

Meeting Minutes
Town of Clifton
Public Hearing Regarding Use of CDBG Funds
April 5, 2022
2:00 p.m.

Participants:

Rudy Perez, Town Manager
Espie Castaneda, Town Clerk
Keith Dennis, Community Development Program Manager, SEAGO
Susan Bronson, SEAGO
Luis Montoya, Town Council
Laura Dorrell, Town Council
Anthony James, Town Council
Karen Crump-Frye, Town Council
Ray West, Town Council
Ray Lorenzo, Town Council
Danny Cervantez, Local resident
Cecilia Jernigan, Town Staff

The Community Development Program Manager, Keith Dennis presented a power point presentation providing an overview of the CDBG Program. His presentation focused on the following areas:

- What is CDBG? RA? SSP? Colonias? Mr. Dennis provided in detail each of the funding amounts available and their availability.
- Explained the national objective grant requirements.
- Encouraged the town to consider applying for colonias funding since the town is eligible.
- Citizen input regarding community's development needs and possible projects were next discussed with examples of possible uses to include the following:
 - 1) Public infrastructure (e.g., water, wastewater, street improvements);
 - 2) Community facilities (e.g., parks, health clinics, libraries, senior or youth centers);
 - 3) Housing (e.g., owner-occupied or multi-family rehab, utility connections on private property, new housing constructed by a non-profit);
 - 4) Public services (e.g., paying the salary of an additional staff person to expand a Head Start program, purchasing a van to transport persons with disabilities, equipment and rent to start a new job training program); and

- 5) Economic development (e.g., a loan to a business for job creation, micro-enterprise development, acquisition of land for an existing business expansion).

Members of the public were encouraged to offer suggested projects for consideration as the approved project for the Regional Account funding round.

Potential projects that were mentioned included:

- Elimination of Slum/Blight (property hazard abatement) to address abandoned properties
- Fire Station Improvements to address demolition of existing buildings at new fire station site.
- Street Lighting
- Library Improvements
- Wastewater System Improvements
- Flood Control – Address remaining Flap Gates along river
- Street Improvement Projects
- Parks and Outdoor Recreation Improvements
- Senior Center Services/Facilities
- Address Demolition of the Non-Historic portion of the Elks Building
- Address the sidewalk and fence along Park Avenue and Frisco River.
- Address storm water concerns
- Address multi-use paths
- Purchase of grease traps for commercial properties.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.