Section 7: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

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The state CDBG program is administered by the Division of Community Assistance within the NC Department of Commerce. The CDBG program works to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses. The state utilized a regional distribution process to select proposed projects.

Changes in ARRA

HUD encouraged communities to use CDBG-Recovery funds for hard development costs associated with infrastructure activities that provide basic services to residents, or for activities that promote energy efficiency and conservation through rehabilitation or retrofitting of existing buildings. However, all standard CDBG activities remained eligible activities. The state utilized a regional distribution process to select proposed projects. The regional allocation percentages for the proposed activities were determined using income and housing condition factors that HUD uses to determine national CDBG allocations.

Timeline

November 10, 2009: Contracts given to communities

June 30, 2010: All funds must be obligated

March 30, 2012: All funds must be expended

June 30, 2012: All closeout documents must be submitted to the Division of

Community Assistance

Additional information about the CDBG-ARRA program can be found at www.nccommerce.com/CDBG-R

In addition, 25 communities receive funding directly from HUD, and the state is not involved in administering those program funds. These CDBG Entitlement communities are:

Asheville Hickory Winston-Salem
Burlington High Point Cumberland County
Charlotte Jacksonville Wake County
Concord Kannapolis Town of Cary
Durham Lenoir Town of Chapel Hill

Fayetteville Morganton
Gastonia Raleigh
Goldsboro Rocky Mount
Greensboro Salisbury
Greenville Wilmington

Madison County

Madison County will utilize \$200,000 in CDBG R funds to address market conditions and needs by facilitating the development of new multi-family rental housing projects in the 26-county region. Through the Land of Sky Council of Government, the county will also assist communities with market identification, project conception, project endorsement and financial partnering with private sector housing interests to offer technical assistance to housing developers to plan, develop, and produce housing for all segments of the population. It is anticipated that the project will provide (at a minimum) 62 new units of low-to-moderate income housing. The overall goal for use of these funds is for the county to stimulate and promote economic recovery efforts for persons impacted by the recession and provide investment through affordable housing development.

Amount	Use
\$190,000	Planning
10,000	Administration
\$200,000	Total

City of Sanford

The City of Sanford, in partnership with Haven In Lee County, Inc. and Brick Capital Community Development Corporation, will use \$506,413 in CDBG R funds to build a 29-unit facility to serve the needs of women and children who have experienced domestic violence and/or sexual assault in Lee County as a limited clientele activity. Specific services offered in this facility are a 24-hour hotline with crisis counseling and hospital accompaniment, information and referral, emergency and temporary shelter, financial assistance, transportation assistance, support groups, rape prevention education, among others. In 2009, Haven In Lee County provided 8,300 services to women and children. It is believed that with these funds, more can be served. The Haven Complex will create or retain 47 jobs. Also, the building of this facility will create 17 construction jobs of which seven will be full-time and five will be part-time. It is believed the construction job creation will result in \$2,771,894 of spending in the local economy. The Haven Complex will be designed, constructed and certified to Energy Star standards. The facility will include energy efficient construction and products. Furthermore, Advanced Energy will perform a third party evaluation of the facility.

Amount	Use
\$481,092	Other Public
<u>25,321</u>	Facilities
\$506,413	Administration
	Total

Town of Forest City

The Town of Forest City will use \$100,000 in CDBG R funds to provide emergency repair seven owner-occupied low and moderate income households in the most distressed census tract and block in Rutherford County. The repairs will prevent immediate threats to the life and/or safety of the homeowner and prevent homeowner displacement due to further deterioration of the property. All of the repairs will meet the highest standards of energy efficiency. Since one of the issues for the residents is the amount of income that is spent on utilities due to the lack of insulation and properly sealed windows and doors, these repairs will address these issues and one outcome will be the lowering of the homeowner's utility bills. In addition, there will be a program in place to assist homeowners in the

Amount	Use
\$ 95,000	Rehabilitation
5,000	Administration
\$100,000	Total

neighborhood with conduction an energy audit. There will be up to 10 construction jobs created with these activities. As a part of further expanding the economic reach of these dollars, the town will work with Isothermal Community College and the Region C Workforce Development Program to institute a Construction Trades Apprentice Entrepreneurial Development Program. The Town will fund this program with a \$10,000 match for the CDBG R funds.

