

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BRIEFING DRAFT

MEETING DATE: October 22, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 1 A - 1 B

SUBJECT: A. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED RE-SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000

B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN THE REVISED AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000

(COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The Forsyth County Community & Economic Development Department proposes to re-apply for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality to construct a drinking water distribution system that will extend a water line approximately 2.5 miles along Highway 65 (Rural Hall-Germanton Road) east of the Town of Rural Hall. This area is dependent on wells that have been contaminated, periodically gone dry, or only provide minimal amounts of water. The County is requesting an increase of \$200,000 over the 2019 request of \$1,800,000.

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
IN THE REVISED AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000
(COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)**

WHEREAS Title 1 of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, has established the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and has authorized the making of grants to aid eligible units of government in funding the cost of construction, replacement, or rehabilitation of water and wastewater infrastructure;

WHEREAS the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure, was delegated the authority by the state legislature to administer the water and wastewater infrastructure portion of the State grant monies received from the U.S. HUD CDBG Program by Session Law 2013-360, Section 15.15(a) as amended by Section 5.3 of Session Law 2013-363;

WHEREAS Forsyth County has need for and intends to construct a drinking water distribution system project described as the Highway 65 Waterline Extension Project that will extend an eight-inch waterline for approximately 2.5 miles along Highway 65 from approximately 375' east of College Street eastward to Abshire Road; and

WHEREAS Forsyth County intends to request State grant assistance for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the City/County Utility Commission will adopt and place into effect, on or before completion of the project, a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper and efficient operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and that the City/County Utility Commission will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that J. Dudley Watts, Jr., the Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application, on behalf of Forsyth County, with the State of North Carolina for a grant to aid in the construction of the project described above;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that J. Dudley Watts, Jr., the Authorized Official, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project, to make the assurances as contained above, and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Forsyth County has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this 22nd day of October 2020.

(For publication in the WS Journal Legal Section on October 10, 2020)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RELATIVE TO APPLICATION
BY FORSYTH COUNTY, NC,
FOR FUNDING UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that Forsyth County will conduct a public hearing on October 22, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., at the Forsyth County Government Center located at 201 N, Chestnut Street Winston-Salem, NC, relative to the intention of the County to apply for Fiscal year 2020 CDBG funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act.

There will be no meeting place where members of the public can be physically present. The Meeting will be broadcast live at 2:00 p.m. on local cable channel WSTV 13-The Government Channel, http://winston-salem.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=29 and <https://vimeo.com/forsythcountync>.

Forsyth County intends to submit an application for a grant of an estimated **\$2,000,000** in CDBG Infrastructure funds to finance the extension of an 8" public water line along Highway 65 (Rural Hall-Germanton Rd) extending east from the intersection of Highway 65 (Rural Hall-Germanton Road) approximately 2.5 miles and will terminate at Abshire Road. This area is located adjacent to the town limits of Rural Hall.

The following is a tentative list of proposed activities and an estimated budget. The final application will be reviewed at the public hearing.

Infrastructure Improvements	
Grant Administration Estimated Budget	\$2,000,000

The proposed project will provide benefits to very low- and moderate-income households residing adjacent to the above describe area. At least 51% of the total households residing in the target area are considered low and moderate income as surveyed by County staff. No individuals will be displaced nor will any require temporary relocation assistance as a result of the proposed project.

All persons interested in the proposed project are invited by the Board of Commissioners to present their views. If you wish to submit a written comment, please email to sloopam@forsyth.cc by Friday, October 23, 2020.

If additional information is needed, please contact Daniel W. Kornelis, Director of Forsyth County Department of Community & Economic Development at 201 N. Chestnut Street, Winston-Salem, NC, 27101. Formal written complaints or comments concerning the application process that are submitted to the County prior to or following the public hearing will be responded to within ten working days by a representative from the Community & Economic Development Department. A copy of the completed project application will be available for public review after November 2, 2020, at the Forsyth County Community & Economic Development Department, located on the fifth floor of the Forsyth County Government Center, 201 N. Chestnut Street, Winston-Salem, NC, 27101.

Persons with disabilities or who otherwise need assistance should contact Dan Kornelis at (336) 703-2680

Language translators and accommodations for the disabled are available upon request, 24 –hours prior to the hearing. This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Dan Kornelis at (336) 703-2680 for assistance.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma a pedido. Comuníquese con Dan Kornelis al (336) 703-2680 para acomodaciones para esta solicitud.