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Community Development Block Grant Program FY 2007

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 2007 will be the twenty-sixth 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 16, 2006 meeting. The application cycle, which begins with two "How to Apply Workshops" in September, will be for the 18-month contract period of June, 2007 through December, 2008. Applications will be due December 1, 2006. 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 total regional CDBG allocation of \$816,260 was awarded to the following projects: 1) FCAOG-- Planning & Technical Assistance; 2) Beaver County-- Milford Senior Citizens Center Replacement, Phase II; 3) Orderville Town-- Culinary Water System Improvements; 4) Washington County on Behalf of Gunlock Special Service District-- Culinary Water System Improvements; 5) Beaver County on Behalf of Beaver County SSD #1-- New Ambulance Garage Facility; and 6) Alton Town-- Fire Station Construction.

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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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (Continued from Page 1)

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)



Meals on Wheels Delivery Trucks



Cedar Senior Citizen Center Expansion



Antimony Community Center



New Milford Senior Citizen Center Under Construction



Enterprise Medical Clinic



Hurricane City Fire Station Brentwood Area



Kanab City Library

Staff Spotlight:



Sydney Wasden

was born and raised in Salt Lake City, UT. She says she finally got smart and moved to sunny St. George on Thanksgiving Day of 2000. She has three beautiful daughters (Jenn age 25, Corrine age 24 & Kristine age 21), and two ADORABLE grandbaby boy's (Connor age 14 months and Cash age 6 months).

Before coming to FCAOG she was the Treasurer of Washington City from December 2001 until April 2006. Prior to that she was the Assistant Branch Manager of the River Road Branch of Mountain America Credit Union for about 4 years. Sydney has worked in the Customer Service or Financial field since she was able to begin working. She loves people and MONEY so that has worked out really well.

Sydney would like to thank everyone at FCAOG and our Affiliates for making her feel so very welcome here. She can tell that she is really going to enjoy working with everyone.



Gary Zabriskie

was born in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1959 and grew up as the middle of three sons on the west side of Salt Lake County in the, at that time, quite rural and unincorporated

community of Granger (now West Valley City). As a matter of fact, there was a 160-acre sugar beet field just over the fence in the back. Seeing many local changes happen around him and near his Grandparent's farm in Magna piqued his interest in the community and ultimately his career choice. Following his graduation from Granger High School, he worked for 12 years at Harmons Supermarket in West Valley. According to Gary, Bob and Randy Harmon are just like they appear on television. He says it was a great experience working at the family-oriented store. While working at Harmons, he paid his way through the University of Utah, and met and married the former MaryAnn Partridge of West Jordan. MaryAnn had started working at the supermarket with a goal of soon attending Dixie College. This summer they celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. Little did MaryAnn know at that time she would later be living here in Utah's Dixie. Gary graduated from the U of U in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Urban Planning, which included serving an internship in the Community Development Department of West Valley City.

Gary began his professional planning career at the Five County Association of Governments in September 1993 when he was hired as Community Development Planner. One of Gary's first assignments was managing the regional aspects of the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program. In 1996, Gary was one of the first two regional managers to receive the designation as a CDBG Certified Manager by the state of Utah Department of Community and Economic Development. In September 1997 Gary was promoted to Associate Planner. Gary served in the CDBG role for approximately seven years and is proud of having assisted implementing many local community development projects that stand today.

For many years Washington City contracted for city planning service hours with Association staff. With that assignment by the Association, Gary served as the Washington City Planner for several years until Washington City was ready to take on full-time community planning "in-house".

Gary has been a team member in numerous FCAOG regional planning projects including assisting in developing a comprehensive Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for the region and most recently participating in preparing a National Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan for State Route 143. Currently Gary is assisting in the development of a Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Gary has been instrumental in developing technical capabilities of the Association through overseeing information technology aspects of the agency. He oversaw the implementation of the agency's first internal local area network, web site development, and later satellite office integration with the main office. In-house color document publishing capacity was also developed in his tenure. Since 1997, Gary has edited the Annual Report of the Five County Association of Governments, a task he enjoys because it helps illuminate many of the important activities of co-workers, many volunteers, and those who serve on advisory boards. He said he feels that the Annual Report is a great complement to the support received from our elected officials and public we all work for.

With the implementation earlier this year by the state of Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB) of the Regional Planning Project, a.k.a. the "RPP", a new assignment was offered to Mr. Zabriskie. On July 1, 2006, Gary was promoted to Senior Planner and began training along with RPP planners from the other four rural Utah associations of governments for the duties this new job will entail. One of the first tasks will be the development of a regional profile. The primary goal of the CIB this year with the RPP will be to better understand the socioeconomic conditions in each region and the interrelation of the mandate of the CIB to address local socioeconomic impacts from mineral extraction on federal land. The regional assessment will identify economic trends, current and projected needs for public infrastructure and services, housing inventories and trends and the status of community planning. Gary looks forward to beginning this task in earnest.

Gary and MaryAnn make their home in Santa Clara along with their two cats, Oscar and Sandi, and especially enjoy cruising the region on their v-twin motorcycle cruisers.

