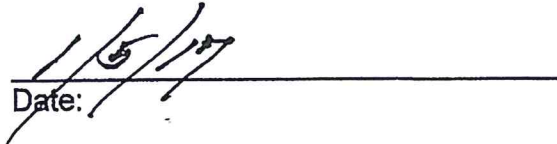


Minutes
First Public Hearing
City of Starke

January 5, 2017; 6:00 p.m.

1. The First Public Hearing opened. A sign-in sheet was handed out and signed by the meeting attendees. Also, an agenda and informational handout were provided. It was also mentioned that the First Public Hearing was advertised in the local newspaper.
2. It was stated that the purpose of the First Public Hearing is to obtain comments on the City's community and economic development needs from the public and to discuss the funding categories of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
3. Andy Easton stated that the types of CDBG grant categories include:
 - H - Housing (repair/replace substandard housing)
 - NR - Neighborhood Revitalization (repair City infrastructure)
 - CR - Commercial Revitalization (downtown streetscape improvements)
 - Concurrently, with the submission of a grant application in one of the above categories, the City may also submit an application in the Economic Development category. Funds from this category may be used to provide a new or expanding business with an access road or a water & sewer line extension.
4. The attendees discussed the grant categories in relation to the City's community and economic development needs. There was general agreement that the NR grant category could be used to address much need sewer improvements.
6. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.


City of Starke


Date:

City of Starke
First Public Hearing

Sign-in Sheet
January 5, 2017
6:00 PM

PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. [Signature]

2. Gloria Jackson

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4. Elizabeth Shaffer

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6. Wendy Golliva

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City of Starke CDBG First Public Hearing

January 5, 2017

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

There are four categories of funds available under the Community Development Block Grant Program. Each is designed to address local needs and benefit low to moderate-income persons. A summary of each grant category is provided below.

(1) Housing Rehabilitation (HR)

Substandard housing occupied by low to moderate income households may be rehabilitated with CDBG funds to meet code requirements. Both owner occupied and rental housing may be included.

(2) Neighborhood Revitalization (NR)

This category is primarily for water and sewer improvements in low/moderate income neighborhoods. The CDBG-NR category also funds street paving, drainage and recreation improvements.

(3) Commercial Revitalization (CR)

Various improvements may be funded in commercial areas. Eligible projects include parking facilities, drainage, street paving, sidewalks, lighting, recreation facilities, water and sewer. This is an extremely competitive category.

(4) Economic Development (ED)

The CDBG-ED program provides grants to local governments for the construction of infrastructure needed to serve a new and expanding business. Local governments may also use CDBG funds to provide loans directly to the business for capital expenses (land, building, equipment, site development). The grant funds are made available on the condition that the new or expanding business create new jobs, of which, 51% would need to be available to low/moderate income persons.

Grant Schedule

The grant application deadline is February 16, 2017.

Project Options:

1. Apply for a Housing grant to repair/replace substandard housing
2. Apply for a Neighborhood Revitalization grant to repair City infrastructure.
3. Apply for a Commercial Revitalization grant for downtown improvements.
4. If a business is making plans to locate or expand in the area, the City may also apply for an economic development grant to provide the business with infrastructure such as an access road or water & sewer extensions.