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Director's Dialog



Gary Zabriskie, Deputy Director

Our Executive Director, Bryan Thiriot, asked me to use the Director's Dialog portion of this edition of our newsletter to highlight the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund and its Board, and quantify the positive impacts that program continues to have in improving this region.



The Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board, commonly called the "CIB", is a source of funding frequently utilized by entities in Utah to implement needed capital improvements projects. The CIB provides loans and/or grants to state agencies and political subdivisions of the state which have, or may be, socially or economically

impacted by development of specific mineral resources on federal lands. Under the Federal Mineral Lease Act of 1920, lease holders on public land make royalty payments to the federal government for the development and ongoing production of non-metalliferous minerals. In Utah, the primary source of these funds is royalties paid by commercial producers of fossil fuels on lands held by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Since the enactment of that law, a portion of these mineral lease/royalty payments is returned to our state in an effort to help mitigate impacts, directly or indirectly, by energy and mineral development on federal lands. The state of Utah then allocates 32.5% of the state portion of payments as Community Impact Funds which are allocated out by a designated Board.

The CIB will only consider funding applications which are submitted by an eligible applicant, for an eligible project. The Utah statute creating the Board, made up of local elected officials and other members from state agencies, statutorily designated to serve, specifically defines eligible applicants as any of the following "subdivisions of the state": counties, cities, towns, school districts, building authorities, special service districts, associations of governments, water conservancy districts, special improvement districts, water or sewer improvement districts, and public postsecondary institutions. Indian

tribes, individuals, corporations, associations and private not-for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply.

Consolidated lists of capital needs from eligible entities are developed for each county-wide area and are produced as a cooperative venture of all eligible entities within each county area. The CIB funds a Regional Planning Program Planner in each of five rural associations of governments, with responsibilities to coordinate collection, consolidation and submitting lists to the state, and provide technical assistance to applicants.

Each November, a mailed-out packet is sent to every CIB eligible jurisdiction in southwestern Utah containing detailed information on how to prepare and submit new updated lists. Lists are due back to the Association in January. From submitted data, two lists are created: a 1Year List contains short-term planned applications to the CIB within the next three trimester application cycles; and a second medium-term list of projects proposed to be accomplished two to five years out. The 1Year list contains the following items: jurisdiction name, project summary description, anticipated trimester date of submission to the CIB, projected overall cost of project, all anticipated funding sources, the individual applicants' priority for their own projects, and finally the county area priority for each project. The county-area prioritization is done at a meeting scheduled in each county in late February or early March, and the prioritization is a consensus decision of the representatives from the entities in that county that participated in submitting projects for the 1Year list. Projects not identified on the 1Year list will not be funded by the CIB, unless the project addresses a bona-fide public safety or health emergency, or for another compelling reason.

The CIB reviews applications with an applicant at one of three scheduled "review" meetings and authorizes funding assistance at a "funding" meeting. The CIB operates its funding cycles on a trimester basis during the state fiscal year (July 1st - June 30th). Here is the trimester schedule:

CIB Trimester	Application Deadline	CIB Review Meeting(s) Where Applicant Presents	Funding Meeting
First	June 1	July, August, or September	October
Second	October 1	November, December, or January	February
Third	February 1	March, April, or May	June

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In February 2017, the CIB completed its 2nd Trimester funding, with projects in this region funded as shown:

Town of Brian Head- Storm Drainage Master Plan	\$27,500
Hurricane City- Transportation Master Plan	\$50,000
Town of Tropic- Street Grading, Drainage, Resurface	\$450,000
Wash. County MBA- New Coral Canyon Fire Station	\$638,000
Five County Regional total CIB 2nd trimester:	\$1,165,500

In June 2017, the CIB completed its 3rd Trimester funding, with projects in this region funded as shown:

Milford Area Healthcare District #3- Two Ambulances	\$300,000
Milford City- New Community Center/Town Office	\$1,472,000
Town of Brian Head- New Fire Pumper Truck	\$150,000
Town of Big Water- Remodel of Community Center	\$83,000
Five County Regional total CIB 3rd trimester:	\$2,005,600

Please note that the funding shown above includes only the dollar amount provided by the CIB as a grant and/or loan and does not include the local financial participation of the applicants (their "skin in the game"), nor does it include additional leveraged funding of their project provided by other funding sources. The funding for the 1st Trimester was previously reported in the November-December 2016 edition of this newsletter.

