

Richland County Finance and Personnel Committee

Agenda Item Cover

Agenda Item Name: (CDBG-CLOSE Details and Presentation)

Department	Richland Economic Development	Presented By:	Jasen Glasbrenner
Date of Meeting:	7/7/20 – 1pm	Action Needed:	Update on CDBG Fund – Close Program - No Action Needed
Disclosure:	Open	Authority:	
Date submitted:	6/30/20	Referred by:	

Recommendation and/or action language: (summarize action/s sought by committee, e.g. present a resolution, present an ordinance, receive and file information, approve expense or grant, etc.)

Recommend motion to approve tentative timeline.

Background: (preferred one page or less with focus on options and decision points)

I will present an update on the CDBG Fund – Close Program we are moving through and will present an action timeline. See the Attachment.

Attachments and References:

Summary document titled – Richland County CDBG Update – Dated 7/7/20	

Financial Review:

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	In adopted budget	Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

This CBDG Close process is in regard to a fund balance of approx. 1.2million that the county has in its possession. The funds must be returned to the state by Jan 2021. We are able to recover those funds for the county if we write project proposals that meet the State requirements.

Approval:

Department Head

Review:



Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)

Richland County CDBG-CLOSE Details

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Richland Economic Development Director

County CDBG Close Fund Details

The approximate balance in the County CDBG Close Fund is \$1,171,789.30.

Summary of Close

Cash on hand and notes receivable from CDGB RLF must be Closed

- All funds must be returned to the State by Jan 31st, 2021
- We can choose to buy out the receivable or let it go back to the State.
 - Approximately \$59,000 loan to the Homesteaders Store
- We are able to write up to 2 project applications to recover the full amount of the fund back into Richland County. The project application deadline is also Jan 31st, 2021

What types of projects can the UGLG undertake with the funds?

All projects must meet the national objective of Low-and Moderate-Income benefit or the prevention and elimination of slum and blight. If a project meets one of the above national objectives, eligible activities include comprehensive plans, downtown or redevelopment plans, housing plans, curb and gutter improvements, street and sidewalk expansion or improvement, wastewater treatment facilities, wells and other water facilities, sewer and water system improvements, community centers, libraries, senior centers, fire stations, ADA accessibility improvements to public buildings, blighted building acquisition and demolition or rehabilitation, environmental remediation, business grants, workforce housing, job training, food pantries, drug rehabilitation, healthcare or dental clinics, and literacy programs.

Projects that have been considered but will not work;

Symons Center	AD German Warehouse
Ambulance Garage	Komar Properties
Grocery Store	Numerous County Road Project
Senior Care Facility Investment – Pine Valley	Richland Center Road Projects
Yuba – Gas Station and Fire Station	Richland County Road Projects
Childcare Facilities	Broadband Expansion

Projects that are easiest to attain approval for;

- **Slum and Blight Removal Projects**
 - Removal of blighted buildings
 - Also looking into lot acquisition for the purpose of incentivizing housing development
- **CDBG – PF - Public Facilities Program**
 - Funds help support infrastructure and facility projects for communities. Examples of eligible projects include improvements, repairs, or

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expansions of streets, drainage systems, water and sewer systems, sidewalks, and community centers. Grants are limited to projects that, if implemented, meet a CDBG National Objective.

Possible Projects

Accessibility for City Auditorium	Viola – Flood recovery projects
City Parking Lots	Lone Rock – Flood repair on homes (Darrin G)
Blighted Lot in Cazenovia	62years and older Condos
Blighted Lots in Richland Center	City Library
Rehabilitation of Housing	

Time Line Targets

July / August

- Continue to search and qualify project ideas.
- Requests For Proposals (RFP)

September

- 1) County Resolution to Adopt a Citizen Participation Plan
- 2) Portions of the Citizen Participation Plan will be implemented at the same meeting
 - a. Assignment to committee (usually that is already existing) along with people that fill the requirements of the plan.

October

- Project Committee Meeting and Referral to County Board

November

- County Board approval of project proposals

December

- Final document preparation

Jan 1st – 15th, 2021

- Submit the funds held by the county and the completed project applications.

Jan 31st, 2021 – Final Deadline

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HUD LMI Data Map of Richland County

Used to guide the Community Development Block Grant – CLOSE process to make sure that LMI communities are the recipients of the benefits generated by the use of HUD funds.

- Red boundaries are Places that have specific LMI Data Calculation.
 - These Places are: Richland Center, Boaz, Viola, Lone Rock, Cazenovia, (Yuba, Sextonville, Gotham)
- Black boundaries are Block Groups that have specific LMI Data Calculations

<https://hud.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=ffd0597e8af24f88b501b7e7f326bedd>



