

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING

Community Action Committee, Inc. Application
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Community
Development Block Grant Program - COVID-19 Grant

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Meeting was Held via Video Conference

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Paul C. Edwards
Commissioner James C. Hinebaugh
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell

County Administrator Kevin G. Null
Cynthia Sharon, Project Manager
Duane Yoder, President, GCCAC
Regina Gearhart, GCCAC Staff
Carrie DiSimone, GCCAC Staff

The Public Hearing was call to order by Chairman Edwards at 3:00 P.M.

Cindy Sharon, Project Manager, Garrett County Department of Economic Development, provided an overview of the project:

During the Public Hearing on this date, citizens were invited to express views on community development, and housing and homeless needs, in preparation for the submission of an application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (MD DHCD) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Comments will be accepted through June 8, 2020 via email to gccomments@garrettcounty.org and will be made part of the record. \$4,451,130 in CDBG funding is available to be awarded statewide from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). Funds must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

Applications for consideration of CDBG CARES COVID funding were made available for public review and will continue through Monday, June 8, 2020 by accessing the website, using information provided in the Public Hearing Notice advertised in *The Republican* newspaper on May 28, 2020.

<https://www.garrettcounty.org/economic-development/filesshare/md-cdbq-homeless-covid-19>
entering the username: Homeless password: COVID-19

The two applications proposed are for:

- (1) **rental assistance** for up to three months to low income persons at risk of losing their home due to COVID-19; and
- (2) **in-home services** for elderly and disabled individuals isolated by COVID-19. Requests for funding currently total approximately \$520,000 for approximately \$720,000 in total project costs, to include rental assistance, inspections, salaries, and contractual expenses, utilizing the proposed sub-recipient, Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. (GCCAC)'s, and its division of Service Coordination, and its Department of Aging and Nutrition. Assistance is available countywide, with a projected 453 beneficiaries served. Applications are due to MD DHCD on June 12, 2020.

The applications under consideration followed a survey that was distributed to local municipalities and the numerous agencies represented on the Garrett County Continuum of Care, to include Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc., Garrett County Department of Social Services, the Garrett County Health Department and other health providers, individuals that have experienced homelessness, public safety, faith-based organizations, and other representatives dedicated to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness.

GCCAC staff, Duane Yoder, President; Regina Gearhart, Director of Aging and Nutrition; and Carrie DiSimone, Director of Service Coordination, was available to provide additional details.

Duane Yoder and Regina Gearhart, Community Action provided an overview of use of funds:

- In-home care for senior and disabled
- Rental assistance-projected need for 200 households.

Resolution 2020 – 2 (Attached)

Chairman Edwards read Resolution 2020 - 2 and advised that the Board of County Commissioners typically waits until the next meeting to officially adopt a Resolution in support of an application, but due to application deadline requirements Resolution 2020 - 2 would need to be adopted on this date. Chairman Edwards opened the floor for a motion to adopt the Resolution due to the time limits.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adopted Resolution 2020 - 2.

Chairman Edwards stated that citizens were invited to express their views on community development, and housing and homeless needs, in preparation for the submission of an application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's (MD DHCD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Comments will be accepted through June 8, 2020 and will be made part of the record.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 3:09 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 2

CLERK OF GARRETT CO., MD
2020 JUN 23 PM 1:49

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND, A BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE AND A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND (THE "COUNTY"), SEEKING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS FOR FUNDS AWARDED THROUGH THE FEDERAL CARES ACT, NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000.00):

Explanation

The State of Maryland, through the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department"), has solicited applications from eligible jurisdictions to apply for funding under the Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program (the "Program"). The Program is designed to prevent, prepare for, and to respond to, the coronavirus pandemic with programs for rental assistance and senior home care. The County is eligible to apply for funds from the Program, has held the required public hearing related to the formulation of its applications for funding under the Program, and understands and acknowledges that it could be responsible for completion of grant activities and any corrective actions, including the repayment of funds, if necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, Maryland, this 4th day of June 2020, as follows:

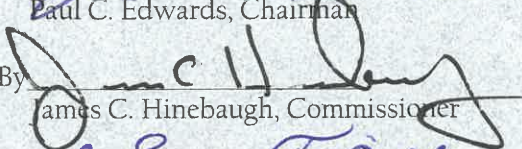
1. The Explanation set forth above is incorporated as a substantive provision of this Resolution.
2. The submission of applications to the Department for Community Development Block Grants for Program funds awarded through the Federal Cares Act, not to exceed Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00), be and is hereby approved.
3. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Paul C. Edwards, be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents required to submit the applications to the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, that this Resolution shall be effective June 4, 2020, by the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, Maryland.

ADOPTED this 4th day of June 2020.

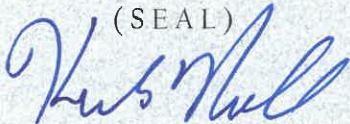
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

By 
Paul C. Edwards, Chairman

By 
James C. Hinebaugh, Commissioner

By 
S. Larry Tichnell, Commissioner

(SEAL)



Kevin G. Null
County Administrator