



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 9/15/2020

Public Hearings

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Subject: CDBG-CV
(Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus)

Brief Summary:

The North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division is administering Coronavirus-specific Community Development Block Grants awarded to the State by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Grants of up to \$900,000 are available to local governments to prepare, prevent, or respond to the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. Eligible activities include Public Services, Public Facilities, and Economic Development Activities. All CDBG activities must meet one or more of the three national objectives listed in the CDBG federal statutes as follows: benefit to low income households or persons; elimination of slums and blight; or meeting urgent community development need.

Buncombe County must have a written citizen participation plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners. The plan provides for access to information and participation in all stages of the project.

This is the first of two public hearings required as part of the application process. At this hearing, staff will provide orientation information about the program, and the public is invited to share input on the development of the application. Staff will bring back the grant application for Board approval at a second public hearing to be scheduled at a later date.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

1. Adopt the Resolution to Approve CDBG Citizen Participation Plan
2. Then hold the public hearing

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

Recommend approval