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## AGENDA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE Monday, February 20, 2012 4:00 p.m. Conference Room, Building 2 Beaufort Industrial Village 102 Industrial Village Road, Beaufort

### Committee Members:

William McBride, Chairman  
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### Staff Support

Morris Campbell, Division Director

1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 P.M.
2. PRIORITIZATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK (CDBG) PROJECTS
3. CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS
  - A. Disabilities and Special Needs Board
  - B. Library Board
4. ADJOURNMENT



2012

## Community Development Block Grant

CDBG

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### POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Lowcountry Council of Governments does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. Sherry Smith, Lowcountry Council of Governments, PO Box 98, Yemassee, SC 29945, Phone (843) 726-5536 , has been designated to coordinate with the non-discrimination requirements of the CDBG program.



The SC CDBG Program is designed to provide assistance to units of local government in improving economic opportunities and meeting community revitalization needs, particularly for persons of low and moderate income (LMI). The program has been funded through the State since 1982 by US Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing Community Development Act of 1974 as amended (Title I). The Annual allocation from HUD for the program is administered by: S C Department of Commerce -Division of Grant Administration.

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SC has been allotted approximately \$18,074,066 CDBG funds for 2012. This allocation has been divided among the program as follows:

<b><u>Community Development Programs:</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,931,844</u></b>
• <i>Community Infrastructure</i>	\$7,231,844
• <i>Community Enrichment</i>	\$2,000,000
• <i>Village Renaissance</i>	\$5,000,000
• <i>“Ready to Go” Public Facilities Program</i>	\$700,000

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- Business Development Program: \$2,000,000
- *Regional Planning Program:* \$ 500,000
- *State Technical Assistance (1%)* \$ 180,741
- *State Administration (2% of allocation+\$100,000)* \$461,481

**All Projects have to meet a national objective meaning:**

- **Benefit low-to-moderate income ("LMI") Persons**
- **Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight**
- **Meet other urgent community needs posing a serious threat to the health or welfare of the community, where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs**



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# LMI QUALIFIED

Beaufort  
County

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
		Person	Person	Person	Person	Person	Person	Person	Person
Median Family Income:  \$69,800	30% Limits	\$14,700	\$16,800	\$18,900	\$20,950	\$22,650	\$24,350	\$26,000	\$27,700
	50% Limits	\$24,450	\$27,950	\$31,450	\$34,900	\$37,700	\$40,500	\$43,300	\$46,100
	80% Limits	\$39,100	\$44,700	\$50,300	\$55,850	\$60,350	\$64,800	\$69,300	\$73,700

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## FAIR HOUSING IS THE LAW

Also, as a part of the requirements of the program, the locality is expected to undertake activities that promote Fair Housing. Title VIII of the Civil Rights of 1968 stipulates that we all have the right to be treated fairly regardless of our race, color, religion, sex, familial status, or national origin.

In the sale and rental of housing  
In residential real estate transactions  
In the provision of brokerage services



*If you believe that you have been a victim of discriminatory housing practices, you have avenues by which the matter can be investigated. Lowcountry Council of Governments is committed to Fair Housing.*

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### CD General Program Description:

Designed to produce outcomes that improve citizen's quality of life and create a competitive environment for jobs and investment by addressing priority community development needs.



A CD application will compete within the following subcategories that have the same general submission requirements. The "Ready to Go" Program will not be funded in a competitive round.

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### Community Infrastructure:

Must contribute to the creation of healthy and sustainable residential communities through water, sewer, roads, drainage, or other activities that address one or more of the priorities listed in order of importance:

#### Activities must address:

1. Significant improvements to existing infrastructure to address health concerns , meet required quality standards and ensure community sustainability.

2. Projects that result in a more viable regional infrastructure solution or that provide new access to services near business centers where it's cost effective to address a documented health threat.

3. Upgrades to infrastructure to meet quality standards where there are only general health concerns or new services that are not near business centers when it is cost effective to address a documented health threat.

