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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program FY 2011

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 2011 will be the thirtieth 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 \$16 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 late September, will cover the 18-month contract period of June 2011 through December 2012. Applications will be due December 2, 2010, 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 \$856,333 was awarded to the following projects: **1) Five County Association of Governments, \$150,000--** Consolidated Plan planning, administration, direct planning assistance to income eligible communities, economic development and planning technical assistance and RLF/housing program delivery; **2) Cedar City on behalf of Cedar Housing Authority, \$183,273--** Construction of 18-20 units of LMI housing for elderly and disabled persons (year 1 of multi-year project) **3) Beaver City on behalf of Beaver Housing Authority, \$150,000--** Procurement and rehabilitation of existing facility(s) for 15 LMI housing units (year 1 of multi-year project; and **4) Washington City on behalf of Color Country Community Housing Inc., \$150,000--** Rehabilitation of 24-unit apartment complex (Ridge View Apartments) for LMI housing (year 1 of multi-year project).

Please be aware that because several FY 2010 projects received multi-year approval, limited funds will be available for regional allocation during the FY 2011 program year. It is anticipated that approximately \$300,000 will be available, which could fund up to two projects depending on the requested amount.

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FY 2011 CDBG Program

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 must 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



Escalante City Fire Station



Beaver County Ambulance Garage



Antimony Community Center



Parowan Senior Citizens Center



Alton Town Fire Station



Hurricane City Fire Station
Brentwood Area

Color Country Community Housing, Inc. Mesa Hills Self Help Housing Project



Families and Group Supervisor for Group II, Mesa Hills Subdivision, Kanab, Utah

Nestled at the base of the Vermillion Cliffs is the beautiful city of Kanab Utah. These rugged red cliffs are the backdrop to one of the Mutual Self Help developments of Color Country Community Housing, Inc., the region's non-profit Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). In June 2010, six additional families called Mesa Hills home.

Ashley Howells, a single parent of two stood outside of her brand-new home at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony held June 18. "It's mine, it's all mine" She exclaimed. After years of trying to purchase a home to raise her family in, she was finally able to realize her dream of home ownership through the Mutual Self Help program.

This group of six households worked together as a team to build all six homes in record time: six months and one week. This group made up of two police officers, a school staff employee, a UHP officer, a Hotel Manager and a machine operator, worked feverishly throughout the cold winter months to complete the homes. During this strenuous, difficult and snowy time, these participants not only built six beautiful homes, but they forged friendships.

"I walked over to the neighbor's home and stood at the front door and wondered, do I knock now or do I still just walk in?" Questioned Mary Smith one of the participants, just days before the homes were completed. The families work on each others homes, ensuring quality in each as if it were their own.

Minor changes such as arched entry ways, small windows in garages, and computer desk nooks under stair cases were just some of the ways the families expressed their unique flair. Along with designing their own landscape, these homes boasted an individuality not found in any other real estate purchase. Framing, installing windows and doors, finish carpentry, painting, installing tile flooring, finish plumbing and electrical, landscaping and clean up are some of the labor items the families perform. A minimum labor contribution of 30 hours per week, per household, is required until all the homes in the group are completed. However, these participants went over and above to achieve their goal of homeownership faster than the national average of 1.5 months per home.

"I am just so thankful" said Angela Franklin of her new home. Angela who is wheelchair bound, is especially thankful for her accessible home. For the Franklin's trying to purchase an existing home and rehabilitate it to meet her needs was an out of reach dream. Through the program, not only did they get to make the minor changes to their home, but counter tops and wall switches were lowered, wall plugs raised, a wall oven installed, and the master bath was re-configured along with a "roll-in shower" to make this home fully accessible for Angela.

Additionally, not only are the homes beautiful, but they are energy efficient, boasting the Energy Star logo. This adds additional savings to each household! These homes also offer an unfinished bonus upper floor for future growth. Most of the participating households are already making plans for their unfinished space, adding yet additional equity and a place they can call home for many years to come.

Mutual Self Help is not a hand out, but a hand up. A program where households can come together and learn construction skills while not only building energy efficient homes but creating a lasting community and instilling pride of ownership. If you want to work hard, learn new skills, save money, work as a team and have pride in building your own home, this program is for you. Color Country Community Housing, Inc. (CCCHI) in partnership with the USDA Rural Development Agency, is offering the Mutual Self Help Program (MSH). CCCHI is currently building homes in partnership with families in LaVerkin, Ivins and Mesquite, Nevada.