While the CIB has existed for over 30 years, the level of funding in this region over just the past 10 year period alone testifies of its vital importance to the jurisdictions in southwestern Utah. Over \$151.3 million in grant and/or loan funding from the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board, over the previous ten CIB fiscal years, has been provided within our five counties as follows:

Beaver County and Beaver County Entities	\$26,332,512
Garfield County and Garfield County Entities	\$22,595,692
Iron County and Iron County Entities	\$29,509,000
Kane County and Kane County Entities	\$38,179,954
Washington County and Washington County Entities	\$34,753,445
Five County Region total CIB funding 2006-2016:	\$151,370,603

The above CIB funding was leveraged with \$98,123,981 of local, and other, project funding to complete capital improvement projects, in our region, with a total project cost, in just the past 10 years, of an astonishing \$249,494,584.

If you desire more information on what kind of public facilities, infrastructure, equipment and other capital improvements have been funded in our region, or have questions about capital improvement planning or the PCIFB program, please contact Gary O. Zabriskie, RPP Planner and Director of Community & Economic Development at the Five County Association of Governments at (435) 673-3548 ext.126, or e-mail: gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov

You can visit our Five County AOG's CIB web page: www.fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/capital.php to learn more about the CIB, as well as see the 1 Year and Year 2-5 Lists. A prominently placed link to the State of Utah's CIB web site is also found on our page.

Color Country OHV Trail



In mid-2014, Iron County formed a group to begin discussions and planning of OHV trails in the county. This group is a multi-disciplined group consisting of individuals from Iron County, Utah State Parks, each local city and town, OHV groups and clubs, the U.S. Forest Service, GIS mapping specialists, the Iron County RPO, the Five County AOG, and other interested parties. The group meets on a regular basis to identify, plan, ground truth, and map the OHV trails of interest. From this group the Color Country OHV Trail system was developed.

The Color Country OHV Trail System is a network of trails ATV enthusiasts can take throughout Iron County in southwest Utah. It connects to other trail systems in adjoining counties to enjoy the magnificent scenery found throughout the area. It takes in trail segments of the high desert regions in the western part of the county, and traverses the high forested areas to the east. Parts of the trail in the west desert area can be traveled year-round and offers a glimpse of this unique ecosystem.

The Color Country OHV Trail system is broken into segments with their own core trails and loops. Each loop is identified by name and marked with identifiable signage so the riders will know where they are during scenic trips. Maps located on the internet and at kiosks will identify loops, parking areas and local information. Maps can be downloaded onto handheld devices and help riders know where they are at all times. See them on the web at: www.ironcounty.net/trails

Two of the five trail segments have been completed, encompassing more than 600 miles of trails. The remaining three segments are currently under development and will be posted as they become available. Trails will be identified with the logo shown above. Kudos to the OHV group!

Dave Demas, Five County AOG Senior Transportation Planner

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Awards Made for FY 2017



Utah Small Cities
Community Development
Block Grant Program

Community Development Block Grants are federal funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that is funneled through the state of Utah, Department of Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development Division, through what is known as the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Five County Association of Governments region: Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties
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received a total of \$807,563 in CDBG funding for allocation this year to projects within the region. CDBG funds are typically leveraged with funding from various other state and federal agencies, as well as local funds, committed to a project.

The FCAOG utilizes a comprehensive rating and rating criterion that is approved before the program year begins by the FCAOG Steering Committee. That objective criteria is used to evaluate projects applied for funding and the projects are scored and ranked. Projects are fully funded in the order of ranking from the highest scoring project to the lowest, until all funding allocated to this region for the year is exhausted.

It should be noted that projects approved for multi-year funding in the previous program year must be funded off the top of the funding for the following year.

The Steering Committee acting as the CDBG Regional Review Committee approved FY 2017 funding for the following projects:

1) \$200,000 to the Town of Brian Head for a new 4X4 Fire Pumper Truck for Brian Head's Fire Station to service Brian Head Town.

2) \$55,278 to Escalante City to purchase and install water mixers in the City's two culinary water tanks. Work includes excavation of trench for electrical line(s) to the tanks, power line and installation of electrical service to both tanks.