Town of Yanceyville

The Town of Yanceyville will use \$500,000 in CDBG R funds to assist 15 low and moderate income households. Specifically, funds will be utilized for demolition, relocation assistance, and rehabilitation. The rehabilitation work will consist of bringing the homes into compliance with rehabilitation standards and all repairs will be done so as to promote and provide energy efficiency as applicable. As a result of this project, potentially 11 large Licensed General Contractor firms may be provided work in a housing economy where contractor work is extremely slow. The average size of a contractor firm is four employees. Most jobs will require at a minimum of three sub-contractors which average two employees each. Therefore, there is a potential that 146 jobs could be created/retained.

Amount	Use
\$ 12,000	Clearance
140,000	Relocation
323,000	Rehabilitation
25,000	Administration
\$500,000	Total

Burke County

Burke County will use \$100,000 in CDBG R funds to serve 16 very low-income families with emergency repairs to their homes including, plumbing repairs, HVAC system improvements, ramps for handicapped accessibility, roof repairs and replacements or installation of handicapped bathroom facilities. Many of the homes proposed to be assisted belong to the elderly and are substandard; consequently, there is a tremendous need for these types of repairs as this population is most impacted by the recession. It is estimated that 10 jobs will be created or retained as a result of these funds.

Amount	Use
\$ 95,000	Rehabilitation
5,000	Administration
\$100,000	Total

Randolph County

Randolph County will use \$500,000 in CDBG R funds to assist nine low income families with housing rehabilitation. The county plans to complete work descriptions and scaled drawings on each home and will incorporate energy conservation measures in the work descriptions to promote smart growth, green building techniques and reduce emissions as it relates to this project. It is estimated that 37 jobs will be created and/or retained. Of the 37 jobs, 11 are estimated to be part-time.

Amount	Use
\$475,000	Rehabilitation
25,000	Administration
\$500,000	Total

Town of Fairmont

The Town of Fairmont will use \$500,000 in CDBG R funds to address the needs of 11 residential structures. Specifically, the town will clear one residential dwelling, relocate 1 household and rehabilitate nine severely deteriorated dwelling units. All houses proposed for CDBG R funds are occupied by low and moderate-income households. As a result of the

Amount	Use
\$ 5,000	Clearance
93,000	Relocation
377,000	Rehabilitation

anticipated construction, 43 jobs will be created (22) and or retained (21). The town will incorporate energy conservation, smart growth, green building techniques and reduced pollution emissions as appropriate in the project. The town will also partner with the local community action agency to provide each assisted household with home maintenance and home energy efficiency management training, to ensure that the participants maximize and sustain the energy efficiency of their homes. Also, this will create one additional job at the community action agency.

25,000 Administration \$500,000 Total

Hyde County

Hyde County will use \$300,000 in CDBG R funds to assist with relocation assistance and rehabilitation for three low and moderate-income households. One of the units is a deteriorated frame-built structure that will be rehabilitated to DCA standards. Since this unit is located in a 100-year floodplain, it must be elevated in accordance with the county's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The two single-family units to be assisted are dilapidated and cannot be repaired cost-effectively. These two units will be cleared and the owner-occupants will be temporarily relocated while new frame-built structures are constructed on the existing site. The new construction specifications will include energy standards as set through the NC Housing Finance Agency Single-Family Rehabilitation Energy Standards and will include the use of Energy Star fixtures and appliances. The proposed project will create and retain 21 construction jobs, including carpentry, painting, plumbing, electrical, site work, clearance, HVAC and lead and asbestos assessment jobs.

Amount	Use
\$ 11,200	Clearance
204,400	Relocation
64,400	Rehabilitation
20,000	Administration
\$300,000	Total

Jones County

Jones County will use \$450,000 in CDBG R funds to provide clearance and relocation assistance to three low and moderate income families living in dilapidated housing. The County intends to provide relocation assistance by constructing new stick built homes on site. The houses will be built to NAHB Green Energy Standards and Energy Star ratings. The county projects that as a result of these funds the project will create \$480,000 in local income, \$54,000 in taxes and government revenues and will create up to nine jobs.

Amount	Use
\$ 39,000	Clearance
388,500	Relocation
22,500	Administration
\$450,000	Total

Rockingham County

Rockingham County will use \$500,000 in CDBG R Funds to provide rehabilitation and/or emergency repairs to 18 households. The project will assist 40 low and moderate-income families. The assisted homes will be brought up to rehabilitation standards as the repairs made will help alleviate housing conditions which pose an imminent threat to the life and safety of low and moderate income homeowners. In addition, all repairs provided will be done to promote and provide energy efficiency as applicable. As a result of this project, 124 construction jobs will be created/retained.

