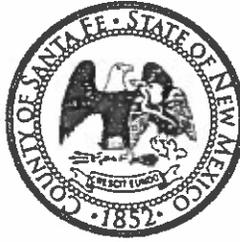


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DATE: November 25, 2014

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager

FROM: Rudy Garcia, Legislative Project Coordinator  
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RE: *Community Development Block Grant Program - Project Proposals  
(1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting)*

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**BACKGROUND and SUMMARY:**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, administered by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) will be accepting applications for new CDBG projects in March of 2015.

Project applications shall be utilized in one of three national program objectives: 1) serve low to moderate income beneficiaries; 2) remove slum/blight; or, 3) address an urgent need.

Project funding may be used for:

- Community Infrastructure – water and waste water systems, street improvements, and municipal utilities.
- Housing – property acquisition, rehabilitation, increase housing opportunities, and historic preservation.
- Public Service Capital Outlay – community centers, senior citizen centers, and other community facilities designed to provide health, social, and recreational services.
- Economic Development – assists communities in creating or retaining jobs for low-moderate income persons.
- Planning – used in the development of comprehensive plans, feasibility assessments, mapping, aerial photography, and development of codes and ordinances.

As required within the CDBG guidelines, any local unit of government that contemplates submission of an application shall conduct a minimum of one (1) CDBG Public Hearing to solicit project ideas and to make a formal determination of the project to be submitted for consideration.

DFA has published the following draft program benchmarks for the next application cycle:

- CDBG Program Benchmarks:
  - October 15, 2014 – Approval of the 2015 Action Plan and Proposed Rule Change
  - December 4, 2014 – Adoption of New Mexico Administrative Code Rule Change
  - December 11, 2014 – Application Workshop
  - January 16, 2015 – Deadline for Threshold Compliance (open projects)
  - January 23, 2015 – Surveys/Low-Moderate Income (LMI) Data Due to DFA
  - March 18, 2015 – Applications Due

Utilizing the DFA draft program benchmarks, on October 28, 2014, the Board of County Commission approved the following Public Participation schedule:

- Community Meetings:
  - November 6, 2014 – 6:00 PM Santa Fe County – Commission Chambers
  - November 13, 2014 – 6:00 PM Edgewood Fire Station
  - November 15, 2014 – 10:00 AM Santa Fe County – Commission Chambers
  - November 18, 2014 – 6:00 PM Pojoaque Satellite Office
- Board of County Commission Meetings:
  - *November 25, 2014 – 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing*
  - December 9, 2014 – Final Public Hearing and Adoption of CDBG Program Resolution

## **RECOMMENDATION**

As a requirement of CDBG program guidelines, staff is recommending that the Board take public input on potential CDBG projects. Upon completion of public input, all submitted project information will be compiled and evaluated.

Staff will be presenting the Board with a project recommendation at its' December 9, 2014, meeting.

