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Community Development Block Grant Program FY 2005-06

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 2005-06 will be the twenty-fourth 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 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 \$13.25 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 reviewed and approved the rating and ranking matrix for the upcoming funding cycle at their August 11, 2004 meeting. The application cycle, which begins with two "How to Apply Workshops" in September, will be for the 18-month contract period of June, 2005 through December, 2006. Applications will be due in December, 2004. Applications and workbooks will be distributed at the workshops.

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, as submitted to the AOG.
- * Applications 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 CDBG allocation was awarded to the following projects: 1) FCAOG-- Planning & Technical Assistance set-aside; 2) FCAOG-- Meals-on-Wheels Delivery Trucks for five county region set-aside; 3) Beaver County-- ADA modifications to Historic Beaver County Courthouse; 4) Iron County-- Cedar Senior Citizens Center Expansion multi-year project; and 5) Glendale Town-- Storm Drainage Improvements multi-year project.

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 the local elected officials and the region Rating and Ranking System.

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PREVIOUS CDBG PROJECTS

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 that is considering applying for CDBG funding for a community development project. (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 shall be in writing. The letter of designation shall be provided to the Five County Association no later than at the beginning of the “How-to-Apply Workshop”.

(See Back Page for How-to-Apply Workshop Information)



Iron County Ambulance Garage Parowan Valley



Antimony Community Center



Cannonville Medical Clinic/Town Hall



Minersville Senior Citizen Center



Enterprise Senior Citizen Center



Hurricane City Fire Station Brentwood Area



Kanab City Library

Staff Spotlights:



Peggy Garrison was born in Salt Lake City, Utah and is the sixth of seven children. She moved to Brigham City, Utah at age fourteen. There she was married for sixteen years and had five children, all of which are now grown.

In 1991, she graduated from Weber State University where she had a double major in Social Work and Gerontology. Two weeks later she moved her children to St. George and started a new job at the St. George Care Center. Since then she has also worked for Southwest Center Mental Health, Four Corner's Mental Health and the Dove Center. Peggy has now joined the staff at the Five County Association of Governments as a Case Manager in the aging unit.

After seventeen years of being a divorced single mom, she was married just two months ago. As a result, she jumped from two grandchildren to seventeen grandchildren. Most of which she has yet to meet, but they plan to travel around and finish meeting them all this year. Peggy enjoys visiting ghost towns, hunting for petroglyphs, camping and gardening.

Emergency Home Repair Program

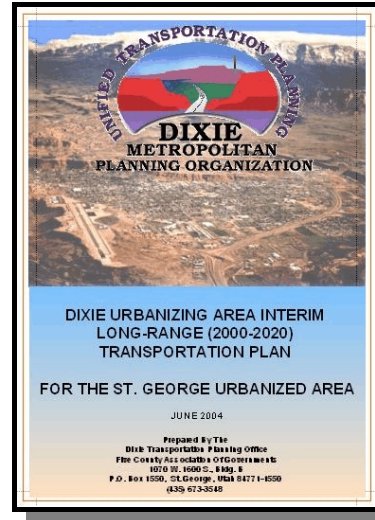
The Five County Association of Governments, an equal opportunity organization, has received funds from the Division of Housing and Community Development, State Community Services Office to administer the Emergency Home Repair Program.

The purpose of the Emergency Home Repair Program is to assist low-income homeowners within the Five Country region with emergency type home repairs that pose a threat to the health and safety of the occupants or threatens the long time integrity of the dwelling. Repairs may include deteriorating or leaking roof, inoperable furnace or water heater, leaky plumbing, faulty electrical, lack of sanitary facilities including septic/sewer systems or other crisis related repairs that are directly connected to the dwelling.

Grants are available for up to \$2,500 within a five-year period. Household income must be at or below 125% of the poverty level criteria established by Health and Human Services.

For more information call Danna L. Alvey at (435) 865-0195. (Danna Alvey)

Dixie MPO Interim Long-Range Plan - Informing Partners/Spectators in the Planning Field



The Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) recently adopted an interim long range plan for the area. The plan provides a baseline for what transportation growth needs are out to the year 2020.

The Plan document was mailed to over 150 partners and peers in transportation planning. It is hoped that valuable feedback will return from this mailing, critiquing its content and providing ideas for improvement for the next update which will occur in 2005 with a horizon out to year 2035.

The long range plan identifies demographic patterns, projected growth in population and traffic, and lists several transit, bicycle and highway project solutions in response to population growth and the traffic growth that comes with it. As one of the fastest growing small urbanized area in the United States, Dixie is feeling pressures in development, real estate growth, housing, water and other sectors. Keeping up with infrastructure needs, providing access to land uses and preventing traffic congestion, improving safety and operations of the transportation system while protecting open space and contributing to other social and environmental values, are primary goals of the MPO.

The plan and other information and activities of the MPO are also now available on the Five County Association of Governments "web site": <http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us>. Once there, just click on the "Departments" link and then the "Dixie MPO" link. Higher resolution version of this plan maps are also available on that site. You may also request a copy of the plan or send comments to Lowell Elmer, Director, Dixie Transportation Planning Office, Five County Association of Governments, P.O. Box 1550, St. George, UT 84771, or email him at: lclmer@fcaog.state.ut.us, or call 435-773-3548 ex. 122. (Lowell Elmer)

CDBG HOW-TO-APPLY WORKSHOPS

Monday, September 20, 2004 - 6:30 p.m.
Five County AOG Office, Conference Room
1070 West 1600 South, Building B, St.. George, UT

Tuesday, September 21, 2004 - 10:00 a.m.
Panguitch Fire Station
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 the first part of 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 8, 2004, 1:00 p.m.
Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg., Conference Room
105 East Center Street; Beaver, UT

Wednesday, October 13, 2004, 1:00 p.m.
Parowan Public Library, Meeting Room
16 South Main Street; Parowan, UT

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