Amount	Use
\$475,000	Rehabilitation
25,000	Administration
\$500,000	Total

Rowan County

The County of Rowan requested \$100,000 under the Housing Category to assist eight low-to-moderate-income, owner-occupied households with emergency housing repairs. The emergency repairs will address conditions which pose an imminent threat to the life and safety of the households and/or provide accessibility modifications and other repairs necessary to prevent the imminent displacement. All repairs provided will promote and provide energy efficiency. The county anticipates the creation and retention of 24 jobs through the use of contractors in a slow housing economy.

Amount	Use
\$ 95,000	Rehabilitation
5,000	Administration
\$100,000	Total

City of Newton

The City of Newton has been recommended to receive \$100,000 under the Special Projects category to assist low-and-moderate income families greatly impacted by the recession facing the possibility of foreclosure of their homes. The city is partnering with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, a HUD-certified housing counseling agency, to implement the program. The funds will be used to assist homeowners in the non-entitlement areas of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba Counties. The unemployment rate for this area was at 14.9 percent in April 2009, the highest jobless rate among the state's 14 metropolitan statistical areas. This initiative will create and retain approximately 10 housing, counseling, and marketing jobs.

Amount	Haa
Amount	USE
\$ 95,000	Foreclosure
5,000	Prevention
\$100,000	Administration
	Total

Town of Clarkton

The Town of Clarkton requested \$300,000 under the Infrastructure category for its Highway 211 West Project. The funds will be used to construct 900 linear feet of eight-inch sanitary sewer, four manholes, and 13 service taps and connect to an existing gravity line where it will flow to an existing pump station and then be pumped to the town's Wastewater Treatment Facility. The project will benefit 13 low-to-moderate households. The estimated job creation and retention from this project is four new and up to 30 retained.

Amount	Use
\$285,000	Sewer Improvements
15,000	Administration
\$300,000	Total

Town of Hobgood

The Town of Hobgood Riddick Street Improvement Project requested \$598,341 to pave, make curb and gutters, and make drainage improvements and install a sidewalk on the entire street which is approximately 1,350 feet long. The street is currently gravel and serves nine households. Eight of the nine households served are low-to-moderate. The will create and retain 42 jobs during the construction phase. Additionally, the project will improve the quality of life and property values for these households.

Amount	Use
\$571,209	Street Improvements
27.132	Administration
\$598,341	Total

The Town of Navassa

The Town of Navassa requested \$400,000 under the Special Project category for a Senior Center-Medical Clinic to provide medical services to elderly citizens in this rural area of the state. The town will use the funds to fill a financial gap for this near \$2 million project. The project will spur

Amount	Use
\$380,000	Senior Center
20,000	Administration

economic investment during and after construction. The town estimates that the project will create six full-time and six part-time positions to maintain the center. In addition, the town estimates the construction of this facility will create and retain about 20 full-time low-to-moderate construction jobs. The project will serve and employ mostly low-to-moderate income persons since seniors are the beneficiaries and the greater Navassa area has a large low-to-moderate income population.

\$400,000 Total

Cherokee County

The County of Cherokee requested \$800,000 under the Infrastructure category for the Regal Road and Pleasant Valley Road Water and Sewer System Improvements. The County will construct 6,700 linear feet of 6-inch water line, 6,525 linear feet of 8-inch sewer line and 6,760 linear feet of 12-inch sewer line to serve the target area. This corrective action will address the failing septic systems in the area which are significantly increasing the potential for contamination of the drinking water wells and springs. The total project costs are \$1.6 million. The remaining \$800,000 will be provided by the N.C. Rural Center and Appalachian Regional Commission grants. The project will support 35 households of which 73 percent are low-to-moderate income. This project will not only spur economic investment through job creation and retention, but also through reducing health issues and increasing property values and the quality of life of the beneficiaries.

Amount	Use
\$569,625	Sewer Improvements
190,375	Water Improvements
40,000	Administration
\$800,000	Total

Town of Maxton

The Town of Maxton request \$429,050 to develop a 3,300 square foot training center. The total project cost is \$651,650. The town has \$222,650 in leveraged funds. The construction of this centrally located center will bring employment to the local economy. The center will have a least one full-time staff person. Additionally, the facility will house a youth entrepreneurial program which will assist low-to-moderate income families. Immediate economic benefit will be realized through the creation and retention of construction jobs.

