaigns, bike/walk focused community events, and development regulations.

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The Plan recommends an interconnected system of shared-use paths, bike lanes, and crossing improvements to improve the feasibility of walking or cycling for transportation.

A steering committee, consisting of representatives from area cities, Washington County School District, Dixie State University, Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance, and Southwest Utah Public Health Department provided input throughout the formulation of the Plan. After the public and individual cities have the opportunity to review and comment on the Plan, it will be considered for Dixie MPO adoption as a resource for area cities.

To access the Draft MPO Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan, please visit:

https://fcaogtpo.wordpress.com/

Please provide comments to the Plan by contacting Levi Roberts, Associate Planner at 435-673-3548 or: lroberts@fivecounty.utah.gov

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550.

For other information or services, please call (435) 673-3548 or visit our web site at: http://fivecounty.utah.gov

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APPENDIX D

CONSULTATION FORMS

1. AOG: Five County AOG **Employee:** Clint Cottam

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Dove Center **Date of Consultation:** 12/29/14

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

____	Housing	____	Services-Children	____	Services-Education
____	PHA	____	Services-Elderly Persons	____	Services-Employment
____	Services-Persons with Disabilities	____	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS	X	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
____	Services-Homeless	____	Services-Health	____	Services-Fair Housing
____	Health Agency	____	Child Welfare Agency	____	Civil Leaders
____	Publically funded institution/System of Care*	____	Other government-Federal	____	Other government-State
____	Other government-County	____	Other government-Local	____	Grantee Department
____	Regional Organization	____	Planning organization	____	Business leaders
____	Community Development Financial Institution	____	Private Sector Banking/Financing	____	Neighborhood Organization
____	Major Employer	____	Foundation		Other:

*Organizations which may discharge persons into homelessness, such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions.

4. What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? (Check all that apply)

____	Housing Needs Assessment	____	Public Housing Needs	____	Market Analysis
____	Homeless Needs-Chronically homeless	X	Homeless Needs-Families with Children	____	Homelessness Needs-Veterans
____	Homelessness Needs-Unaccompanied Youth	X	Homelessness Strategy	X	Non-Homeless Special Needs
____	HOPWA Strategy	____	Economic Development	____	Anti-Poverty-Strategy
____	Lead-based Paint Strategy	____	Other:		

5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

The Director of Dove Center had a brief meeting with the Five County Director of Community Action to coordinate efforts for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing in Washington County.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

Agency roles are better identified, improved homeless rapid re-housing/ homeless prevention service delivery with TANF R-R, increased organizational capacity of domestic violence shelters to reduce homelessness.

1. AOG: Five County AOG **Employee:** Clint Cottam

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Washington County LHCC **Date of Consultation:** Ongoing

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

X	Housing	X	Services-Children		Services-Education
	PHA	X	Services-Elderly Persons	X	Services-Employment
X	Services-Persons with Disabilities		Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS	X	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
X	Services-Homeless	X	Services-Health	X	Services-Fair Housing
	Health Agency	X	Child Welfare Agency		Civil Leaders
X	Publically funded institution/System of Care*		Other government-Federal	X	Other government-State
X	Other government-County		Other government-Local		Grantee Department
X	Regional Organization	X	Planning organization		Business leaders
	Community Development Financial Institution		Private Sector Banking/Financing		Neighborhood Organization
	Major Employer		Foundation		Other:

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4. What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? (Check all that apply)

	Housing Needs Assessment		Public Housing Needs		Market Analysis
X	Homeless Needs-Chronically homeless	X	Homeless Needs-Families with Children		Homelessness Needs-Veterans
X	Homelessness Needs-Unaccompanied Youth	X	Homelessness Strategy		Non-Homeless Special Needs
	HOPWA Strategy		Economic Development		Anti-Poverty-Strategy
	Lead-based Paint Strategy		Other:		

5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

The organization is consulted on a monthly basis and information is collected about specific needs of chronically homeless individuals, homeless youth, barriers to rapid re-housing, and strategies for ending homelessness.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

Better coordinated assessment in providing services to homeless clients, prioritization of clients served, eliminating service gaps.

