

**Minutes  
Clifton Town Council  
Public Hearing  
CDBG RA Funding FY 2025  
November 13, 2025  
2:00 P.M.**

**Town Council Members**

**Shane Kennedy, Council Member**

**Chad Brown, Council Member**

**Anthony James, Vice Mayor\***

**Laura Dorrell, Mayor**

**Raymond Lorenzo, Council Member**

**B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member**

**Barbara Ahmann, Council Member\*\***

**\*Excused**

**\*\*Participated via telephone**

**A quorum was present.**

**The Town's legal counsel, Matt Schuimo, participated via telephone\*\***

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laura Dorrell at 2:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing Regarding Use of CDBG Funds:**

**The meeting included a public hearing on the use of CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds, with 26 potential projects remaining on the list for public input. The CDBG program aims to help communities with the housing infrastructure, the living environment, and economic opportunities. The criteria require that projects primarily benefit low and moderate-income persons, defined as 51% or more of a service area, or prevent/eliminate slum and blight conditions, or meet urgent health/safety needs. Will Osborne from SEAGO gave a presentation, noting that the Town of Clifton has \$100,000 in regional CDBG funds for fiscal year 2025 and must submit an application before the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline set by ADOH.**

**Choices include:**

1. Clifton 4<sup>th</sup> Street Senior Center Food Bank emergency backup electric generator;
2. Blight abatement/prevent squatting of vacant buildings;
3. Elks Building rehabilitation;
4. Windmill at Veteran's Park (Power station for electric lines to light sidewalks and trails;
5. Triangle beach park build;
6. Low voltage street lighting for poorly-lit sidewalks;
7. EV charging stations;
8. Train Depot Building repair;
9. ADA compliant improvements for governmental facilities (library, town hall, all public buildings);
10. ADA-compliant sidewalk improvements;

11. Police department building repair;
12. Clifton animal shelter new or improvements;
13. Fire station improvements;
14. Road repair;
15. Sewer FOG program;
16. Arizona Copper Co. HQ building repair;
17. Sewer line repairs;
18. Cliff/mountain/wall repairs/stabilization;
19. Wastewater treatment plant grinder pumps and pipe replacements
20. RV Park expansion near river;
21. Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation (OOHR);
22. Parking lot construction covering Chase Creek and serving Chase Creek Street buildings;
23. Library gazebos and electric sliding doors ADA improvements;
24. Library siding and building repair;
25. Library retaining wall stabilization/repair; and
26. Riverwalk improvements.

## **Public Comments**

William Osborne from SEAGO addressed the Council and public, recapping what CDBG funds could be used for as well as what was discussed at the first Public Hearing. He answered questions throughout the public hearing. A local citizen, Steve Ahmann, inquired whether an eligibility survey for low moderate-income households could be covered by the grant, and was informed it would likely be part of SEAGO's technical assistance fee, which is capped at around \$10,000. The discussion also addressed the difficulty in qualifying projects around the Train Depot area, where there are a few residential households. Council Member Ahmann asked if a sewer project would qualify, and the response was that a town-wide sewer treatment plant repair would likely not qualify, but specific sewer line replacements in areas with high low-mod income residents might. The current CDBG data is based on the American Community Survey 2016-2020 five-year data, which has made it harder for most SEAGO communities to qualify for community-wide projects.

## **Adjournment**

Motion made by Council Member Waddell Reyes to adjourn the Public Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Lorenzo.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Brown, Kennedy, Dorrell, Lorenzo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann.

Motion carries.

Adjournment at 2:34 p.m.