CDBG HOW-TO-APPLY WORKSHOPS

Monday, September 11, 2006 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, September 12, 2006 - 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 13, 2006, 1:00 p.m.
Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg., Conference Room
105 East Center Street; Beaver, UT

Wednesday, October 11, 2006, 1:00 p.m.
Parowan Public Library, Meeting Room
16 South Main Street; Parowan, UT

**FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
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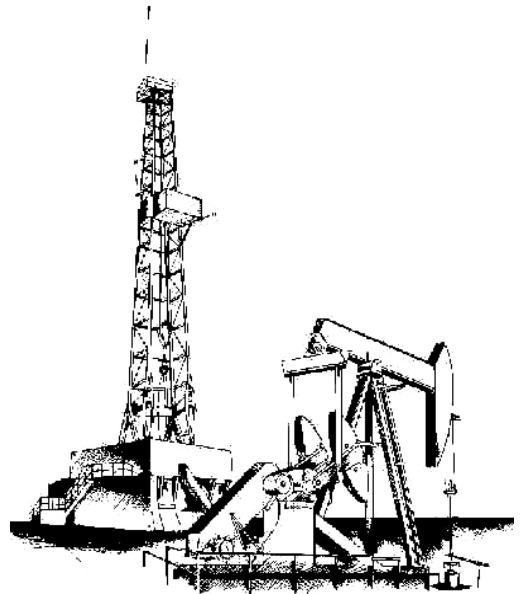
Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board Regional Planning Project (RPP)



Under the Federal Mineral Lease Act of 1920, lease holders on public land make royalty payments to the federal government for the development and production of non-metalliferous minerals. In Utah, the primary source of these royalties is the commercial production of fossil fuels on federal land held by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Since the enactment of the Mineral Lease Act of 1920, a portion of these royalty payments - called mineral lease payments - have been returned to the state in an effort to help mitigate the local impact of energy and mineral developments on federal lands. The state of Utah then allocates the Permanent Community Impact Funds with 32.5% of the funds. The CIB will only fund those applications which are submitted by an eligible applicant for an eligible project. The core mission of CIB is to mitigate socio-economic impacts resulting from natural resource development on federal lands.

The Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB) 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.

On April 6, 2006 the CIB established a new five-year Regional Planning Project program to implement the general goals of the CIB in each of the following five rural planning regions: Bear River, Five County, Six County, Southeastern Utah and Uintah Basin. Through the RPP program the CIB will provide stability for continuous quality planning throughout rural Utah. They have provided funds for the participating regional Associations of Governments (AOGs) to commit a full-time planner whose time and responsibilities will be dedicated to the core missions and goals of the CIB.



The CIB has stated that the Regional Planning Project will be flexible in its requirements to allow for the development and implementation of regional and local goals. The CIB will provide funding through an annual, renewable, contract for a full-time planner dedicated to the RPP in each region. The planner will assist communities in the region to address the impacts of natural resource development, including the cyclical nature of such development.

Each participating AOG has committed a full-time planner who reports to their respective AOG, but whose time and responsibilities will be dedicated solely to the core mission and goals of the CIB.

Goals of the CIB in establishing the RPP include the following:

- Analyze the impacts of natural resource development.
 - Determine the needs of communities impacted by such development.
 - Evaluate each community's assets and capacity to meet their planning needs.
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- Create capital improvement lists for each county.
 - Provide technical assistance to communities to meet their planning needs.
 - Assist communities to prepare grant applications for planning and capital improvement needs, in particular, applications to the CIB.
 - Insure that outputs and programmatic activities of the RPP will have a direct relationship to the efforts of the communities and CIB to mitigate the socio-economic impacts of natural resource development.
 - Establish a system that is responsive to both the CIB and AOG for furthering and evaluating the program outcomes.

The Regional Planner will:

- submit work product and quarterly reports to the CIB.
- coordinate planning activities that use CIB and other State funds.
- coordinate requests for State planning funds, including CDBG, Housing, Quality Growth and GOPB.
- provide planning services for communities by coordinating training, identifying funding sources, drafting requests for proposals, reviewing draft plans and ordinances, and advising, including attending public meetings- all with due consideration to the time and fiscal constraints of this program.
- attend training sessions and coordination meetings provided by CIB staff.
- respond to program evaluations and recommendations from CIB staff.

The CIB staff will:

- provide training sessions and coordination meetings for planners to acquaint them with RPP requirements and other planning resources, including other agencies as appropriate.
- respond to requests and program concerns from the five AOGs and Planners
- provide the CIB with annual program information and review for their consideration in re-authorizing the AOG contracts for another year.

A primary task of each Regional Planner over the next 5-6 months will be the development of a regional inventory/assessment which will include a summary description of the region including socio-economic conditions. It will also identify economic trends, current and projected needs for public infrastructure and services, housing inventories and trends and the status of community planning. More information on this regional inventory/assessment will be forthcoming.

Gary O. Zabriskie, Senior Planner at the Five County Association of Governments, has been designated as the CIB/RPP Planner in southwestern Utah. He can be reached at (435) 673-3548 or via e-mail: gzabriskie@fcaog.state.ut.us

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