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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program FY 2010

Once again it is time to start planning for the next application cycle of the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. The program year 2010 will be the twenty-ninth year in which the small cities CDBG program has been administered in the state of Utah. The purpose of Community Development Block Grants is *"To assist in developing viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income (LMI)"*.

This program funnels allocations of federal Housing and Urban Development funds through the Utah State Division of Housing and Community Development to communities of less than 50,000 and counties of less than 200,000 in population. Since the program's inception in 1982, the CDBG program has injected over \$15 million into the region's local infrastructure, community facilities, and urgent health and safety needs.

Local projects have included water system improvements, fire stations, sewer systems, senior citizen centers, housing projects, ambulance garages, and rehabilitation of community facilities to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act. CDBG funds have also been used to foster the region's economic growth by capitalizing the regional Revolving Loan Fund, which provides supplemental financing to growing businesses. Finally, the CDBG program allows the AOG to provide extensive planning and technical assistance to eligible local governments trying to cope with community planning and zoning enforcement challenges.

The Steering Committee reviews and approves the rating and ranking matrix for the upcoming funding cycle on an annual basis during their August meeting. The application cycle, which begins with two "How to Apply Workshops" in September, will cover the 18-month contract period of June 2010 through December 2011. Applications will be due December 7, 2009, and will be submitted through the state of Utah Webgrants system. Application Policies and Procedures will be distributed at the workshops. See the back page of this newsletter for "How to Apply Workshop" details.

As you begin the process, please remember some important points:

- * Projects must meet one of three "national objectives" - 1) Benefit to individuals with low or moderate incomes; 2) The alleviation of slums or blight; or 3) Urgent health and safety needs.
- * Capital Improvement projects must be included in your community's capital improvement list to be submitted to the AOG this fall.
- * Applicants other than local governments must be sponsored by a local government entity.
- * AOG staff is available to assist in the preparation of applications.
- * Communities that are not included on the HUD pre-approved LMI list should contact the AOG as soon as possible to determine if an income survey of residents is necessary.

Each year the Five County region receives an allocation based upon a statewide formula utilizing a base amount and a per capita population distribution. Last year's total regional CDBG allocation of \$789,500 plus set-aside funding in the amount of \$174,781 and FY 2009 Stimulus funds totaling \$229,185 was awarded to the following projects: **1) FCAOG, \$150,000--** Planning, administration, technical assistance and program delivery; **2) Cedar City on behalf of Cedar Housing Authority, \$150,000--** Property acquisition for construction of 18-24 units of LMI housing for elderly persons (year 2 of multi-year project) **3) Ivins City, \$150,000--** Curb, gutter, sidewalk in site specific area (year 2 of multi-year project); **4) Beaver County on Behalf of Beaver Co. SSD #1, \$100,000--** Procurement of new ambulance; **5) Iron County, \$62,560--** Procurement of two new meals-on-wheels trucks; **5) Cedar City on behalf of Iron County Care & Share, \$174,781--** Plan development, design and construction of new homeless shelter (set-aside funds); **6) Hatch Town, \$229,185--** Construction of new community center (FY 2009 Stimulus funds); **7) Alton Town, \$100,000--** Procurement of new wildland fire truck and **8) Cannonville Town, \$76,940--** Partial funding of multi-year project for curb & gutter drainage improvements (remainder of funds pre-approved from FY 2010).

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2010 CDBG Program

Because of funding made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Five County was able to fund in full or part all project applications submitted in the 2009 application cycle.

Projects must be mature - ready for timely implementation within the contract program year with secured funding commitments from other sources. In addition to the above, projects must be prioritized by local elected officials and the region Rating and Ranking system.

Examples of some of the types of eligible CDBG project activities:

Affordable Housing Projects:

- Acquisition of Property
- New Construction
- Rehabilitation
- Relocation Expenses
- Demolition
- Site Improvements
- Development Hard Costs
- Multi-family, single family, transitional, special needs housing and homeless shelters

Community Development Projects:

- Culinary Water Improvements
- Waste Water Improvements
- Natural Gas Line Accessibility/Expansions
- Road, Street & Emergency Equipment
- ADA Accessibility for Public Buildings
- Flood Control Systems
- Rehabilitation of Slums & Blighted Areas
- Historic Preservation
- Acquisition of Property/Land
- Community & Senior Centers
- Parks, Recreation & Beautification Projects
- Public Services

Economic Development Projects:

- Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program
- Interim/Short-term Financing Program
- Industrial Parks & Commercial Centers
- Stimulate Private Investments

The CDBG "How-to-Apply Workshops" are open to any town, city, county, special service district or non-profit agency in the Five County region. (Note: all special service districts and non-profit agencies must arrange to have a city or county sponsor their project in order to be eligible to receive CDBG funding).

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. However, said designation by the jurisdiction must be in writing. The letter of designation will be provided to the Five County Association no later than at the beginning of the "How-to-Apply Workshop".

