



City of
Washington
NORTH CAROLINA
Council Agenda
MARCH 17, 2014
5:30 PM

Opening of Meeting

Nondenominational Invocation

Roll Call

Approval/Amendments to Agenda

1. **Public Hearing** - to Receive Information and Public Comment Concerning 2013 Community Development Block Grant-Infrastructure Program as Administered by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Division of Water Infrastructure (**page 2**)
2. **Adjourn** – Until Monday, March 24, 2014 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

To: Mayor Hodges & Members of the City Council
From: Allen Lewis, Public Works Director
Date: March 11, 2014
Subject: Hold Public Hearing to Receive Information and Public Comment Concerning 2013 Community Development Block Grant-Infrastructure Program as Administered by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Division of Water Infrastructure.
Applicant Presentation: N/A
Staff Presentation: Allen Lewis

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is required other than to hold a public hearing for informational purposes.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In 2013, the North Carolina General Assembly allocated \$26 million in federal Community Development Block Grant funds to the Infrastructure program, and transferred the funds to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Division of Water Infrastructure to administer. The purpose of these funds is to construct public water and sewer infrastructure to mitigate public and environmental health problems in areas where the percentage of low to moderate income persons is at least 51 percent.

Attached is some background and general information in reference to this grant opportunity.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE ACTION

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

Currently Budgeted (Account) Requires additional appropriation No Fiscal Impact

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

See attached NC DENR Community Development Block Grant-Infrastructure Program Background and General Program Information.

City Attorney Review: _____ Date By: _____ (if applicable)
Finance Dept Review: _____ Date By: _____ (if applicable)
City Manager Review: *Concur* _____ Recommend Denial _____ No Recommendation 3/11/14 Date
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**NC DENR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
BACKGROUND AND GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Program Statement: In 2013, the North Carolina General Assembly allocated \$26 million in federal Community Development Block Grant funds to the Infrastructure program, and transferred the funds to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Division of Water Infrastructure to administer. The purpose of these funds is to construct public water and sewer infrastructure to mitigate public and environmental health problems in areas where the percentage of low to moderate income persons is at least 51 percent.

2013 Funds Grant Application Intake:

	Due Date	Award Date	Amount Available
Round 1	April 1, 2014	May 12, 2014	\$10,000,000
Round 2	May 1, 2014	July 17, 2014	\$15,000,000

Maximum Award: The maximum award is three million dollars over a three year period.

Eligible Applicants: Only Units of General Local Government (excludes water/sewer districts, other single purpose governmental units) are eligible to apply.

Match Requirement: This program cannot fund house connections to either water or sewer lines. Therefore, the only match required is for projects that extend water or sewer lines to serve homes where there are contaminated or dry wells, or failing septic systems.

Types of Projects: This program can cover construction and administrative costs related to the construction or rehabilitation of water or sewer infrastructure to benefit low to moderate income residents.

The types of projects that can be funded include:

- Water and wastewater projects that mitigate situations that have caused regulatory action such as Special Orders by Consent, Notices of Violation, and Administrative Orders.

WATER:

- Projects that resolve water loss in water distribution systems.
- Projects that extend public water service to areas with contaminated wells.
- Projects that resolve issues with trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids in public water systems.
- Projects that extend water service to areas with dry wells.
- Projects that assist with low water pressure in public water systems.
- Projects that regionalize two or more water systems.
- Projects that provide a water supply in times of drought, as defined by the DENR Division of Water Resources.
- Projects that provide a secondary water supply as required by regulation.
- Projects that rehabilitate or replace a water treatment plant.
- Projects that construct a new water treatment plant to serve an area with contaminated or failed wells.

WASTEWATER:

- Projects that resolve inflow and infiltration to collection systems and surcharges from pump stations and manholes.
- Projects that extend public sewer to areas with failed septic systems.
- Projects that rehabilitate a wastewater treatment plant to allow for greater efficiency/compliance with regulation.

Grant Award Criteria: Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis using the following criteria:

- Economic Need
 - Exceedance of the threshold criteria of 51% LMI
 - Poverty Rate
 - Water and /or Sewer bill as a percentage of median household income (MHI)
- Severity of Need
 - Regulatory Relief
 - Critical Water or Wastewater Need
- System Management
 - Operating Ratio
 - Planning Documents
 - Regionalization