3) \$300,000 to Cedar City on behalf of the Cedar City Housing Authority to purchase and rehabilitate 2-4 units of Low-Moderate Income multi-family housing. This is a multi-year project: \$206,062 dollars has been awarded during FY 2017, with \$93,938 to be provided in FY 2018.

4) \$84,500 to Beaver City on Behalf of the Beaver Housing Authority to Remove and replace 950 feet of damaged road, and 60 ft. of damaged curb, gutter and sidewalk on 500 East between 600 N. and 750 N. This project will complete Beaver City requirements to approve the Low-Moderate Income subdivision.

5) \$88,705 to the Town of Springdale to upgrade 890 ft. of insufficient water lines, connect the lines to 18 water meters, and install a second fire hydrant in the Zion Shadows Subdivision.

6) \$83,018 to the Town of Virgin to rehabilitate one of the towns water tanks and replace insufficient piping coming directly off the tank. Work on the tank includes retrofitting the tank with a new liner, a new ladder, new hatch, and new paint.

In addition to the community development projects listed and described above, an amount of \$90,000 was funded to the Five County Association of Governments to provide for program administration, updating of the region's HUD mandated Consolidated Plan, housing and economic development program delivery, and community planning assistance.

It is anticipated that the CDBG program will again be made available for the 37th consecutive year beginning with the CDBG "How to Apply" workshops held this fall. The September-October 2017 newsletter coming this September will have detailed information on the program and those workshops. *Nate Wiberg, Five County AOG Associate Planner*

URSTA Spring Conference Held in Region



On May 11-12 the Utah Urban Rural Specialized Transportation Association (URSTA) held its Spring Conference at Ruby's Inn in Bryce Canyon City.



Topics included Sensitivity Training, Defensive Driving, Seatbelt Laws, Bryce Canyon Transit Operation and Challenges, and Transit Asset Management Training. Drivers and administrators from around the state of Utah converged on beautiful Bryce Canyon City to learn about best practices and to discuss skill improvement and to share ideas on all things transit related. One of the highlights of the conference was a

mobile session about the Bryce Canyon Shuttle. The shuttle is owned and operated by Red Canyon Transit LLC, a subcontractor to the National Park Service. Red Canyon Transit is a Small Disadvantaged Business. A Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) is a small business that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged. SDB status makes a company eligible for bidding and contracting benefit programs involved with federal procurement. Steve Lewis, Brian Cambria and Ron Romer are the principals involved in the business. A topic of particular importance is Transit Asset Management (TAM), a concept/business model that prioritizes funding based on the condition of transit assets to achieve or maintain transit networks in a state of good repair (SGR). The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) promotes the use of TAM to more efficiently utilize resources. The conference included vendors who brought large and small buses and other transport related tools and software. The most valuable element of the conference for many of the attendees was the opportunity to meet other professionals who offer new ideas and provide referrals to others that may be able to address problems or challenges in their work places.



The AOG staff works to bring in expert trainers and other professionals, supporting and promoting opportunities for statewide conferences to be held in our region that help improve our knowledge base and technical understanding, with the added

benefit of enhancing the condition of our local economies.

Jay Aguilar, Five County AOG Mobility Manager

Here is the Schedule for our Steering Committee Meetings through the Remainder of 2017

- **Wednesday, August 9, 2017** at 1:30 p.m.
at the Garfield County Courthouse, Conf. Room;
55 South Main Street; Panguitch, Utah.
- **Wednesday, October 11, 2017** at 2:30 p.m.
at the Heritage Center, (room to be determined);
105 North 100 East; Cedar City, Utah.
- **Wednesday, November 8, 2017** at 1:30 p.m.
at the Five County Association of Governments
Tonaquint Center Office Building, Conf. Room;
1070 W. 1600 South; Building B; St. George, Utah.

What is the Five County AOG Steering Committee?

The Five County Association of Governments is governed by a formal board known as the Steering Committee which is made up of one county commissioner, one mayor from a city or town, and one elected county school board representative from each of the five counties. In addition to these elected officials, there is one representative from Dixie State University and one from Southern Utah University who serve as ex-officio members of the Committee.

Please submit articles, or suggestions for them, to our Newsletter editor via e-mail to (newsletter@fivecounty.utah.gov) or in writing to: FCAOG Newsletter Editor P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550.

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