

Verbiage for Public Hearings  
Use of CDBG Funds for a Rural Health Project

ORCA is seeking to amend the 2008 CDBG Action Plan to include wording allowing for a pilot project for rural health. The Rural Health pilot project(s) will be awarded through a competitive Request for Proposal Process. A total of \$500,000 will be awarded for up to two projects. The amounts of the individual awards can vary, but the total for the program will be \$500,000.

Eligible applicants will be limited to CDBG eligible applicants, which are cities and counties fitting the current CDBG eligibility criteria – cities with a population of 50,000 or less and counties with a population of 200,000 or less. Projects submitted **MUST** benefit service areas with a 51% or more low-to-moderate income population. All other CDBG requirements will apply, including environmental, beneficiary tracking, and fair labor standards restrictions.

Examples of eligible activities include but are not limited to infrastructure for healthcare facilities, expansion of healthcare facilities, new construction of healthcare facilities, and mobile healthcare services.