



**Columbia County
Community Development Block Grant – Emergency Assistance & Economic Development
Public Hearing Minutes
Thursday, September 10, 2009, 1:00 p.m.**

The hearing was opened to the public at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE:

John H. Tramburg
Robert R. Westby
Robert L. Hamele
Mark A. Witt

Lois Schepp, Comptroller
Sue Koehn, MSA
Cindy Devine

A public hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development and Emergency Assistance Programs (CDBG-ED and CDBG-EAP) was held in the Columbia County Accounting Office to review program performance, including explanation of how community needs and objectives have been met. The programs were designed to help small businesses and/or homeowners who suffered either physical damages or economic injury as a result of the June 2008 flooding.

The following items were discussed:

- Basic overview of the CDBG program(s)
- Total funds awarded
- Eligible CDBG activities
 - Economic Development
 - Public Facilities
 - Housing
- Identification of housing and community development needs
- Activities proposed for the CDBG applications/projects
- Citizen input regarding proposed and other CDBG activities.

HOMEOWNER FLOODING CDBG – EAP GRANT

Koehn/Schepp provided a recap of the grant program. The original grant for this program \$500,000. Subsequent awards of \$385,000 and \$165,000 brought the total awarded to Columbia County to \$1,050,000. Koehn reported that the program has helped many homeowners in the County.

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MUNICIPAL FLOODING CDBG – EAP GRANT

CDBG – EAP funds were received for the following projects:

Columbia County	Non FEMA reimbursed road repair flooding costs	\$115,578
Columbia County Municipalities	Non FEMA reimbursed road repair flooding costs	486,363
Town of Dekorra	Implement erosion controls measures on Wildwood Way & on the Hegge and Poznanski/Reddington Easements	150,000
Village of Pardeeville	Construct a spillway to protect STH 22 and a forcemain with lift station to prevent future residential flooding	643,200
Crystal Lake District Drainage	Install drainage system from Crystal Lake to Fish Lake to reduce high water	60,000

Administration of \$18,000 was also awarded.

FLOOD RECOVERY SMALL BUSINESS CDBG – ED GRANT (FRSB)

The County received FRSB CDBG – ED funding to provide two year, no interest \$20,000 loans to small businesses in the County who were affected by the flooding disaster. Businesses who suffered both physical damage, and/or economic difficulties were eligible for these loans. The County received an original grant of \$568,000 and additional funding of \$432,000 from the State for this program, as well as a \$6,000 contribution from the Village of Cambria’s RLF. Funds were distributed to numerous businesses throughout the County.

Public hearing was closed to the public at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert L. Hamele, Secretary

Cindy Devine, Recording Secretary

cc: RLF/Housing Committee
Lois Schepp
Joseph Ruf III
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