



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE & REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF HARRISONBURG

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

PUBLIC HEARING - The City of Harrisonburg will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 409 South Main Street, in order to receive citizen input regarding funding priorities for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Citizen participation is essential to the City's involvement in the Federal Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) CDBG Program. Citizen participation and comments on funding needs and priorities will assist the City in the development of the City's 2015-2016 Action Plan. The Action Plan serves as the City's guide for addressing overall community development and housing needs that will utilize the City's annual entitlement of CDBG funding available from HUD to meet those needs.

All citizens and organizations are invited to attend the public hearing to comment orally or in writing on funding needs and priorities. Questions regarding the grant program are also encouraged. The City of Harrisonburg will make reasonable accommodations and services necessary for sensory-impaired and disabled citizens at the public meeting. Additionally, translation services may be offered upon request and availability. Persons requiring such accommodations/services should contact the City at least three working days in advance of the meeting.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – The City of Harrisonburg is requesting proposals from non-profit organizations, for-profit businesses and organizations, and government agencies for the 2015-2016 CDBG Program. The City's CDBG Program is funded by an annual entitlement from HUD. The entitlement amount for FY 15-16 has not yet been announced by HUD, but will likely be less than approximately \$505,000. Projects must meet all local and federal eligibility requirements, and eligible projects must meet one of HUD's three national objectives: 1) Low and Moderate Income Benefit, 2) Elimination of Slum and Blight, or 3) Urgent Need. Furthermore, eligible projects must address at least one of the needs identified in the City's current Consolidated Plan. City needs in the past have included funding projects related to health care and dental services, housing, child care, transportation, sidewalks and pedestrian infrastructure, employment services and job creation/retention, homeless services, recreational services, services for the disabled, parks & playgrounds, and more! Specific needs objectives, and eligibility requirements (including a listing of projects funded in previous years) are available on the City website or in the City Manager's Office.

All parties interested in applying for funding through this Program are *strongly* encouraged to attend the Public Hearing outlined above AND to contact Ande Banks prior to submitting an application, to ensure that the proposed project is eligible. The 2015-2016 CDBG Application package is available on the City website at www.harrisonburgva.gov. Applications are due no later than 12:00 pm on February 19, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please contact Ande Banks at ande.banks@harrisonburgva.gov, or 540-432-8923 with questions. Written comments may also be mailed to Ande Banks, Director of Special Projects and Grants Management, 345 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.
