

# FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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## ***Community Development Block Grant Program FY 2004-05***

Once again it is time to start planning for the next application cycle of the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. The program year 2004-05 will be the twenty-third year in which the small cities CDBG program has been administered in the state of Utah. The purpose of Community Development Block Grants is "To assist in developing viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income (LMI)".

This program funnels allocations of federal Housing and Urban Development funds through the Utah State Division of Community Development to communities of less than 50,000 and counties of less than 200,000 in population. Since the program's inception in 1982, the CDBG program has injected over \$11.3 million into the region's local infrastructure, community facilities, and urgent health and safety needs. Local projects have included water system improvements, fire stations, sewer systems, senior citizen centers, housing projects, ambulance garages, and rehabilitation of community facilities to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act. CDBG funds have also been used to foster the region's economic growth by capitalizing the regional Revolving Loan Fund, which provides supplemental financing to growing businesses. Finally, the CDBG program allows the AOG to provide extensive planning and technical assistance to eligible local governments trying to cope with community planning and zoning enforcement challenges.

The Steering Committee will be reviewing and approving the rating and ranking matrix at their August meeting. The application cycle, which begins with two "How to Apply Workshops" in September, will be for the 18-month contract period of June, 2004 through December, 2005. Applications will be due in December, 2003. Applications and workbooks will be distributed at the workshops.

As you begin the process, please remember some important points:

- \* Projects must meet one of three "national objectives" - 1) Benefit to individuals with low or moderate incomes; 2) The alleviation of slums or blight; or 3) Urgent health and safety needs.
- \* Capital Improvement projects must be included in your community's capital improvement list, as submitted to the AOG.
- \* Applications other than local governments must be sponsored by a local government entity.
- \* AOG staff is available to assist in the preparation of applications.
- \* Communities that are not included on the HUD pre-approved LMI list should contact the AOG as soon as possible to determine if an income survey of residents is necessary.

Each year the Five County region receives an allocation based upon a statewide formula utilizing a base amount and a per capita population distribution. Last year's CDBG allocation was awarded to the following projects: 1) FCAOG-- Planning & Technical Assistance set-aside; 2) Washington County on behalf of the Southwest Center-- Architectural/design set-aside; 3) Beaver City-- ADA modifications to Civic/Senior Citizen Center; 4) Antimony Town-- Community Center; 5) Henrieville Town-- Water Improvement project; 6) Cedar City on behalf of Cedar Housing Authority-- LMI Housing; 7) Alton Town-- ADA modifications to Alton Community Center/Town Hall; 8) Orderville Town-- ADA Modifications Town Hall; 9) Enterprise City on behalf of Enterprise Valley Medical Clinic-- Addition to health clinic; 10) St. George City-- Housing Rehabilitation/Down Payment Assistance; and 11) Springdale Town-- LMI Housing.

Projects must be mature - ready for timely implementation within the contract program year with secured funding commitments from other sources. In addition to the above, projects must be prioritized by the local elected officials and the region Rating and Ranking system.

## Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program *(Continued from Page 1)*

Examples of some of the types of eligible CDBG project activities:

### Affordable Housing Projects :

- Acquisition of Property
- New Construction
- Rehabilitation
- Relocation Expenses
- Demolition
- Site Improvements
- Development Hard Costs
- Multi-family, single family, transitional, special needs housing and homeless shelters

### Community Development Projects :

- Culinary Water Improvements
- Waste Water Improvements
- Natural Gas Line Accessibility/Expansions
- Road, Street & Emergency Equipment
- ADA Accessibility for Public Buildings
- Flood Control Systems
- Rehabilitation of Slums & Blighted Areas
- Historic Preservation
- Acquisition of Property/Land
- Community & Senior Centers
- Parks, Recreation & Beautification Projects
- Public Services

### Economic Development Projects :

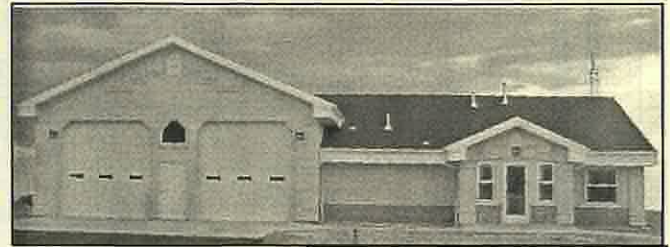
- Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program
- Interim/Short-term Financing Program
- Industrial Parks & Commercial Centers
- Stimulate Private Investments

The CDBG "How-to-Apply Workshops" are open to any town, city, county, special service district or non-profit agency in the Five County region that is considering applying for CDBG funding for a community development project. (Note: all special service districts and non-profit agencies must arrange to have a city or county sponsor their project in order to be eligible to receive CDBG funding).

Jurisdictions may formally designate a third party representative (i.e., other city/county staff, consultant, engineer, or architect) to attend the workshop on their behalf. However, said designation by the jurisdiction shall be in writing. The letter of designation shall be provided to the Five County Association no later than at the beginning of the "How-to-Apply Workshop".