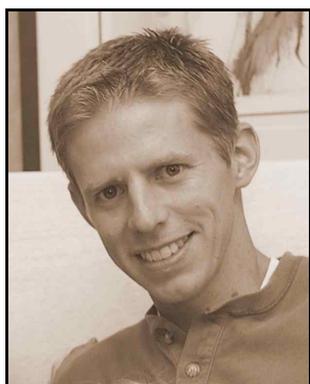


Handicap Accessible Home, Mesa Hills Subdivision in Kanab, UT

Color Country Community Housing, Inc. Hosts Enterprise Rose Fellowship in Community Architecture

The mission of the Rose Fellowship is to inspire and nurture a new generation of architects as lifelong leaders dedicated to creating sustainable communities for people at all income levels. The Fellowship honors the late Frederick P. Rose, a prominent developer and philanthropist who believed strongly in the value of quality design and the spirit of public service. The program is administered by Enterprise Community Partners, a leading national nonprofit housing and community development organization. Under the program's innovative structure, the Rose Fellows work deeply in communities for three years, forgoing community ties, developing leadership skills, and expanding the capacity of their local host organizations to execute projects with the best possible designs, meaningful community engagement, and the most advanced green building features.

Over the years of work in the affordable housing field, Color Country Community Housing, Inc. (CCCHI), host organization for the Rose Fellow in Utah, has become a strong and successful affordable housing developer. Currently all homes and apartments built by CCCHI are Energy Star® qualified, but this can be improved. A Rose Fellow falls right in line with this direction and will be a key ingredient to move into a new era of housing that provides much more than just living space, but a place which helps create healthy lives, physically, emotionally and financially. At the conclusion of the three-year program, expectations are the Rose Fellow will have become a catalyst for change in energy efficiency of affordable housing in Utah. Jason Wheeler has been selected to work with Color Country Community Housing, Inc. to fulfill a three-year assignment.



**Jason Wheeler, Rose Fellow
Hosted by Color Country
Community Housing, Inc.**

Jason, a native of Cache Valley (Hyde Park specifically), graduated from Sky View High School in 1998. He then attended Brigham Young University and began studying civil engineering with the intention of ultimately becoming an architect. After completing two years of the civil engineering program, he changed his major to construction management, feeling it was a better match for his career goals. Jason completed a bachelor's degree in construction management in 2005. While studying at BYU, he had the opportunity to collaborate with FFKR Architects in the 2003 CANstruction competition, where the group built a giant kitchen mixer out of cans of food that were ultimately to be donated to the food bank. Participating in that competition started to pique his interest in using "design" to benefit the community.

In partial fulfillment of work requirements for his undergraduate degree, he spent two summers doing construction work for Pioneer Construction Company on Long Island. He then spent the summer of 2005 as an intern (doing primarily construction) with the design-build firm of Randy Brown Architects in Omaha, Nebraska.

After completing his undergraduate degree, Jason began a four year Masters of Architecture program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In 2007 he had the opportunity to put his past experience in construction to good use while working as the student project manager for the University of Illinois's Solar Decathlon team. The Solar Decathlon is a competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy to promote the use of renewable resources in home construction. Over the 14 month duration of the project, the team designed and built a 600 square foot house powered entirely by solar panels, then transported the house to the National Mall in Washington D.C. in October of 2007. There the team competed with 19 other universities from around the world to see who had built the "best" solar house, and placed first in two of the ten events (market viability and comfort conditioning). Following the competition Jason was awarded the Tyler Allhands Fellowship by the Illinois School of Architecture in recognition of combined work in home building and architecture.

In 2008, Jason took a year off from his studies and moved to Lyon, France along with his wife and children. While in Lyon, he had the opportunity to work part time for Interland, an architecture and urban planning firm that works primarily in community master planning. As an intern at Interland, he helped design structures for a highly-sustainable artisan business park, and also participated in the design of a 100 unit mixed income subdivision for the village of Four, France. Upon returning to the University of Illinois in the fall of 2009 he received a Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, which allowed him to continue studying French and the European Union as he was completing a degree in architecture. Jason earned a Master of Architecture degree in May 2010. (So he's still pretty green...)

Jason married Kara Andrus of Omaha, Nebraska in 2003, and they have three children (who are lovely most of the time), ages 5, 3, and 10 months. Kara and Jason are both really looking forward to moving to St. George and excited to become a part of the Southern Utah community. The Rose Fellowship represents a fantastic opportunity to use design to improve and build communities, and he is delighted to have this opportunity to work with Color Country Community Housing over the next few years. Jason feels very blessed to have been offered this opportunity and hopes he can contribute to both the fellowship and Color Country in a meaningful way over the coming years.

Associations of Governments Celebrated



Steering Committee Representative Carolyn White and Executive Director Kenneth Sizemore joined Governor Gary Herbert and Lieutenant Governor Greg Bell at a June 14, 2010 reception celebrating 40 years of accomplishments by Associations of Government in Utah.

