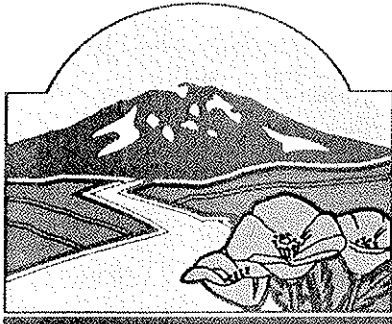


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# AGENDA ITEM

May 4, 2010, City Council Meeting

Approved for Submittal By:

*Dana Shigley*  
Dana Shigley, City Manager

To Be Presented By:

*Juanita Barnett*  
Juanita Barnett, City Clerk

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Through: Dana Shigley, City Manager  
Telephone 378-6646

From: Juanita Barnett, City Clerk  
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Date: May 4, 2010

## SUBJECT

**Public Hearing - Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for a 2010 Community Development Block Grant**

## RECOMMENDATION

The City Clerk recommends that the City Council:

1. Direct the City Clerk to read the published public hearing notice.
2. Conduct the public hearing.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with conducting the hearing. The grant application, if ultimately approved and successful, would require a local match. Funds for such match would depend on the scope and nature of proposed projects.

## **DISCUSSION and BACKGROUND**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, administered by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The overall objective of CDBG is "To promote the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income." A CDBG activity must accomplish at least one of the following: 1) Benefit low and moderate income families; 2) Aid in the prevention of slums and blight; 3) Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency. In all cases, at least 51% of the beneficiaries of CDBG-funded programs must be from families earning less than 80% of the area's median income. According to the 2000 census, 59% of Anderson residents meet this requirement.

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for this year has been issued. The City is eligible to apply for up to \$800,000. Activities typically eligible for funding include:

**HOUSING:** Loans and grants for the rehabilitation of existing housing; acquisition of rental housing; assisting with new construction.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Improvement or construction of water and sewer facilities, flood control and drainage facilities.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES:** Acquisition or construction of homeless shelters, day care centers, senior centers, or fire protection facilities. Public Services refers to labor and materials used to provide services such as employment, childcare, health or education.

We are currently looking at what projects would best fit this application.

## **THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m., June 25, 2010. In the past, this application process has been very competitive. Approximately 180 jurisdictions are eligible to compete for these grant funds.

The purpose of this hearing is to solicit community input into possible projects and programs for this application. Staff will use this input to develop an application and return at a later date for approval of the final application.

## **ATTACHMENT**

1. Public Hearing Notice.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Anderson will conduct two public hearings to discuss the Fiscal year 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the General allocation to solicit citizen input. The first hearing will be held Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers located at 1887 Howard Street, Anderson, California. The second hearing will be held Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

Maximum award limits for each CDBG allocation are specified in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

The dollar amount of General, Colonias, and Native American allocation funds available varies each year, and a grant from these allocations does not count toward any yearly caps under the Economic Development and Planning and Technical Assistance allocations of the CDBG Program.

The major activity categories are Housing-New Construction, Housing-Acquisition, Housing-Rehabilitation, Public Facilities, Public Services, Public Improvements, and Planning (for Colonias only) Activities. Projects funded with CDBG General, Native American, and/or Colonias Allocations must meet the National Objective of Benefit to Targeted Income Group (TIG) persons. The Economic Development Allocation can meet any of the three National Objectives, Benefit to Targeted Income Group (TIG) persons, elimination of slums and blight, and meeting urgent community development needs.

The City of Anderson anticipates applying for up to the maximum grant amounts as stated in each Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the General, Colonias, Native American and Economic Development Components as well as the maximum grant amounts for the General and Economic Development Planning and Technical Assistance Components.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to provide citizens an opportunity to comment/recommend activities for preparation of a CDBG application. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City Clerk, City of Anderson, 1887 Howard Street, Anderson, California, 96007, or you may telephone (530) 378-6646. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

If you plan on attending the public hearing and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, or have a need for an interpreter, please contact Juanita Barnett at (530) 378-6646 to arrange for the accommodations to be made.

The city promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low-and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

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Juanita Barnett, City Clerk