(See Back Page for How-to-Apply Workshop Information)

## PREVIOUS CDBG PROJECTS



Iron County Ambulance Garage Parowan Valley



Iron County Ambulance Garage - Cedar City



Cannonville Medical Clinic/Town Hall



Minersville Senior Citizen Center



Enterprise Senior Citizen Center



Hurricane Water Tank



Big Water Fire Station

## Staff Spotlight:



**Max Houghten** was born in Salt Lake City and moved to Hurricane during his high school years. From there he attended Dixie State College for a year and a half. He then attended Southern Utah University, where he met his wife Becky. They have two children, Cassidy, who is nine and Gracie, who has just turned ten months.

Max enjoys the outdoors and working in his yard. He is happy to be working for the Association of Governments with the Weatherization crew and plans to be around for years to come.



**Ed Dickie** has returned to the Community and Economic Development Department at Five County to assist with GIS mapping, analysis and other planning duties. He also has experience with writing grants, public speaking, presentations, and organizing/

creating inter-local agreements.

Ed comes to us from Bay County Florida where he was the Department Head for the County's GIS Program, with a staff of 10 GIS professionals.

Ed has been involved with GIS applications for over ten years and has a BS in Geography and Earth Resources from Utah State University, Logan, UT, 1994. In 1993 Ed had the opportunity to work/live in Iceland for six months as a GIS research assistant "intern" during his under grad for the Iceland Agricultural Research Institute and the USU Range Science department. In 1995 Ed became a Certified Cadastral Mapper for the State of Utah. Ed also has a Graduate Certificate in GIS from Saint Mary's University, Winona, MN, 2001, and is currently working on his master of Public Administration degree from the University of Nebraska.

Ed has been married for 12 years to Wendy, whom he met while an undergraduate at Utah State University. They have three beautiful little girls Madilynn (7), Abigail (5), and Emma (1). The girls are excited to be back in the St. George area, where their grandparents and cousins live.

When Ed is not wrestling or playing monster with his three girls you can find him either reading, playing basketball/volleyball, or fishing in a clear mountain stream somewhere in southern Utah. He also enjoys Chinese noodles and skydiving.....

## Weatherization Program Update

Things are happening with the weather, no I'm not talking about it being summer. Five Counties Weatherization program is on the grow. We are expanding and making some changes to better serve the Five County region. Weatherization staff can be reached at the Cedar City office by calling (435) 586-0585.

Doug Carlson is now the program coordinator handling the field coordination, along with the office work from application review to monthly reports. Kirby Lambert is our certified energy auditor. He performs the field audits to determine what the home needs. Ferl Chamberlain is the crew supervisor. He, along with Max Houghton, make sure all the Weatherization measures are installed correctly to make the client's home more energy efficient.

Weatherization not only benefits the homeowner. It actually helps the whole community by cutting down on the over all energy consumption. Did you know that Weatherization returns \$1.30 for every \$1.00 invested in direct energy related benefits? Not only that, weatherization also produces non-energy related benefits, for every \$1.00 invested it returns \$2.40 in total benefits.

### Utah Rural Summit: Collaborative Land Use Planning in the Intermountain West - Regional Conference on Citizen-Focused Land Use Planning

Southern Utah University, Hunter Conference Center, August 6-8, 2003

In order to promote a more collaborative approach to land use planning, the Utah Center for Rural Life and SWCA Environmental Consultants are hosting a Collaborative Land Use Planning Conference. By exploring the benefits and challenges of collaborative planning and discussing the tools and techniques available, this conference will create a better awareness of collaboration methods and enhance understanding of the need for better planning and communication between resource management planners, policy developers, state and county leaders, tribal and local community members.

For more information contact:

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## **CDBG HOW-TO-APPLY WORKSHOPS**

**Monday, September 15, 2003 - 6:30 p.m.**  
Five County AOG Office, Conference Room  
1070 West 1600 South, Building B, St.. George, UT

**Tuesday, September 16, 2003 - 10:00 a.m.**  
Panguitch Fire Station  
40 North 100 East, Panguitch, UT

Any jurisdiction that is contemplating applying for CDBG funding must assign at least one elected official from their governing body to attend one of the two scheduled workshops, whether you are applying directly, or if you are sponsoring another entity through your jurisdiction. A representative of the "other entity" must also be in attendance with the elected official. A post card will be mailed in the first part of September reminding jurisdictions of the upcoming workshops.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or to obtain further details. Additional information regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program can be found on the Five County web site at: <http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us>

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail ([dlamoreaux@fcaog.state.ut.us](mailto:dlamoreaux@fcaog.state.ut.us)) or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550. For other information or services, please call (435) 673-3548 or visit our web site at: <http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us>

### **Steering Committee Meeting Schedule:**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2003, 1:00 p.m.**  
Panguitch City Library, Meeting Room,  
25 South 200 East; Panguitch, UT

**Wednesday, September 10, 2003, 1:00 p.m.**  
Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg., Conference Room  
105 East Center Street; Beaver, UT

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