

To Commissioners Gibson, Ebert and Harvey

November 7th Commission Agenda Item:

“Set the first public hearing date for November 14th, 2017 to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied for under CDBG program for 2018”.

This is the first step in making application for CDBG funds. The public hearing will provide the opportunity for representatives from non-profit organizations as well as others to discuss potential projects (including county projects).

If you have any questions please call. Ext. 8004

Thanks, Chad Meyerhoffer

copy: Sean Wilkinson

To Commissioners Gibson, Bell and Ebert

First Public Hearing for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Date December 13th, 2016

This Public Hearing is required as part of the CDBG process. The public hearing will provide the opportunity for representatives from non-profit organizations as well as others to discuss potential projects (including county projects).

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Thanks,
Chad Meyerhoffer

To: Commissioner Gibson, Bell and Ebert (RE: CDBG First Public Hearing 12/13/16 agenda)

Commissioner Bell opened the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

The public hearing is a part of the process for applying for CDBG funds. In order to make sure all required topics are mentioned in the hearing I plan to read the following into the minutes:

This hearing is being called to consider potential projects for which funding may be applied for under the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program.

The national objective is for grant money to primarily be spent to benefit low to moderate income persons but other national objectives include using funds to aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight and may also be used to meet urgent needs because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to health and welfare.

The grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Wasatch Front Regional Council, in which Weber County is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$1,000,000 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it at any time. Several of the eligible activities listed including examples, such as Construction of public works and facilities, e.g., water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. Also eligible are loan programs for private businesses which would then hire low income persons and homeowners.

The unincorporated county does not currently have any active grant projects, in the past Weber County as a whole has sponsored the Weber Housing Authority in a project that offers incentives for first time home buyers. In the past Weber County has received grants for modification of restrooms for the Weber County Library to bring them more in compliance with ADA standards and an emergency housing rehabilitation project that was administered through the Weber County Housing Authority, developing ADA compliant campsites, installing ADA compliant door hardware at the fairgrounds. Installing storm drains in low to moderate income communities to reduce flooding, installing wheelchair ramps at street intersections to make pedestrian sidewalks more accessible, as well as sponsoring non-profit agencies such as Your Community Connection, Ogden Weber Community Action Agency, Catholic Community Services and others.

The County has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan". This list shows which projects the county has identified as being needed in the community. It was asked that anyone with questions or comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak. The clerk will include your names in the minutes and we would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during the hearing.

I was not contacted by any Non-profit agencies who were at the CDBG How to Apply Workshop that would like the county to sponsor them and want to submit a pre-application for a grant.

Andi Beadles. With Weber Housing Authority.....

Mr./Mrs. Name asked if Suggestion. Chad Meyerhoffer responded to suggestion by stating that Response.

Chair Bell then asked if there were any other suggestions:

Commissioner _____ moved to adjourn the public hearing and reconvene the public meeting; Commissioner _____ seconded

The hearing was then adjourned at (Time).

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Actual Minutes:

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Chad Meyerhoffer indicated that the unincorporated county does not currently have any active grant projects, in the past Weber County as a whole has sponsored the Weber Housing Authority in a project that offers incentives for first time home buyers. In the past Weber County has received grants for modification of restrooms for the Weber County Library to bring them more in compliance with ADA standards and an emergency housing rehabilitation project that is administered through the Weber County Housing Authority, developing ADA compliant campsites, installing ADA compliant door hardware at the fairgrounds. Installing storm drains in low to moderate income communities to reduce flooding, installing wheelchair ramps at street intersections to make pedestrian sidewalks more accessible, as well as sponsoring non-profit agencies such as Your Community Connection, Ogden Weber Community Action Agency, Catholic Community Services and others.

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The Weber Housing Authority is interested in applying for \$30,000 of CDBG funding for an Emergency Rental and Deposit Assistance Program and a Down Payment Assistance Program. The Emergency Rental and Deposit Assistance will provide low income households (50% AMI) with up to \$500 to avoid homelessness. The funds will be used for past due rent to avoid eviction and assist the homeless population with deposit assistance. The funding will allow the Weber Housing Authority to assist 60 households with assistance.

The Down Payment Assistance Program will be offered to first time homebuyers in Weber County outside of Ogden City. The program provides homebuyers with \$5,000 to be used for closing costs or down payment on the home. The program will be offered to moderate income households (80% AMI). If the participant resides in the home for 5 or more years, \$4,000 is gifted to the homebuyer and only \$1,000 is due upon sale of the property.

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