1. AOG: *Five County Association of Governments* **Employee:** *Levi Roberts, Associate Planner*

2. Name of Agency Consulted: *Beaver Housing Authority* **Date of Consultation:** 01/09/15

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

x	Housing	____	Services-Children	____	Services-Education
x	PHA	____	Services-Elderly Persons	____	Services-Employment
____	Services-Persons with Disabilities	____	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS	____	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
____	Services-Homeless	____	Services-Health	____	Services-Fair Housing
____	Health Agency	____	Child Welfare Agency	____	Civil Leaders
____	Publically funded institution/System of Care*	____	Other government-Federal	____	Other government-State
____	Other government-County	____	Other government-Local	____	Grantee Department
____	Regional Organization	____	Planning organization	____	Business leaders
____	Community Development Financial Institution	____	Private Sector Banking/Financing	____	Neighborhood Organization
____	Major Employer	____	Foundation		Other:

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4. What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? (Check all that apply)

x	Housing Needs Assessment	x	Public Housing Needs	____	Market Analysis
____	Homeless Needs-Chronically homeless	____	Homeless Needs-Families with Children	____	Homelessness Needs-Veterans
____	Homelessness Needs-Unaccompanied Youth	____	Homelessness Strategy	____	Non-Homeless Special Needs
____	HOPWA Strategy	____	Economic Development	____	Anti-Poverty-Strategy
____	Lead-based Paint Strategy	____	Other:		

5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

Correspondence via email to obtain specific input for Consolidated Plan related to the agency's programs and goals. This agency is also periodically consulted to understand short-term and long-term needs for low-income housing.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

We will be able to gauge the need for additional affordable housing in Beaver County in consultation with them and prioritize projects, based upon these needs.

1. AOG: *Five County Association of Governments* **Employee:** *Levi Roberts, Associate Planner*

2. Name of Agency Consulted: *Cedar City Housing Authority* **Date of Consultation:** 01/09/15

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

x	Housing	____	Services-Children	____	Services-Education
x	PHA	____	Services-Elderly Persons	____	Services-Employment
____	Services-Persons with Disabilities	____	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS	____	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
____	Services-Homeless	____	Services-Health	____	Services-Fair Housing
____	Health Agency	____	Child Welfare Agency	____	Civil Leaders
____	Publically funded institution/System of Care*	____	Other government-Federal	____	Other government-State
____	Other government-County	____	Other government-Local	____	Grantee Department
____	Regional Organization	____	Planning organization	____	Business leaders
____	Community Development Financial Institution	____	Private Sector Banking/Financing	____	Neighborhood Organization
____	Major Employer	____	Foundation		Other:

*Organizations which may discharge persons into homelessness, such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions.

4. What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? (Check all that apply)

x	Housing Needs Assessment	x	Public Housing Needs	____	Market Analysis
____	Homeless Needs-Chronically homeless	____	Homeless Needs-Families with Children	____	Homelessness Needs-Veterans
____	Homelessness Needs-Unaccompanied Youth	____	Homelessness Strategy	____	Non-Homeless Special Needs
____	HOPWA Strategy	____	Economic Development	____	Anti-Poverty-Strategy
____	Lead-based Paint Strategy	____	Other:		

5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

Correspondence via email to obtain specific input for Consolidated Plan related to the agency's programs and goals. This agency is also periodically consulted to obtain information about low-income housing needs in Iron County

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

We will be able to continue to gauge the need for additional affordable housing in Iron County in consultation with them and refer them to appropriate funding for specific projects.