### Community Enrichment:

Designed to fund facilities, services and other activities that strengthen existing communities and support a high quality of life within the following state priority areas:

First Priority - Workforce Development

Second Priority – Safe and Healthy Communities

Third Priority - Obstacles to Economic Competitiveness

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### Community Enrichment Continued

#### Workforce Development Examples

- Libraries
- Workforce Quick Jobs Training Centers (Must be associated with a Technical College (equipment only eligible with new construction))
- Publicly owned facilities that offer extended education for at risk LMI youth or children (non-school facilities) expanded to include adult literacy programs



### Safe and Healthy Communities Examples

- **Public Safety Facilities in LMI Neighborhoods**
- **Demolition of vacant, dilapidated structures in targeted LMI areas**
- **Firefighting Facilities or Equipment**
- **Health Clinic Facilities or Equipment in underserved areas**
- **Multi-service centers for health or related social services**

### Obstacles to Economic Competitiveness Examples

- **Increasing energy efficiency or accessibility for public facilities**
- **Brownfield Projects/Demolition of obsolete buildings**
- **Downtown Streetscape Infrastructure**
- **Transportation oriented public facilities or services to serve the LMI workforce population**
- **Planning regional infrastructure or brownfields clean up and redevelopment**

### Village Renaissance

- Designed to assist in the development of sustainable communities by revitalizing in-town residential neighborhoods.
- Projects need to incorporate comprehensive strategies to link commercial revitalization success with improvements to adjacent neighborhoods.
- Such neighborhoods should be within walking distance to downtown or business centers (typically no more than ½ mile from downtown or business center)

### Village Renaissance Continued

- Each project should involve a 5-year, 3 phased program.
- Phase I requires a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and Phases II and III involve Activities to implement the plan.
- A local government may address no more than one neighborhood at a time.



### **Village Renaissance Continued**

- Required plan elements to include public safety, specific actions to prepare for implementation (LMI surveys, preliminary design, code ordinances, acquisition, etc.) as well as maps showing existing conditions and proposed improvements, and timeframes
- Implementation activities must be described in the plan
- All Implementation phases will now be competitively selected and the locality must comply with applicable program threshold requirements

### **Phase I – Comprehensive Revitalization Plan that includes strategies:**

- Improve neighborhood involvement and interaction
- Provide sense of safety and neighborhood pride
- Address pressing infrastructure and public facilities needs
- Identify in-fill affordable housing opportunities
- Improve the overall physical appearance and property values
- Promote sustainability and conservation

### Phase II and III Activities

- Infrastructure – Water, sewer, roads, drainage
- Public Facilities – Sidewalks, security lighting and cameras, police substation, technology, homework centers, walking trails, green space, landscaping
- Housing – Construction of rental or single family affordable and workforce housing that has significant leveraging
- Demolition/Clearance of vacant and dilapidated properties
- Public Services - Crime Watch, Drug or Gang Education

### Business Development Program:

- Area new or expanding businesses tied to job creation.
- Economic development activities not associated with job creation
- New or expanding businesses that provide essential goods and services in predominately LMI communities



## "Ready to Go" Public Facilities Program

- Designed to stimulate the local economy by encouraging the timely implementation of CDBG eligible public facilities
- Project must be eligible under the Community Infrastructure or Community Enrichment program
- Project must be cost effective
- Only one project is allowed at the time
- All required project activities leading up to bidding must be complete prior to submission of application including but not limited to:

- ✓ **Product design**
- ✓ **Environmental review**
- ✓ **Acquisition and permits**



## Application Request Deadlines

### Ongoing

"Ready to Go"

March 16, 2012 at 5:00 PM

- Community Infrastructure

August 17, 2012 at 5:00 PM

- Community Enrichment
- Village Renaissance

**"Ready to Go" Projects and Business Development Projects have an open ended request deadline.**



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**Applications Are Due By:**

April 16, 2012 at 5:00 PM

- Community Infrastructure



September 17, 2012 at 5:00 PM

- Community Enrichment
- Village Renaissance

***“Ready to Go” and Business Development Projects are due 30 days after a request is made.***



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**Minimum \$50,000 for any Project**

	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Community Infrastructure	\$50,000	\$ 500,000
Community Enrichment		
Facilities	\$50,000	\$ 500,000
Services Other Activities	\$50,000	\$ 300,000
Village Renaissance	\$50,000	\$ 375,000
“Ready to Go”	\$50,000	\$ 500,000
Economic Development	\$50,000	\$ 500,000



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### Match Requirements

- Matching fund requirements for all projects are now 10% of the grant request.
- However, additional leveraging for Community Development projects will make your project more competitive.