Amount	Use
\$ 22,600	Acquisition
386,450	Neighborhood
20,000	Facility
\$429,050	Administration
	Total

Mount Olive

The Town of Mt. Olive requested \$434,500 under the Special Projects category to complete renovations to its Train Depot, which is registered on the National Register of Historic Places. The building has remained unoccupied since 2000. The town received some funds from the N. C. Department of Transportation to complete phase I, which was completed in May 2009. The town is asking for CDBG-R funds to complete the renovations, which will allow the centrally located Town Civic Center-Depot Building to be used to centralize essential community services, programs, and training for low-and-moderate income persons in the town. The renovation of this one-story, 2,949 square foot building includes making

Amount	Use
\$412,775	Other Activities
21,725	Administration
\$434 500	Total

the building energy efficient and handicap accessible. The services and programs will be provided by about 20 organizations. The town estimates that 30 jobs will be created and retained through this project, including permanent, construction, and temporary jobs.

Kings Mountain

The City of Kings Mountain requested \$599,550 under the Infrastructure category to provide water to 22 households that are on individual wells and suffered from dry wells. The city proposes to install approximately 5,015 linear feet of 16-inch water line and installing 10 fire hydrants. This is needed to connect two existing 16-inch water lines to complete a loop that will create sufficient water pressure required for fire and emergency services. The area is served by a rural volunteer fire department that must use pump trucks to fight fires. The households are all low-to-moderate. Economic investment will be spurred through improved water quality and job creation. An estimate of six new jobs will result from this project.

Amount	Use
\$571,000	Water Improvements
28,550	Administration
\$599,550	Total

Stanly County

Stanly County requested \$706,507 to provide public water distribution facilities to serve two (2) existing mobile home parks (MHP). Tyson Village MHP and Rolling Hills MHP. Both parks are located off Old Aquadale Road in central Stanly County. There are currently 97 residences in the project area consisting of single wide and double wide mobile homes. Existing water supply for both MHPs are provided by means of private community wells. It is the intent of Stanly County to provide public drinking water to these communities, thereby eliminating the dependency on ground water supplies and privately operated community water systems. The Stanly County Health Department and North Carolina Department of Environmental Natural Resources have documented incidences of total coliform bacteria and elevated arsenic levels in the planning area. Containments commonly encountered in groundwater samples include coliform and fecal coliform bacteria. The water system improvements consist of 14,600 linear feet of 6 inch water lines, 250 linear feet of 2 inch water lines, fire hydrants and other associated system appurtenances. Water improvements also include the construction of 97 single family water service connections and the subsequent connection of house plumbing to the new public water system. The installation of this public water facility will provide environmental protection to low- income families by providing them with safe drinking water.

Amount	Use
\$671,182	Water Improvements
35,325	Administration
\$706,507	Total

Town of Sawmills

The Town of Sawmills requested \$256,700 to assist with infrastructure improvements in southeastern Caldwell County. It borders the Catawba River/Lake Rhodhiss south and US Highway 321 to the east. Sawmills owns and operates its own water distribution and wastewater collection system. Much of the town's water system was installed prior to 1958 and consists of

Amount	Use
\$244,200	Water Improvements
12,500	Administration
\$256,700	Total

asbestos-cement pipe (ACP) and galvanized steel pipe. Asbestos is a containment regulated by the EPA due to its known health hazards. Town of Sawmill will replace 6,8000 old, decaying waterlines with 6 inch and 8 inch PVC pipe to serve 28 households located on Dry Ponds Road, Lakewood Drive, and Carl Drive. This project will serve 81% low-to-moderate income persons. Due to recent numerous line breaks (three major breaks since January 2009) and the hazardous materials of existing pipe (including asbestos), this project is a critical need for the community. Pipes have deteriorated to the point of severe failure. Each break disrupts service, introduces containments from the surrounding soil, introduces containments from the pipe, and endangers workers that have to cut and handle the pipes. This investment will provide environmental protection to served individuals by removing the current infrastructure that enables harmful containments.

City of Rockingham

City of Rockingham requested \$800,000 to provide public sewer to a portion of the Jefferson Park neighborhood that has been plagued with serious site wastewater system sewer problems. Richmond County Environmental Health reported in a study prepared by their department that the Jefferson Park neighborhood has some of the most problematic site wastewater systems because the size of the lots are too small to allow for repairs to septic tanks, some of the soils are unsuitable and there are low-lying wet natural areas that stay wet during the rainy weather. Some vacant properties in the area have to remain vacant because of failing septic systems, and Environmental Health cannot write repair permits to many of the homeowners due to poor soils. The repairs that have been made do not last long enough make them economically viable. This project will serve 38 dwellings in which 92% of residents are low-to-moderate income. The project will provide 4,221 linear feet of 8 inch PVC sanitary sewer and 5,951 square yards of asphalt removal and 9,563 square yards of asphalt overlay. The installation of this public sewer will provide environmental protection as well as spur additional long term economic benefits for the area.

