



Southern Housing Consortium  
Public Hearing Minutes  
Thursday, October 11, 2012 – 11:00 a.m.

The public hearing was opened to the public at 11:00 a.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Lois Schepp	John H. Tramburg	Roxann Brue (V. of Wyocena)
Cindy Devine	Andy Ross	Jessica Fandrich (GEC)
Pat Beghin	Mark A. Witt	Tom Shircel (V. of Pleasant Prairie)
Mark Zimmerman	Vern E. Gove	
Kari Justmann (MSA)	JoAnn Wingers	
Sue Koehn (MSA)	Barry Pufahl	

A public hearing regarding the Southern Housing Consortium's proposed application for 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds was held in the Columbia County Accounting Office. The Southern Housing Consortium is comprised of the following counties: Columbia, Dodge, Jefferson, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Sauk, Walworth and Washington. The following items were discussed:

- Identification of total potential funding
- Eligible CDBG activities:
  - Economic Development
  - Public Facilities
  - Housing
    - 0%, deferred payment housing rehabilitation loans for LMI, owner occupants
    - Low interest, deferred payment housing rehabilitation loans for LMI, renter occupied units
    - Homebuyer Assistance
    - Special Housing Projects, such as hazard mitigation work for flooding issues, landscaping, sewer/water, etc.
- Presentation of identified housing and community development needs
- Identification of housing and community development needs by public
- Presentation of activities proposed for the CDBG application, including potential for residential displacement
- Citizen input regarding proposed and other CDBG activities

The public was offered an opportunity to discuss any additional needs of the community not previously discussed. Lois Schepp reported that Sauk County asked if acquisition and demolition is an eligible activity if used to develop LMI housing, etc. As lead county, Columbia County is getting input from all counties in the consortium. The application is due to the State by the end of October. The exact amount of funding and other program criteria will be known later this year.

Kari Justmann of MSA Professional Services noted that many residents of counties in the consortium could benefit from this program. The program is one of the only avenues to obtain housing funds for our communities.

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Roxanne Brue of the Village of Wyocena noted that the Village's funds are running out, and asked if funds will be available for the Village in the future. Schepp noted that the Village would be able to keep funding from previous programs, but moving forward, the Village would have to go through the consortium for funding.

Tom Shircel of the Village of Pleasant Prairie questioned the amount of funding per county. Schepp repeated that the amount is yet to be determined. More information will be available as we go through the new process.

Public hearing was closed to the public at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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JoAnn Wingers, Secretary

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Cindy Devine, Recording Secretary