

MINUTES
FFY 2011 CDBG PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011
MIFFLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MEETING ROOM A – 3:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Susan Heimbach
Dan Dunmire
John Pannizzo
Jim Spendiff
Kay Hamilton
Kent Spicher
Brent Miller
Neal Shawver

Staff

Bill Gomes, Director
James Lettiere, Community Development Administrator
Doug Marks, Housing Rehab Specialist
Mark Colussy, Associate Planner
Jodie Barger, CDBG Secretary/Bookkeeper

Other

Dave Harmon, Newton Hamilton Borough
Gary Orndorf, SUM Child Development
Jane Campbell, SUM Child Development
Rob, Postal, United Way/SEDA-COG HDC
Marie Mulvihill, United Way of Mifflin-Juniata
Jeff Vaughn, Regional Service Corporation
Barry Ritter, Mifflin Juniata Food Service Corp.
John L. Bender, UTCE for Juniata Terrace
Dennis Noble, Borough of Juniata Terrace
Donna Kinslow, Mifflin Juniata Dental Clinic
Cindy Mattern, Mifflin County Housing Authority
John Segursky, UNI-TEC for Newton Hamilton
Dain Davis, The EADS Group
Lucas Parkes, The EADS Group
Connor O'Brien, The Sentinel
Mark Sunderland, Mifflin County Commissioner
Otis Riden, Mifflin County Commissioner

Jim Spendiff turned the meeting over to Jim Lettiere, Community Development Administrator, to conduct the FFY 2011 CDBG public hearing. The following proposed projects for FFY 2011 CDBG funding were presented to the Planning Commission:

The Borough of Newton Hamilton – John Segursky, UNI-TEC for Newton Hamilton, requested \$200,000 to assist with replacement of approximately 6,000 linear feet of (6”) inch watermain, located in the southwest bound lane of Ferguson Valley Road and replace approximately ten (10) water service connections and two (2) fire hydrants. Mr. Segursky reported the water system was installed in 1963 and the pipes are leaking creating a loss of 5,000 gallons annually.

Borough of Juniata Terrace - John Bender, UTCE for Juniata Terrace presented a request for \$172,740 to rehabilitate 1,900 linear feet of six (6”) terra cotta sanitary sewer line in the 200 and 300 blocks of Terrace Boulevard. There are 93 users on this system.

Armagh Township - Lucas Parkes, The EADS Group requested \$19,800 for stormwater management and roadway improvements on Locust Drive in Armagh Township, to address ponding and drainage issues which occur on the roadway and private property.

Armagh Township is also requesting \$44,000 for stormwater management and roadway improvements in the neighborhood of “Browns Addition” in the east end of Milroy, in the areas of First, Second, Third, Fourth and A and B Streets. There are 50 residents impacted in the floodplain.

SEDA-COG – Rob Postal requested \$100,000 over 2 years for the Mann Edge site, located at the intersection of Dorcas and Water Streets. Rob Postal gave an update stating equity in the amount of four (4) million dollars has been secured from Juniata Valley Bank, MCIDC funds are secured, and CDBG funds are secured from Lewistown Borough, PHFA Loan Pending and DEP release of liability from any environmental issues has occurred. Closing will be in the next week to 3 weeks. PHFA 2011 final approval is expected in July, bidding process in September, and October, of 2011 with completion in summer of 2012.

Mifflin County Housing Authority - Cindy Mattern requested funding of \$50,000 for costs associated with market studies, legal fees, environmental studies, appraisals, and Borough permit fees for the adaptive reuse of the Lewistown Hotel located at 12 South Main Street, Lewistown, PA for twenty six (26) one bedroom/studio apartments. Twenty (20) of those units will be low income, fifty-five (55) and older apartments and six (6) units will be for homeless residents for transitional housing. No funds to be used for construction costs. Cindy stated the senior housing portion of the project is for fifty-five (55) and older persons.

Sum Child Development - Gary Orndorf and Jane Campbell requested \$21,988 to purchase playground equipment for the McVeytown Head Start Program located at 10 North Queen Street, McVeytown, PA. This project could be done in phases using one half of the grant (\$10,994). All labor will be in-kind.

United Way of Mifflin-Juniata - Rob Postal requested \$93,000 to renovate and expand the building located at 13 East Third Street, Lewistown, PA. The building was constructed in 1852 and needs to be renovated. There are structural issues as well as ADA issues. The board is looking at other options, but their priority is to stay in the present building.

Mifflin County Dental Clinic - Donna Kinslow requested \$26,159.68 to assist with paying salaries of a part-time dentist, dental assistant and hygienist for dental services in offices located at 31 Dorcas Street, for low-moderate income residents. Donna stated she is providing services for Malta Home residents.

Regional Services Corporation – Jeff Vaughn presented a proposal for \$9,710 to assist with the purchase of a cargo van for the purposes of transporting home delivered meals to clients within Juniata and Mifflin Counties. Some 1,650 meals are delivered each week with increasing demand making it necessary to replace the existing van with a larger one.

The public hearing closed at 5:05 p.m.