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Community Development Block Grant Program FY 2006

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 2006 will be the twenty-fifth 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 \$14 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 will review and approve the rating and ranking matrix for the upcoming funding cycle at their August 17, 2005 meeting. The application cycle, which begins with two "How to Apply Workshops" in September, will be for the 18-month contract period of June, 2006 through December, 2007. Applications will be due December 2, 2005. Applications and workbooks will be distributed at the workshops. The back page contains "How to Apply Workshop" details, including dates and locations.

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 (\$819,746, plus \$75,000 in reallocated funds) was awarded to the following projects: 1) FCAOG-- Planning & Technical Assistance set-aside; 2) Iron County - Cedar Senior Citizens Center Expansion set-aside Phase II; 3) Beaver County - Milford Senior Citizens Center Replacement multi-year project; 4) Cedar City on behalf of Iron County Care & Share - New Food Pantry/Warehouse; 5) Kanab City on Behalf of Color Country Community Housing, Inc.- Mesa Hills Affordable Housing Project; 6) Washington County- ADA project addressing all county-owned facilities; 7) Washington County- Enterprise Senior Citizen Center Rehabilitation; and 8) Cedar City on behalf of Cedar Housing Authority- Housing Counseling and Down Payment Assistance.

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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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)

Previous CDBG Projects



Meals on Wheels Delivery Trucks



Iron County Ambulance Garage Parowan Valley



Antimony Community Center



Minersville Senior Citizen Center



Enterprise Medical Clinic



Hurricane City Fire Station Brentwood Area



Kanab City Library

Staff Spotlight:



Tom Barlow was born in 1971 in La Mesa California. His family moved to Sandy Utah, in 1981. At age 14 he got a job at Snowbird Ski Resort replete with a season ski pass and learned how to ski. He found snowboarding more interesting and fun. He did lifeguard training, including CPR and first aid and started

working as a lifeguard and a river guide. He guided groups of six on a rubber raft in the Colorado River at the age of 14 for \$50 a day. At age 16 he had already learned how to replace a motor in a car, and was restoring a 1969 Ford Bronco. He has had exploits in Moab, Lake Powell, Desolation Canyon on the Green River, Snake River, and Wasatch National Forest. Tom loves spelunking and snowshoeing, and is a pizza connoisseur.

Tom's academic interests included electrical engineering, digital electronics, auto mechanics, film, and theater. He played football in his freshmen and sophomore years. He was part of a stage crew for his senior year in high school. Tom turned down many Navy recruiters to work on the nuclear rigs. He was awarded Vocational Student of the Year award in his junior year. Tom is an expert at hacky-sack and Frisbee. Tom fell in love with skateboarding, becoming a hardcore skateboarder until he left for Hawaii 8 days after graduation from high school. He became a beach and pool attendant at a five-diamond hotel, one of the best hotels in Hawaii, working there for two years. Tom learned how to windsurf, skim board, and refining surfing skills. Tom snorkeled and did water activities on a daily basis.

Tom moved back to Utah to pursue a college degree studying electrical engineering, physics, calculus, chemistry, and differential equations, graduating with an Associate Degree in engineering. He moved on to study moving pictures and film at the University of Utah, studying film for one year before moving onto architecture. Tom studied vigorously to become an architect for a year and a half until he had earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Urban Planning with a minor in Architecture.

Tom worked at Park City Utah as a planner where he worked on several issues regarding the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. He snowboarded every day there was powder, sacrificing many days working late/coming in early to be able to get first runs on powder days. He says he found much solace in snowboarding. Tom windsurfed every day in the summer at a nearby reservoir. He continued to run rivers as a professional river guide with a Class A license to places like the Grand Canyon, Lodore Canyon, Dinosaur National Monument, Cataract Canyon, Dolores River, White River, Snake River, Yampa River, and was capable of taking on class 10 rapids single handedly.

In 1999, Tom moved to Charleston, South Carolina, to take a job with the Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments where he worked as a planner while writing law. Tom founded a private business selling sea kayaks. He also became an amateur meteorologist, star gazer, sailor and bartender.

In 2000, Tom joined the US Army and became a Topographic Analyst. He was stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and at Heidelberg, Germany. Tom served three years on active duty before getting a job here in southwestern Utah as the Garfield County Circuit Rider Planner with the Five County Association of Governments.

Tom and his wife Jill currently reside with two Chihuahuas in a home they recently purchased in Panguitch.

Senate Bill 60 Workshop Held

On June 29, 2005, the Five County Association of Governments sponsored a workshop held at its Tonaquint Center office in St. George for many of the region's professional land use planners and select city managers as well as others involved as staff in land use matters in southwestern Utah. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss strategies to be used in implementing recently passed amendments to the state of Utah's Land Use Development and Management Act (LUDMA). LUDMA is the section of Utah Code that provides for most land use matters in county and local government including, but not limited to, zoning, subdivisions and general planning. Senate Bill 60 was passed by the 2005 Utah Legislature and signed into law by Governor Huntsman.

Kenneth Sizemore, FCAOG Deputy Director and Director of the FCAOG Community and Economic Development Division welcomed attendees to the workshop. FCAOG Associate Planner Gary Zabriskie then provided background information on SB 60 as well as highlighting what the FCAOG has been doing for our local entities relative to SB 60. Mr. Sizemore introduced Attorney Neil Lindberg, City Planner and Counsel to the Provo City Council who provided attendees with valuable information, training and advice. Following Mr. Lindberg's presentation, FCAOG Senior Planner Curt Hutchings conducted a discussion session with workshop attendees. Towns, cities and counties throughout the state are in the process of reviewing their land use ordinances and related procedures such as public notification requirements to identify any changes necessary to comply with Utah Code, as amended. (Gary Zabriskie)

Highway 143 Planning

State Route 143 between Parowan and Panguitch, currently a state of Utah Scenic Byway, is being considered for national designation as a federal Scenic Byway or as an All American Highway. Kickoff meetings will be held to identify intrinsic values along the corridor, hear citizen concerns and obtain local input and direction in the planning process. The meetings will help to determine whether or not to apply for national designation and if so, which one. A meeting will be held in Parowan on August 23rd, Brian Head on August 24th, and Panguitch on August 25th. Check your local newspaper in Iron and Garfield Counties for meeting addresses and times. You can also find the meeting information on the FCAOG website at this link: www.fcaog.state.ut.us/CED/SR143.html

CDBG HOW-TO-APPLY WORKSHOPS

Monday, September 19, 2005 - 6:30 p.m.

**Five County AOG Office, Conference Room
1070 West 1600 South, Building B, St.. George,
UT**

Tuesday, September 20, 2005 - 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

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 14, 2005, 1:00 p.m.
Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg., Conference Room
105 East Center Street; Beaver, UT

Wednesday, October 12, 2005, 1:00 p.m.
Parowan Public Library, Meeting Room
16 South Main Street; Parowan, UT