Volunteering in America 2010 Report

For the 5th consecutive year, the Volunteering In America 2010 report ranks Utah as the #1 state in the nation for volunteering - with Provo and Ogden ranked as the nation's #1 and #3 mid-sized cities for the spirit of service and Salt Lake as the nation's #1 large city!

Collected in partnership with the U.S. Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, this is the most comprehensive set of data on volunteering in the U.S., and tracks volunteering trends in all 50 states and nearly 200 cities.

This year's report also shows the largest increase in volunteering since 2003, with 63.4 million Americans (age 16 and older) volunteering in 2009, an increase of almost 1.6 million since 2008.

"We've seen a renewal in the volunteer spirit of our nation," said Senator Orrin G. Hatch. "It is heartening to see reports which show more and more Americans are willingly stepping forward to help in their neighborhoods and communities and, once again, Utah is leading the way."

This report ranks Utah as the #1 volunteering state in the nation with 44.2% of adults volunteering (national average is 22.8%). In addition to this ranking, Utah ranked #1 in eight other categories, including:

- ! Volunteer Hours Per Resident-- 86.9 hours (#2 ranked Iowa averages 40.1 hours per resident)
- ! Volunteer Retention Rate-- 80.1% (national average is 65%)
- ! Older Adults-- 40.6% (age 65 and older)
- ! Baby Boomers-- 48.9% (born 1946 to 1964)
- ! College Students-- 42.3%
- ! Young Adults-- 40.2% (ages 16-24)
- ! Teenagers-- 44.5% (ages 16-19)
- ! Millennial-- 39.4% (born in/after 1982)

Utah's 855,600 volunteers served 168.4 million hours in 2009 with an estimated economic impact of \$3.5 billion to our state.

"The number and quality of Utah volunteers provide positive tangible and intangible economic benefit contributing to the quality of life for every Utahn," said Spencer Eccles, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development. "There are also innumerable examples of companies and their employees making regular and significant contributions to our communities, but service is the key solution to many of the challenges facing our state."

"We congratulate the citizens of our great state for their passion and dedication for serving others," said Shar Lewis, Executive Director with the Utah Commission on Volunteers. "But your service is still needed - now more than ever. We encourage you to recruit friends, family and associates to look for on-going service opportunities to help our citizens and non-profits in these difficult economic times." (Linda Sappington)

Living Well with a Chronic Disease

Five County Area Agency on Aging received a grant to establish classes to assist people with chronic conditions. The program is called, *Living Well with a Chronic Disease*. The grant is from the Administration on Aging and in conjunction with the State of Utah Department of Health.



Living Well classes are designed to assist anyone with a chronic condition. Individuals with chronic conditions face every day challenges and must maintain their medical condition and their ability to perform everyday tasks that others take for granted. *Living Well* is designed to teach an individual to be a self manager of their condition. The course teaches hundreds of tips, helpful suggestions and concrete strategies to deal with chronic illness, manage their emotions, and live a productive life.

Below is a list of classes being offered in the Five County area. If you would like to attend, please contact Carolyn Moss at 435-673-3548. We are expanding the program after the first of the year to Garfield and Kane counties.

On October 28th and 29th and November 4th and 5th, leader training will be held in Iron County. Those who are interested in being a prospective leader should contact Tracy HeavyRunner at the same number listed above. (Tracy HeavyRunner)

Location	Dates	Time
Cedar City Senior Center 489 East 200 South Cedar City, UT	Every Wednesday Aug. 4 - Sept. 8, 2010	2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Beaver Opera House 81 E. Center Street Beaver, UT	Every Wednesday Sept. 22 - Oct. 27, 2010	1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
St. George Senior Center 245 North 200 West St. George, UT	Every Wednesday Sept. 22 - Oct. 27, 2010	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Hurricane Senior Center 95 North 300 West Hurricane, UT	Every Tuesday Sept. 21 - Oct. 26, 2010	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Dixie Regional Health & Wellness Center 652 S. Medical Center Dr. St. George, UT	Every Tuesday Oct. 12 - Nov. 15, 2010	10:00 a.m. - noon

CDBG HOW-TO-APPLY WORKSHOPS

Thursday, September 30, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.
Five County AOG Office, Conference Room
1070 West 1600 South, Building B, St. George, UT

Friday, October 1, 2010 - 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 website at: <http://www.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 website at: <http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov>

Steering Committee Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, August 11, 2010 1PM
Panguitch City Office
Council Chambers - 25 South 200 East
Panguitch, UT

Wednesday, September 8, 2010 1PM
Beaver County Administration Building
Commission Chambers - 105 East Center
Beaver, UT

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