1. AOG: Five County Association of Governments **Employee:** Levi Roberts, Associate Planner

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Five County Regional Mobility Council

Date of Consultation: 01/21/15 (with bi-monthly meetings throughout year)

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

____	Housing	____	Services-Children	____	Services-Education
____	PHA	x	Services-Elderly Persons	____	Services-Employment
x	Services-Persons with Disabilities	____	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS	____	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
____	Services-Homeless	____	Services-Health	____	Services-Fair Housing
____	Health Agency	____	Child Welfare Agency	____	Civil Leaders
____	Publically funded institution/System of Care*	____	Other government-Federal	____	Other government-State
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x	Regional Organization	____	Planning organization	____	Business leaders
____	Community Development Financial Institution	____	Private Sector Banking/Financing	____	Neighborhood Organization
____	Major Employer	____	Foundation		Other:

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4. What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? (Check all that apply)

____	Housing Needs Assessment	____	Public Housing Needs	____	Market Analysis
____	Homeless Needs-Chronically homeless	____	Homeless Needs-Families with Children	____	Homelessness Needs-Veterans
____	Homelessness Needs-Unaccompanied Youth	____	Homelessness Strategy	____	Non-Homeless Special Needs
____	HOPWA Strategy	____	Economic Development	____	Anti-Poverty-Strategy
____	Lead-based Paint Strategy	x	Other: Human Service Transportation Needs		

5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

Staff coordinates meetings regularly with the Five County Regional Mobility Council to discuss needs, strategies and projects to increase the mobility of seniors, low income individuals and persons with disabilities. Representatives include Area Council on Aging Directors from each of the five counties, Turn Community Services, SW Behavioral Health, SunTran, CATS, and DWS.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

Regular meetings result in continual coordination with the various human service and transportation providers in the region to more efficiently and effectively deliver services for people with limited mobility, so that they can gain independence.

1. AOG: Five County AOG **Employee**: Clint Cottam

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Iron County LHC **Date of Consultation:** On-going

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

X	Housing	X	Services-Children		Services-Education
	PHA	X	Services-Elderly Persons	X	Services-Employment
X	Services-Persons with Disabilities		Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS	X	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
X	Services-Homeless	X	Services-Health	X	Services-Fair Housing
	Health Agency	X	Child Welfare Agency		Civil Leaders
X	Publically funded institution/System of Care*		Other government-Federal	X	Other government-State
X	Other government-County		Other government-Local		Grantee Department
X	Regional Organization	X	Planning organization		Business leaders
	Community Development Financial Institution		Private Sector Banking/Financing		Neighborhood Organization
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4. What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? (Check all that apply)

	Housing Needs Assessment		Public Housing Needs		Market Analysis
X	Homeless Needs-Chronically homeless	X	Homeless Needs-Families with Children		Homelessness Needs-Veterans
X	Homelessness Needs-Unaccompanied Youth	X	Homelessness Strategy		Non-Homeless Special Needs
	HOPWA Strategy		Economic Development		Anti-Poverty-Strategy
	Lead-based Paint Strategy		Other:		

5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

The Iron County LHCC is consulted on a regular basis, especially CSBG subcontractors such as Iron County Care and Share and Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

Knowing how homeless needs in Iron County are different from Washington County, better coordination of resources and barriers to ending homelessness. More involvement from Five County Association of Government's Community Action Programs with homelessness services in Beaver County.

1. AOG: *Five County Association of Governments* **Employee:** *Levi Roberts, Associate Planner*

2. Name of Agency Consulted: *St George Housing Authority* **Date of Consultation:** 01/09/15

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

x	Housing	____	Services-Children	____	Services-Education
x	PHA	____	Services-Elderly Persons	____	Services-Employment
____	Services-Persons with Disabilities	____	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS	____	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
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4. What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? (Check all that apply)

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____	Lead-based Paint Strategy	____	Other:		

5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

Correspondence via email to obtain specific input for Consolidated Plan related to the agency's programs and goals. This agency is also periodically consulted to refer persons in need of low-income housing.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

We will be able to gauge the need for additional affordable housing in Washington County in consultation with them.

