

Executive Director's Dialog



As 2016 comes to a close, I extend sincere thanks to our dedicated Five County Association of Governments staff, our Steering Committee members, our partner agencies, and many other individuals for a highly successful year in serving the people of Southwestern Utah. I would like to note but a few of the numerous areas in which the Association has had a great impact during this year:

- Proactive transportation planning in the Five County region.
- Quality of life positively impacted by our Human Services, Community Action Partnerships, CareAboutChildCare, Aging Services, and other Association initiatives in this region.
- Development of individualized resource management plans for Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties as well as an updated Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Sound planning benefits the region in numerous ways.
- Improving economies in the region through private job creation assisted through our long-standing Revolving Loan Fund.
- As an Economic Development District we have continued a partnership with the EDA to coordinate economic development strategies throughout our member counties.

The Association provides for coordination amongst the counties it serves, building upon previous legacies of cooperation, to keep our region an attractive and productive place to live and work. I truly appreciate your key support and extraordinary efforts on our behalf and look forward to 2017 and the continued growth and development of the Association. Throughout the coming year we will use our newsletters to highlight programs and services that the Association administers for the betterment of residents in this region. Please feel free to contact me or our program directors to learn more.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Bryan D. Thriot, Executive Director



Access to and from our Five County AOG Tonaquint Office Building is Vastly Improved

St. George City recently completed installation of a traffic semaphore system at the intersection of Dixie Drive and 1600 South Street. Prior to this, northbound and southbound Dixie Drive traffic did not stop at this intersection. This new signal provides safer access at the Tonaquint Center High- Tech Business Park where our Five County Association of Governments' main office building is located.



As this is a relatively new signal at this intersection, all persons leaving our Tonaquint Center office will be wise to pause a few extra moments when the light turns green to be sure opposing traffic on Dixie Drive recognizes their red light. This new light will make it especially safer for left turns onto northbound Dixie Drive.

We appreciate the priority that the St. George City Council made of this project, as well as the good work that the City's Public Works and Engineering departments put into planning and implementing this much needed safety improvement.

Permanent Community Impact Fund Board



The Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board, known to most simply as the "CIB", is a source of funding frequently utilized by eligible entities in Utah to implement capital improvements projects. The Community Impact Fund Board provides loans and/or grants to
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state agencies and subdivisions of the state which have, or may be, socially or economically impacted by development of mineral resources on federal lands. 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 funds is royalties paid by commercial producers of fossil fuels on lands 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, has 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 32.5% of the royalties as Permanent Community Impact Funds. The CIB will only fund those applications which are submitted by an eligible applicant for an eligible project. The Utah statute creating the Board specifically defines eligible applicants as any of the following "subdivisions of the state": counties, cities, towns, school districts, building authorities, special service districts, water conservancy districts, county service areas, special improvement districts, water or sewer improvement districts, and public postsecondary institutions. Please note that Indian Tribes, individuals, corporations, associations and private-non-profit organizations are not eligible for financing from the CIB.

A consolidated list of the anticipated capital needs for eligible entities is developed and submitted for each county area. This list is produced as a cooperative venture of all the eligible entities within each county area. The CIB has provided for a Regional Planning Program Planner in each of 5 rural Associations of Governments in Utah. The RPP Planner coordinates the collection and consolidation, as well as the submission of the prioritized lists to the state CIB staff. There are two lists developed: one contains short term (one-year) proposed applications and a medium term (five-year) list of projects proposed two to five years out. The one-year list contains the following items: jurisdiction name, project summary description, anticipated time of submission to the CIB, projected overall cost of project, anticipated funding sources, the individual applicants' priority for their own projects, and finally the county area priority for each project. The county area prioritization is done at a meeting by a consensus decision of those entities, from that county, that participated in submitting a one-year list.

In early November the Five County Association mailed out to every jurisdiction in southwestern Utah a packet of information on how to prepare and submit new updated lists to us so we can consolidate the projects. Those lists are due back to the Association no later than January 11, 2017. In late February, meetings facilitated by the RPP planner will be held in each of the five counties wherein participating entity's representatives will collaboratively prioritize their respective county's lists.

Projects not identified on a county's lists, will not be funded by the CIB, unless they address a bona fide public safety or health emergency or for other compelling reasons.

The CIB reviews applications with an applicant at one of three scheduled "review" meetings and authorizes funding assistance at a "funding" meeting. The CIB operates its funding cycles on a trimester basis during the state fiscal year (July 1st - June 30th). Here is the trimester schedule:

Trimester	Application Deadline	Review Meetings	Funding Meetings
First	June 1	July, August, September	October
Second	October 1	November, December, January	February
Third	February 1	March, April, May	June

In October 2016 the CIB completed its first trimester funding and the following projects in the Five County region were formally funded:

Beaver City Runway Improvements	\$80,000
Garfield County New Public Works Facility	\$800,000
Town of Hatch Transportation Master Plan	\$5,000
Henrieville Town Culinary Water Improvements	\$337,500
Iron County MBA Courthouse Building Remodel	\$1,587,583
Parowan City General Plan Implementation Study	\$13,500
Hildale City Flood Control Project	\$672,000
LaVerkin City 300 West Road Improvements	\$483,000
Santa Clara City Landslide Stabilization Project	\$351,000
Toquerville City General Plan/Transportation Plan	\$44,500
Five County Regional total CIB 1st trimester:	\$4,374,083

Please note that the funding shown above only includes the dollar amount provided by the CIB as a grant or loan, or combination of grant/loan. It does not include the local financial participation of the applicants (their "skin in the game") nor does it include additional leveraged funding of their project provided by other funding sources.

