

PEORIA COUNTY

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Downstate Small Business Stabilization (DSBS) Component

APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING

April 23, 2020
5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Hearing called to order
- II. Attendance register
- III. Hearing purposes
 - A. Obtain citizens' opinions, suggestions and priorities
 - B. Provide required program information
 - C. Information, public discussion of proposed project
- IV. The Program – National Objectives [HCD Section 104(b)(3)]
 - A. Benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons (primary)
 - B. Preventing or Eliminating Slums and Blight
 - C. Meeting Community Development Needs Having a Particular Urgency (a.k.a. Urgent Need)
 - D. Eligible/ineligible activities: restricted to working capital by for-profit businesses
- V. Primary program requirements
 - A. Must meet one of the three national objectives in IV, above (in this case Urgent Need)
 - B. Funding availability – \$25,000 maximum per grant; \$20,000,000 (entire state, non-entitlement areas)
- VI. Other requirements
 - A. Minimizing displacement
 - B. Access to records by the public, where and how to view applications
- VII. Other Community Development and Housing Needs
 - A. List of potential items
 - B. Establish priority
- VIII. Proposed project – Grants to small businesses for working capital due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus
 - A. Description, CDBG requests (see attached)
 - B. Public discussion
 1. Opposition
 2. Support
- IX. Miscellaneous
- X. Adjournment

The CDBG hearing is not conducted just for the project being applied for at this time. HUD requires local government applicants to allow for citizens to bring up other things and issues in the public forum without consideration to their relationship to the grant requests for which the hearing was called. Below is a list of other needs that may be considered at this session that seem appropriate for the circumstances facing the nation. The list does not constitute a policy position or a mandate of ideas although the first one fits the current circumstances surrounding the current grant opportunity. Suggestions on others to add or replace these are welcome.

The discussion of other community development and housing needs included and in order of priority were:

1. Assist where possible small businesses throughout the county that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 virus pandemic;
2. Improve resources to help all the communities, both businesses and residents, who have been negatively affected by the virus;
3. Assist where possible individuals access social, financial and government services and other resources to recover from the viral disaster;
4. Develop a plan for the county that will help mitigate the effects of any situation similar to the current circumstances due to the viral outbreak;
5. Gather information for future resources to provide to persons and businesses that will help them cope with similar situations.