1. AOG: *Five County Association of Governments* **Employee:** *Gary Zabriskie, CED Director*

2. Name of Agency Consulted: *St. George City* **Date of Consultation:** 01/26/15

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

____	Housing	____	Services-Children	____	Services-Education
____	PHA	____	Services-Elderly Persons	____	Services-Employment
____	Services-Persons with Disabilities	____	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS	____	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
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____	HOPWA Strategy	X	Economic Development	____	Anti-Poverty-Strategy
____	Lead-based Paint Strategy	____	Other:		

5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

Met with counterparts with St. George City, an entitlement community, to garner a better understanding of what they are doing to address the needs of low income, elderly and the disabled population within the entitlement. We discussed the desire to maintain a close relationship so that duplication of use of resources is minimized.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

There will be better understanding of what the region can do and what the City can do to address needs in this part of the state without duplicating efforts where they don't need to be.

1. AOG: FiveCounty AOG **Employee:** Clint Cottam

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Utah State Community Services Office **Date of Consultation:** 12/18/14

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

____	Housing	____	Services-Children	____	Services-Education
____	PHA	____	Services-Elderly Persons	____	Services-Employment
____	Services-Persons with Disabilities	____	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS	____	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
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X	Homelessness Needs-Unaccompanied Youth	X	Homelessness Strategy	X	Non-Homeless Special Needs
____	HOPWA Strategy	____	Economic Development	____	Anti-Poverty-Strategy
____	Lead-based Paint Strategy	____	Other:		

5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

The State Community Services Office visited Five County Association of Governments and provided guidance on how to best adapt non-HUD federal funding like CSBG and SSBG to support the Utah 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, what needs exist in the Five County area, and ways to coordinate funding sources.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

Rapid Re-Housing will serve the neediest clients within the applicable VI-SPDAT score, agencies will improve strategies for ending homelessness through increased collaboration, and limited homelessness funding will be spent more effectively.

1. AOG: Five County AOG **Employee:** Clint Cottam

2. Name of Agency Consulted: Washington County LHCC **Date of Consultation:** Ongoing

3. Agency/Group/Organization Type (Check all that apply)

X	Housing	X	Services-Children		Services-Education
	PHA	X	Services-Elderly Persons	X	Services-Employment
X	Services-Persons with Disabilities		Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS	X	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
X	Services-Homeless	X	Services-Health	X	Services-Fair Housing
	Health Agency	X	Child Welfare Agency		Civil Leaders
X	Publically funded institution/System of Care*		Other government-Federal	X	Other government-State
X	Other government-County		Other government-Local		Grantee Department
X	Regional Organization	X	Planning organization		Business leaders
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	Housing Needs Assessment		Public Housing Needs		Market Analysis
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	HOPWA Strategy		Economic Development		Anti-Poverty-Strategy
	Lead-based Paint Strategy		Other:		

5. Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted?

The organization is consulted on a monthly basis and information is collected about specific needs of chronically homeless individuals, homeless youth, barriers to rapid re-housing, and strategies for ending homelessness.

6. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation of areas for improved coordination?

Better coordinated assessment in providing services to homeless clients, prioritization of clients served, eliminating service gaps.

APPENDIX E
Citizen Participation Outreach Tracking Form

1. AOG: Five County Association of Governments **Employee:** Gary Zabriskie, CED Director

2. Mode of Outreach:

x Public Meeting
x Newspaper Ad
x Public Hearing
x Internet Outreach

Other:
URL if applicable: http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov

3. Target of Outreach:

x Non-targeted/Broad Community
___ Minorities
___ Non-English Speaking- Specify language_____
x Persons with Disabilities
x Residents of Public and Assisted Housing

Other:

4. Summary of response/attendance

Two public hearings on the Five County Work Plan and one for the Consolidated Plan are held in conjunction with our governing body.

5. Summary of comments received

We have not received any general public comments as a result of our three punlic hearings. The Steering Committee, however, made up of elected county commissioners, mayors and school board representatives from each of our five counties in this region asked questions and provided good comments that were incorporated into the plan. The main concern was our focus this year on Public Safety and less on Affordable Housing, as it relates to our rating and ranking criteria. We answered that it was based primarily from the results of on-site analysis that our Community and Economic Development Division staff at Five County discovered by meeting with nearly every fire department/chief in our region. We discovered an unmet need that moved public safety to a critical priority.

6. Summary of comments not accepted and reasons

There we no comments not accepted.

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