

CITY OF  
**ANDERSON**

# AGENDA ITEM

**July 15, 2008 City Council Meeting**



Approved for Submittal By:
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To Be Presented By:
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Date: July 15, 2008

## SUBJECT

Public Hearing - Prospective Applications for State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended action has no direct or immediate fiscal impact. Future grant funds may become available through the State CDBG program, and this public hearing shall serve as a qualifying component to submission of future grant applications which may result in revenue for the City.

## **DISCUSSION and BACKGROUND**

The California Department of Housing and Community Development requires that prospective applicants for Community Development Block Grants complete public hearings to receive input from the community about prospective grant applications.

The purpose of this public hearing is to give members of the community the chance to comment on projects that may be proposed under grant application guidelines. There are currently no projects being proposed by staff. Conducting the public hearing shall make the City eligible for grant funding that the State may soon be making available to this jurisdiction. When further details of specific funding become available, staff will initiate another public hearing to discuss specific projects at that time. This public hearing was properly noticed in the Record Searchlight.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Public Hearing Notice

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR POSSIBLE STATE CDBG APPLICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on July 15, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Anderson City Council Chambers, 1887 Howard Street, Anderson, CA 96007, in order to discuss possible applications for funding under the next fiscal year's State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to solicit citizen input on possible activities to be included in these applications.

The General and Economic Development Allocations of the State CDBG program publish Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) each program year (July 1 to June 30). Eligible cities and counties may submit applications for CDBG funds under these NOFAs. Typically, up to \$500,000 is available under the Economic Development Enterprise Allocation each year. Also, the Economic Development Over-the-County Allocation can award up to \$2,500,000 per year. Each year Planning and Technical Assistance grants up to \$70,000 under the General Component and \$70,000 from the Economic Development Component are awarded on a first come first serve basis. The Department issues two small NOFAs each year under the Native American and Colonia's Allocations. The Native American Allocation is only for areas where concentrations of low income Native Americans live, who are not part of a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. The Colonia's funding is only for designated communities within 150 miles of the Mexican American border.

Eligible activities under the above allocations and NOFAs consist of: housing-new construction projects; housing acquisition and housing rehabilitation programs; community facility and public work projects; public service programs and planning studies. Economic development programs and projects are also eligible along with planning activities. Eligible activities paid for with State CDDBG funds must meet one or more of the three national objectives listed in CDBG federal statutes as follows: benefit to low income households or persons; elimination of slums and blight; or meeting urgent community development need (a need from a state or federally declared disaster).

The City of Anderson anticipates submitting applications under one or more of the STATE CDBG NOFAs published during the next program year. Applications are anticipated under the General and Economic Development Components as well as the Planning and Technical Assistance Components. A separate public hearing will be held to discuss and approve each proposed application prior to submittal to the State.

The purpose of this public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding what types of eligible activities in the City should be applying for under the State CDBG program. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Anderson, at the address listed above, or you may telephone (530) 378-6676. In addition, information is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. The City promotes fair housing and makes all its 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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