

CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM ROUTING SLIP (ARS)

Revision 1-26-2021

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: RETURN TO [BOC OFFICE@CO.CURRY.OR.US](mailto:BOC_OFFICE@CO.CURRY.OR.US)

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Public Hearing for CDBG Small Business Micro Enterprise Grant

AGENDA DATE: June 15, 2022 **DEPARTMENT:** Economic Development **TIME NEEDED:** 6 min.

COMPLIANCE WITH CURRY COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN

(Check all that apply)

1. Financial Stability 2. Economic Development 3. Quality of Life
4. Public Trust 5. Infrastructure

RECOMMENDED AGENDA CATEGORY ACTION ITEM

If this is a Presentation, who is doing the Presentation?

CONTACT PERSON: Summer Matteson **TODAY'S DATE:** May 27, 2022

BRIEF BACKGROUND: Curry County is eligible to apply for a Community Development Block Grant through Business Oregon for Small Business and Micro-Enterprise Assistance. The focus of this funding is to prevent, prepare, and respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Economic Development intends to apply for \$300,000 with grant application and administration through CCD Business Development Corporation.

FILES ATTACHED:

- (1) CDBG NOFA
(2) Public Notice
(3)

INSTRUCTIONS ONCE SIGNED:

- No Additional Activity Required OR
 File with County Clerk Name:
 Send Printed Copy to: Address:
 Email a Digital Copy to: matteson@co.curry.or.us City/State/Zip:
 Other Phone:

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Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds (CDBG-CV)

Business Oregon is pleased to announce a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for 2021 Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funding for pandemic related assistance grants. Business Oregon is seeking applications from cities and counties to administer a pandemic related assistance grant program. The focus of this funding is to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CDBG –CV funding is in response to the economic impact of the pandemic by providing various forms of assistance to low and moderate income households impacted by COVID-19

In response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has been highlighted as a vehicle for providing financial relief to states and communities. This insight considers the significant role of the flexibility of the CDBG program as an economic development countermeasure to the COVID-19 outbreak.

This NOFA outlines the modified structure of the CDBG grant program that is being proposed to accommodate COVID-19 related response. These changes are all within Business Oregon’s authority to make, with no statutory or other modifications needed.

Funds Available: This NOFA is to cover \$11,800,000 from the CDBG-CV, however only \$7,400,000 is available to entitlement and tribal communities.

These guidelines apply to all CDBG activities to address impacts of the COVID-19 crisis funded by the CARES Act. Those activities consist of:

Emergency Small Business and Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant

COVID-19 Impact Assistance

Housing Related Assistance

Application: Applications must be submitted through the Business Oregon online system. Details on both funds and information about applying can be found on CDBG Cares webpage.

Eligible Applicants: entitlement and non-entitlement Cities and Counties

Due Date: May 31, 2022 or until all funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first.

Interested applicants must meet the requirements set forth in Chapter 15 and 16 of the 2021 Method of Distribution, Chapter 16 and furthered clarified within the Application Guide. All applications must be submitted using the instructions in the Application Guide.

Questions: For questions regarding the program or community eligibility please contact your local Regional Development Officer.

Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing

Curry County is eligible to apply for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant from the Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Small Business and Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant and COVID-19 Impact Assistance Program. The focus of this funding is to prevent, prepare, and respond to the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic.

The state expects to receive approximately \$13 million in new federal funds during 2021 for grants to non-entitlement cities and counties for eligible projects. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive under the COVID-19 Impact Assistance Program for Emergency Small Business and Micro-Enterprise Assistance \$500,000. Curry County is preparing an application for a 2022 Community Development Block CV Grant from Business Oregon for funding in response to the economic impact of the pandemic by providing assistance to low and moderate income households impacted by COVID-19.

The maximum grant that a city or county can receive under the COVID-19 Impact Assistance Program for Emergency Small Business and Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant and COVID-19 Impact Assistance Program activities is \$500,000. Curry County is preparing an application for a 2022 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon for Emergency Small Business and Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant and COVID-19 Impact Assistance Program for Low-to-Moderate Income that would serve small businesses in Curry County. Curry County will be partnering with CCD Business Development Corp. for implementation of this project if approved. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit up to 900 small businesses.

A public hearing will be held by the Curry County Board of Commissioners at 10am on June 15, 2022 at 94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, OR 97444, Suite 122. The purpose of this hearing is for the Board of Commissioners to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: economic development and small business needs, especially the needs of low and moderate income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 5pm on June 14, 2022 at Curry County Board of Commissioners 94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, OR 97444. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the board of commissioners in deciding whether to apply.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact the Board of Commissioners at (541) 247-3296 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about Curry County's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review 94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, OR 97444 during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the Board of Commissioners at (541) 247-3296 so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.