IMPORTANT!! See Back Page for How-to-Apply Workshop Information.

Previous CDBG Projects



Parowan Senior Citizens Center



Beaver County Ambulance Garage



Antimony Community Center



Alton Town Fire Station



Hurricane City Fire Station
Brentwood Area



Washington County Meals-on-Wheels Truck

Staff Spotlights



Brenda Shaffer

Brenda has recently been hired as an AmeriCorps-VISTA worker for Five County Association of Governments. She is currently working on the CANstruction project, and will soon be working with the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program.

She has lived in Utah her whole life, having worked in North Salt Lake City for 15 years and then moved to St. George where she worked for the Southwest Behavioral Center in accounting. She served on the board for New Frontiers for Families and the board for National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI).

Brenda is married to a wonderful man and has two adult children. She and her husband own property bordering Zion National Park where they like to go every weekend hiking and four wheeling. She loves the outdoors and will continue enjoying fun adventures in the outdoors with her husband.



Jane Lewis

Jane was recently hired as the Human Services Associate Planner, assisting in the implementation and appropriate use of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. She has a passion for case management, has many years experience in the

area of Supportive Case Management and is energized about her new assignment with the Five County AOG.

Jane will act as a liaison between the Five County AOG Human Services Unit and community based human service providers, both public and private. She will provide support as FCAOG regional training specialist and is responsible to provide direct training to both contracted (and where needed) community partners assisting them to better serve vulnerable clientele. She is working on a Support Service Case Management Tool Kit for use in providing direct services and resource support for contracted providers in the region. Jane received bachelor degrees in Psychology and Social Work from Weber State University with an emphasis in child and family services. She was employed with the Department of Human Services and Davis Behavioral Health for the past 18 years.

Jane recently moved to St. George full-time after commuting to Salt Lake City the past six years. (She is happy to only drive 5.2 miles to the office!) She enjoys cooking, sewing and golfing with her husband. They recently adopted a 16-month-old, Irish Setter/Springer

Spaniel puppy, so Jane could start walking! They are also expecting their first grandchild in January 2010.



Jeanne Heath

Jeanne was born in Missouri. Being a military kid, she moved to Michigan and then at 6 years old left for Sacramento, California where she lived until moving to St. George in 1994 to work for a California plumbing company. In 1998 she was the CEO and part owner of a plumbing company until she sold it in 2005.

Jeanne has been an entrepreneur since 1988 as well as a Foreclosure Specialist, CEO, Travel Agent, Business Consultant, Loan Agent, Home Builder, Administrator for United Way Dixie, owner of Beads by Design and currently Secretary-Receptionist for the Five County Association of Governments Heat Energy Assistance Target (H.E.A.T.) Program.

Jeanne has seven children, three grandchildren and enjoys spending time with family. She also enjoys the mountains and her passion is beading. Her mantra is "What doesn't kill you only makes you stronger".

Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization Receives Awards



Lowell Elmer, MPO Director and Curt Hutchings, Transportation Planning Manager

Recognition recently came to statewide partners after building the nation's first Statewide Unified Long Range Transportation Plan, which includes an ongoing process and commitment to collaborate into the future. Partners involved in this process include the Utah Department of Transportation, Wasatch Front Regional Council, Mountainlands Association of Governments, Dixie MPO (Five County AOG), Cache Valley MPO and our federal oversight agency, the FHWA Division office in Salt Lake City.

Awards presented were: **1) FHWA, Salt Lake Division Office--** Received the 2008 Federal Highway Administration's Award for "Outstanding Leadership in Planning Oversight"; **2) Utah Department of Transportation and our four MPO's--** Received the 2008 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO), "Presidents Award for Planning Excellence"; and **3) The Utah MPO's, of which three operate within AOG structure in one form or another--** Received the "2008 National Award for Outstanding Collaboration in Metropolitan Transportation Planning", from the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

CDBG HOW-TO-APPLY WORKSHOPS

Thursday, September 24, 2009 - 6:30 p.m.
Five County AOG Office, Conference Room
1070 West 1600 South, Building B, St. George, UT

Friday, September 25, 2009 - 10:00 a.m.
Panguitch City Fire Station - Training Room
40 North 100 East, Panguitch, UT

Any jurisdiction that is contemplating applying for CDBG funding must assign at least one elected official from their governing body to attend one of the two scheduled workshops, whether you are applying directly, or if you are sponsoring another entity through your jurisdiction. A representative of the "other entity" must also be in attendance with the elected official. A post card will be mailed in September reminding jurisdictions of the upcoming workshops.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or to obtain further details. Additional information regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program can be found on the Five County web site at: <http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us>

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail (dlamoreaux@fcaog.state.ut.us) 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://www.fcaog.state.ut.us>

Steering Committee Meeting **Schedule:**

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 1PM
Beaver County Administration Building
Conference Room - 105 East Center
Beaver, UT

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 1PM
Parowan Public Library
Meeting Room - 16 South Main
Parowan, UT

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