2013 Community Development Block Grant Program

The "Proposed" Program Statement for the 2013 CDBG Program was recently released by the Maine Office of Community Development. In order to be eligible for CDBG assistance a community must meet one of three national objectives: 1) benefit people of low/moderate income; 2) eliminate slum/blight conditions; 3) assist communities facing imminent threats to health and safety.

Information on the various CDBG programs, eligible activities, application information and deadlines are available in the program statement. To view the entire proposed statement, visit the Maine Office of Community Development's website at http://www.meocd.org/ click on 2013 Program Statement.

A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 11:00 AM at the DECD- Burton Cross Building, 3rd Floor, 11 Sewall Street, Augusta. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit comment on the proposed Program Statement. Persons wishing to submit comments in writing are encouraged to do so, by submitting correspondence to Deborah Johnson, Director at the above address or via email: Deborah.Johnson@maine.gov on or before 4:00 PM, October 20, 2012.

Summary of Significant Program Changes

Housing: Maximum award increased to $500,000; total budget $1,000,000; new requirement communities must have more than 3,000 in population, no more than 3 communities can apply together

Public Facilities: No funding allocated*

Public Infrastructure: Increased budget to $2,700,000; maximum award increased to $1,000,000.

Downtown Revitalization: Decreased program budget to $500,000; maximum grant award amount decreased to $250,000

Workforce Development: New program added with a budget of $750,000; maximum award $100,000

Urgent Need: No funding allocated*

Economic Development Program: Increased program budget to $2,700,000; maximum award increased to $1,000,000; bonus points for communities who have been certified as Business-Friendly Communities at time of application; Removal of Development Fund Loan Program

Microenterprise Grant Program (previously Community Enterprise Program): Program budget of $700,000; new requirement for Micro-Enterprise Assistance Loan programs municipalities receiving $35,000+ in loan repayments must utilize the services of a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) or a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO); maximum grant amount of $150,000;
maximum Microenterprise Grant assistance to business $25,000; bonus points for communities who have been certified as Business-Friendly Communities at time of application

Technical Assistance: Reduction in program budget from $245,000 to $114,347; clarification of use of CDBG Technical Assistance Funds

For more information please contact Amy Landry, Business and Economic Development Specialist alandry@avcog.org

Application Workshop Dates

November 28th 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM – via webinar - AVCOG Conference Room, 125 Manley Rd, Auburn

November 29th 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM - at Department of Economic & Community Development (West Conference Room), State Office Building, 111 Sewall St, 3rd Floor