If you desire more information on capital improvement planning or the PCIFB program, or may wish to discuss assistance available as you prepare and ultimately present your application to the CIB, please contact Gary O. Zabriskie, RPP Planner and Director of Community & Economic Development at the Five County Association of Governments at (435) 673-3548 extension 126, or e-mail: gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov

Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Awaiting Approval By FEMA

A thunderstorm rolls into Southern Utah with clouds so heavy and dense that it gives at mid-day the characteristics of night. Stalling over nearby impenetrable mountains, the storm unleashes oceans of rain that melt existing snow pack, turning dry washes into roaring rivers. Homes, roads, and storm drains not engineered to withstand great abuse are no match for this tempest. This storm is inevitable, and similar hazards will continue to occur. Quite a scary story!

But the devastation these natural hazards leave behind does not have to transpire. Every five years, each jurisdiction in the Five County Region has the opportunity to reduce natural hazard casualties and property damage by

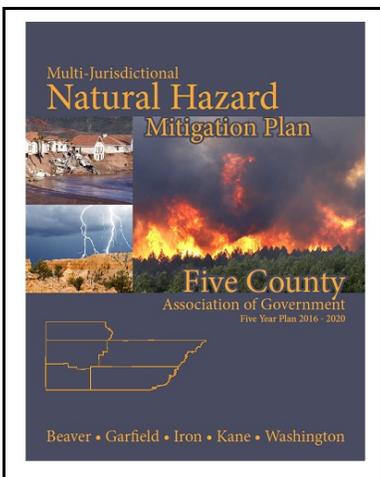
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Emergency flood disaster response work taking place in Hilldale City in 2015. Photo used with permission of The Spectrum & Daily News

participating in the development of, and adopting by resolution, the latest revision of the Five County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Voluntarily participating in the plan development and adopting the plan affords jurisdictions opportunity to apply to FEMA for hazard reduction grants. Along with funding opportunities, the adopted plan provides hazard information that can aid entities in creating a safer environment for their residents through sound planning and identifying needed infrastructure improvements.



A newly updated Five County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) for 2016-2020 contains information regarding the type, location and extent of eight regularly occurring hazards in the Five County area. The plan also includes information on previous occurrences of

hazard events and the likelihood of a future hazard event. The natural hazards identified in this plan are: wildfire, flood, landslide, drought, severe weather, problem soils, earthquake and radon gas.

Five County staff worked tirelessly to create a plan that can more easily be used and implemented than the two previous versions. The intentions is that through proper planning, residents and visitors of our communities will live and play at ease. Our Association's Community Planner, Nate Wiberg, has played a key role in bringing the updated NHMP to completion this year and we are anxiously awaiting its review by FEMA personnel.

Once the Plan is deemed "approvable" by FEMA, it will be sent out to each jurisdiction that participated in the planning process for its formal adoption, by resolution, by each jurisdiction. Our staff will provide detailed adoption information to each of the the participating entities at that time. Gary Zabriskie, Community & Economic Development Director

Five County FY17 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Grantee Workshops Announced



Notice is given to all fiscal year 2017 CSBG subcontractors that they are required to attend one of two identical grantee workshops either in person or via a GoToMeeting webinar.

This year's grantee workshops will address the following topics needed for a successful year:

- Overview of CSBG - history and objective
- The CSBG Need Assessment
- Utah CSBG-eligibility verification policy
- What / how to maintain client files
- Submitted monthly financial reimbursements
- Using DBA FacsPro for client intake / outcome reporting
- Monitoring
- Grievance, volunteer, and confidentiality policies

CSBG Grantee Workshop 1

Friday, January 6, 2017

2:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Five County Association of Governments

1070 W 1600 S; Bldg. B

St. George, UT 84770

Electronically at same date/time via "GoToMeeting":

Join from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://www.gotomeeting.com/join/473699597>

You can also dial in using your phone.

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CSBG Grantee Workshop 2

Monday, January 9, 2017

2:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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If you have any questions regarding the CSBG program administered by the Five County AOG Community Action Partnership staff, please contact CAP Program Director, Clint Cottam, at (435) 674-5757.

Hurricane Valley FOOD PANTRY

A Program of Five County Association of Governments - UTAH FOOD BANK 

With the closing of Dixie Care and Share, the Five County Association of Governments assumed operations of the Hurricane Valley Food Pantry in 2016. The pantry supports families facing food insecurity in the Hurricane Valley and the eastern-portion of Washington County. This pantry is a joint effort of Five County Community Action, the City of Hurricane, the Utah Food Bank, and the Hurricane Valley Community.

Location: in Jim Town's Business Complex at 450 E. 800 N. Unit #8; Hurricane, Utah. The telephone # is (435) 635-0995

Hours: Mondays: 4pm - 7pm; Thursdays: 10:00am - 1:00pm; Fridays: 10:00am - 1:00pm. The Hurricane Valley Pantry is closed on state and federal holidays.

Please note that no household will be turned away for emergency food on the first visit. However, ID and income verification will be required for future visits. For more information on the Pantry's needs and services, as well as responsibilities of clients, please read more on the web at:

<https://fivecountycap.wordpress.com/hurricane-valley-food-pantry>

Please submit articles, or suggestions for them, to our Newsletter editor via e-mail to (newsletter@fivecounty.utah.gov) or in writing to: FCAOG Newsletter Editor 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>

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