



Board Action Report

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Public Hearing - Re: Commissioner Worley - Budget/Purchasing - To Authorize the Preparation and Submission of a Community Development Block Grant-Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) Application to the NC Department of Commerce for up to \$750,000 for the Purpose of Rehabilitating 15 Owner-Occupied Homes and to Make Appointments to an Ad Hoc Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Housing Selection Committee as a Part of the Requirements for the Community Development Block Grant Application Process (Contingent upon Grant Approval)

1. Receive Citizen Comment
2. Accept Motion to Approve

STAFF CONTACT

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BUDGET IMPACT

No County funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

NC Neighborhood Revitalization Program Public Hearings:

A public hearing was held on May 28, 2019 to receive citizen input relating to the housing, community and economic development needs of low and moderate income individuals residing in Gaston County and the proposed application to the NC Department of Commerce for a 2019 Community Development Block Grant under the NC Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

A second public hearing will be held on June 25, 2019. The County is specifically planning to apply for a Neighborhood Revitalization Program Community Development Block Grant under the NC Department of Commerce in the amount of \$750,000 to rehabilitate approximately 15 qualifying homes scattered across the county.

Citizens are invited to provide oral and written comment on the County's past and proposed use of CDBG funds at the public hearing.

The ***North Carolina Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NC Neighborhood)*** offers a non-entitlement county the opportunity to tailor a project to meet the community development needs specific and most critical to their locality for low- and moderate-income residents.

North Carolina received approximately \$47.9 million in CDBG funds for 2018. Of this amount, approximately \$10.0 million will be made available for the NC ***Neighborhood Program***. The state makes these funds available through awarding grants to non-entitlement governments throughout North Carolina.

Ad Hoc CDBG-NR Housing Selection Committee

A local unit of government applying for a CDBG-NR grant must organize a Housing Selection Committee and ensure that the committee is formed and administered appropriately.

The CDBG-NR Housing Selection Committee (hereinafter, referred to as the "Committee") members serve a term beginning upon award of the grant and extending through the 30-month grant implementation period.

The Committee is responsible for determining, developing and implementing a process for selecting houses to be rehabilitated with grant funds. The Committee must hold meetings and maintain meeting minutes as part of the selection process. Meeting minutes must be adopted and maintained as part of the beneficiary selection process.

The Committee is charged with assessing the current and future Scattered Site Housing Program recipients based on the rated and ranked list of applicants that is prepared on behalf of the project to ensure that the County assists citizens based on needs. The Committee serves as an advisory body to Gaston County on all matters related to the County's selection process for the CDBG (NR)-Scattered Site Housing Program. The Committee members consist of Gaston County representatives, representatives from local jurisdictions within Gaston County, and representatives from organizations that currently assist low and moderate income persons within the County.

Citizens who have agreed to serve on the Committee are the following:

Name	Municipality	Title/Position
Jeff Hawkins	Cherryville	Zoning Administrator
Tiffany Faro	Dallas	Development Services Director
Melissa Lockamy	Belmont	Community Planner
Vincent Wong	Gastonia	Director of Community Services
Josh Watkins	Cramerton	Planning Director
Mikel Graham	Bessemer City	Intern
Brian DuPont	Mount Holly	Assistant Planning Director

This board action hereby establishes the Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Housing Selection Committee and approves the appointment of the above members. The Clerk to the Board is authorized to make the necessary revisions to the County appointment records (contingent upon grant approval).

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution