



## VILLAGE OF WAUSAUKEE

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PUBLIC HEARING

#### PROPOSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT [CDBG] APPLICATION

Monday, September 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Wausaukee Village Hall  
704 Main Street, Wausaukee, WI

#### MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions – Village President Pat Tracy opened the hearing and welcomed attendees. Tracy provided background information on the CDBG Program that was enacted through the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) has administered CDBG funds since 1982; its goals include benefit to LMI (low- and moderate-income) households; targets funding to areas of greatest need; housing, public facilities and economic development.
2. Identification of total potential funding available – Tracy stated that DOA historically receives approximately \$20 million (general estimate) per year for housing rehabilitation, public infrastructure improvements (water, sewer, storm sewer, etc.), emergency infrastructure, and economic development in exchange for job creation. For the past two years, approximately \$14 million was available for public facilities. These dollars funded approximately 20 applications each year. The DOA typically disburses around \$500,000 to the CDBG-PLNG program each year.
3. Eligible CDBG activities – Tracy explained the types of eligible CDBG activities as listed below:
  - a. Housing: rehabilitation for owner-occupied and renter-occupied units: LMI home buyer (“Homestead”) programs; handicapped accessibility projects; housing site preparation; housing site acquisition and occupant relocation; blight elimination through demolition of structures; and neighborhood public facilities projects.
  - b. Planning Grant: The program’s goals are to help communities develop clear and actionable strategies for addressing site specific, neighborhood, community or regional economic or development needs and to improve the quality of community or economic development projects by helping to fund local plans.

- c. Public Facilities: water facilities including mains, looping, extensions, treatment, source, hydrants, valves; sewerage including collector and interceptor mains, lift stations, treatment plants and lagoons, and de-chlorination facilities; storm sewers; certain fire system components; handicapped accessibility; and community centers. CDBG typically funds 66% of the total project costs. Awards are limited to \$1,000,000.
  - d. Economic Development: low interest loans to business in exchange for job creation.
  - e. Public Facilities for Economic Development: business or industrial park water systems; sewerage systems; roads; infrastructure in support of business attraction/expansion and job creation.
  - f. Coronavirus (CV) – this was a one-time grant opportunity during the pandemic.
4. Presentation of identified community development and housing needs – Community development needs were identified by staff/consultant prior to the public hearing. Tracy did reiterate the Village’s need for an updated Comprehensive Plan with an in-depth look at the housing shortage the Village is facing.
5. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application – Tracy explained that the Village is seeking funds to update their Comprehensive Plan along with an in-depth housing study to help address the shortage. The Village has several undeveloped parcels within its limits but has been unable to secure developers to provide affordable housing.
6. Review of any potential residential and non-residential displacement – There will be no displacement as a result of this project.
7. Citizen input regarding community development and housing needs, the proposed CDBG project, and other CDBG activities – Tracy asked if there were any comments from the audience. Resident Lavonn Clemons stated that she has several friends that have been trying, unsuccessfully, to find affordable housing in the area for over a year. She agreed that a comprehensive housing study is long overdue. Tracy asked if anyone else had comments two more times. There were no additional comments.
8. Summary/Wrap-up – Tracy provided closing remarks, thanking the attendees and Trustees for their participation. McKim made a motion seconded by Feldmann to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm. Motion carried.

*Sara Pullen, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer  
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