Amount	Use
\$762,000	Sewer Improvements
38,000	Administration
\$800,000	Total

City of Cherryville

The City of Cherryville is located in Gaston County. The city requested \$233,125 to provide total replacement of a 125 gallon-per-minute self priming submersible sanitary sewer pumping station with a new pump station serving the Cedar Street development (located in southwest Cherryville) which provides service to twenty-two homes in the area. Cedar Street homes were built in the early 1970's. The pump station to be replaced is more than 30 years old and is in extremely poor mechanical condition. The existing pumps are obsolete and are almost impossible to repair due to

Amount	Use
\$212,500	Sewer Improvements
10,625	Administration
\$223,125	Total

the inability to find suitable parts to effect repairs needed. The current pump station does not meet current state standards and is subject to failure all the time. The city has documented a series of pump station failures over the last few years that have at time necessitated the extraction of raw sewage from the pump station. This pump station serves twenty- two homes in which 93% of persons are low-to-moderate income. A new pump station will correct environmental hazards and ensure that residents in this area have utility services that are equal with others living in the area. In addition, with the various components of this project, will continue to spur new jobs in construction and administration, and will also retain jobs. Moreover, this will provide a needed investment to increase economic efficiency for the City of Cherryville, as it would not have to continue to use funds to replace parts for the old pump station. Five jobs would be created.

Alexander County

Alexander County requested \$100,000 and will serve sixteen very low-and low income families with emergency repairs needed to their homes. While higher income families have been able to make repairs to their homes, lowand-moderate income homeowners find themselves financially unable to make major repairs. Under this program only low-to-very-low income owner-occupied households with special needs can be assisted. This funding will provide 100% of the total project costs. The repairs completed under this program are for emergency repairs only and will meet the North Carolina State Residential Building Code standards. They will be performed in accordance with all state and local permitting. Houses will be selected from the waiting list. This project will assist individuals most impacted by the recession. All of individuals served are low-and-very-low income persons who struggle to make repairs, but due to the current economic recession are even more unable to afford needed repairs to their homes. This investment will also enable homeowners to be able to afford to continue to live in their homes by reducing high costs associated with poor structures that often increase energy cost, and maintenance.

Town of Saratoga

The Town of Saratoga requested \$775,867 and will install sanitary sewer to serve 20 residential units that are presently served with individual substandard non-code compliant septic systems. The project will install a completely new sanitary sewer service by extending the Town of Saratoga's existing sanitary sewer lines. 84% of residents in the area to be served are low-to-moderate income. The installation of the sanitary sewer service will provide environmental protection to low-to-very-low income families by providing them with proper sewers that will protect them from harmful containments. This project will create jobs in construction as well as retain current jobs through the extension of the existing sewer lines.

Amount	Use
\$ 95,000	Rehabilitation
5,000	Administration
\$100,000	Total

Amount Use \$740,687 Water Improvements 35,180 Administration \$775,867 Total

Village of Pinehurst

The Village of Pinehurst requested \$796,530 and will serve 50 families in the Jackson Hamlet community. The project is a second phase of the Jackson Hamlet Community. Almost all of the homes in the area were built in the 1940s and 1950s and are experiencing failing or failed septic tanks. Seven of the homes have no sewer system due to the sharing of a common septic tank with adjoining properties. The majority of the homes are forced to straight-pipe gray water as a means to preserve the life of their septic tanks. Most of the lots are small and the soil conditions are inadequate to properly handle so many on-site septic systems. The Village of Pinehurst will install 4,600 linear feet of 8 inch gravity sewer line to serve the 50 families. All 50 families are 100% low and moderate income. This project will provide environmental protection for families through eliminating health risks as well as creating infrastructure that will enable this community to thrive and possibly promote a sustainable community.

Amount	Use
\$758,600	Sewer Improvements
37,930	Administration
\$796,530	Total

Village of Alamance

The Village of Alamance requested \$400,000 and will use funds to assist 19 households located on Alamance Baptist Church Loop with sewer infrastructure improvements. Alamance Baptist Church Loop area has severe infrastructure needs that have contributed to the slum and blight of the area. Several of the systems are experiencing the problems of aging and failing systems. To address this need, the Village of Alamance will install 3,000 linear feet of 8 inch sewer mains, 15 precast concrete manholes and 19 sanitary sewer service connections. Sanitary sewer services are proposed to be installed from the main to each house in order to eliminate the septic tank systems. The project will assist 19 households in which 100% are low and moderate income. With the investment in infrastructure, this project can spur long term economic benefits for the community and encourage overall community revitalization for the area.

Amount	Use
\$380,000	Sewer Improvements
20,000	Administration
\$400,000	Planning

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