

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-004

A RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ACEDP EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Cleburne County is applying for funds through the COVID-19 Emergency Response Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that certain conditions be met as part of the application requirements; and

WHEREAS, Cleburne County has, or will, conduct a public hearing and has an active Citizen Participation Plan/Community Development Plan, and as part of the application process has or will receive and consider comments on community development and housing needs, and proposed activities; and

WHEREAS: As a result of the Community Development Planning activities; Cleburne County has identified and prioritized the community development and housing needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Quorum Court of Cleburne County, Arkansas, hereby authorizes, the County Judge of Cleburne County, on behalf of Cleburne County, to submit an application to the State of Arkansas for grant funds, under the Community Development provisions of the COVID-19 Emergency Response Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program, and to expend funds to accomplish such community development activities, if the grant is awarded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April 2020.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Rachelle Evans, Cleburne County Clerk



Jerry Holmes, Cleburne County Judge

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EXHIBIT D

Citizen Participation Plan Cleburne County, Arkansas

A. Participation by Citizens

All citizens, including low- and moderate-income citizens, shall be requested and encouraged to participate in the assessment of community issues, problems and needs; the identification of potential solutions; and priority to such issues, problems and needs, as follows:

1. All citizens shall be periodically requested to complete a community needs survey to identify community and neighborhood issues, problems and needs.
2. All citizens shall be notified by publication and posting of all meetings to discuss the identified needs, potential solutions and solution priorities.
3. All citizens, particularly low and moderate-income citizens, shall be afforded the opportunity to serve on various community improvement task forces established by Cleburne County.

B. Access to Meetings, Information and Records

Notice of public meetings conducted by Cleburne County shall be published or posted within a reasonable number of days prior to such meetings.

Agendas of all such meetings shall be available at the courthouse for public inspection.

All meetings where CDBG projects or applications are to be discussed shall be published or posted (within a reasonable number of) days prior to such meetings and all information and records concerning such CDBG projects or applications shall be available for public inspection at Cleburne County, Arkansas

All meetings will be held at a time and location convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries which will be accessible to all citizens. The building and site will also be accessible to persons with disabilities.

C. Specific CDBG Project Information

All citizens shall be provided with information regarding specific CDBG projects through public meetings and publication of notices which provide all pertinent information regarding any CDBG project including, but not limited to:

1. The amount of CDBG funds expected to be made available to Cleburne County for the current fiscal year, including CDBG funds and anticipated program income;
2. The specific range of activities that may be undertaken with CDBG funds;
3. The estimated amount of CDBG funds to be used for activities that will meet the national objective of benefit to low-and moderate-income persons, and;
4. A description of any proposed CDBG funded activities that are likely to result in displacement of persons along with Cleburne County anti-displacement and relocation plans.

D. Provisions for Technical Assistance to Citizens

The County Judge shall maintain current information of available resources for community improvement efforts and CDBG programs available and provide such information upon request by any citizen or group representing any citizen or group of citizens and the County Judge shall provide assistance in developing proposals to address issues, problems and needs identified by such citizen or citizens.

E. Public Hearing on CDBG Activities

The Cleburne County shall enact a minimum of two (2) public meetings or hearings to be conducted with regard to any CDBG application. At least one meeting or hearing shall be conducted prior to the submission of any such application and a second public hearing shall be held near the completion of any CDBG funded activity to obtain citizen input, comments or opinions with regard to such application(s) and to program or project performance.

The County Judge shall act as the contact person for all questions, comments or concerns expressed by any citizen with regard to any CDBG program or project and shall forward any such questions, comments or concerns to Cleburne County at the next regular meeting of Cleburne County following expression of such questions, comments or concerns. The County Judge shall also be responsible for transmitting the Cleburne County response to any such question, comment or concerns to the citizen or citizens expressing the same.

F. Needs of Non-English Speaking Citizens

Cleburne County shall conduct the public hearings in a manner to meet the needs of non-English speaking residents where significant number of non-English speaking residents can reasonably be expected to participate, the County Judge shall arrange for oral or written translation of information regarding any CDBG program, application or project upon request by such non-English speaking persons or representatives of such persons.

G. Compliance/Grievance Procedures

The County Judge shall post a notice at the Courthouse which provides name, telephone number, address and office hours of the (local government name) for citizens who wish to file a complaint or grievance regarding any CDBG program, project or application.

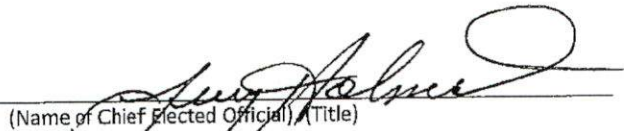
Individuals wishing to submit a complaint or file a grievance concerning activities, of or application for, CDBG funds may submit a written complaint or grievance to the Cleburne County Judge.

County Judge shall present such complaint or grievance to the Quorum Court at the next regular meeting of Cleburne County where it be reviewed by the Board members. The individual submitting such complaint or grievance shall be notified of such meeting and shall be given the opportunity to make further comments at such meeting. The Cleburne County issue a written response to any complaint or grievance within fifteen (15) days following the meeting at which a response is formulated. Such response shall be mailed to the individual citizen(s) submitting the complaint or grievance by the (local representative) to the last known address of said citizen(s).

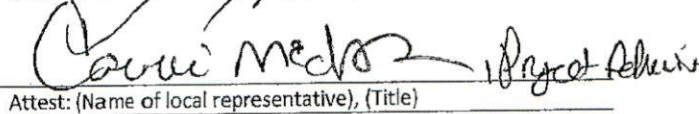
In the event that the nature of the complaint or grievance is determined to be a matter requiring immediate action, a special meeting of the Cleburne County shall be called to review the matter within ten (10) days of receipt of such complaint or grievance.

H. Adoption

This Citizen Participation Plan is hereby adopted by action of the Cleburne County, Arkansas Quorum Court.



(Name of Chief Elected Official), (Title)



Attest: (Name of local representative), (Title)

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Date

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