



# FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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## **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program FY 2015**

Once again it is time to start planning for the next application cycle of the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. The 2015 program year will be the thirty-fourth year in which the Small Cities CDBG Program has been administered by the state of Utah. The purpose of Community Development Block Grants is *"To assist in developing viable 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 Department of Workforce Services, Division of Housing and 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 \$19 million into our 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, etc. Additionally, \$5.6 million in CDBG funds has been used regionally to: 1) Foster the region's economic growth by capitalizing the regional Revolving Loan Fund to provide supplemental financing to growing businesses; 2) Allowed the AOG to provide extensive planning and technical assistance to eligible local governments coping with community planning and zoning challenges; and 3) To construct the Five County AOG office building located in St. George, UT.

The Steering Committee reviews and approves the rating and ranking matrix for the upcoming funding cycle on an annual basis during their August meeting. The application cycle, which begins with two "How to Apply" workshops in early November, will cover the 18-month contract period of June 2015 through December 2016. Applications will be due January 30, 2015, and will be submitted through the state of Utah Webgrants system. Application Policies and Procedures will be distributed at the workshops.

**Important!! See information on the back page of this newsletter for CDBG "How to Apply Workshop" dates & locations.**

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 to be submitted to the AOG.
- \* Applicants other than local governments must be sponsored by a local government entity.
- \* Communities should contact the AOG to determine if an income survey of residents is necessary.
- \* AOG staff is available to assist in the preparation of applications.

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 total regional CDBG allocation was \$683,360. FY 2014 funding was awarded to the following projects: **1) Five County Association of Governments, \$90,000--** Program administration, Consolidated Plan planning, economic development technical assistance/housing planning, and HOME/RLF program delivery; **2) Beaver City, on behalf of the Beaver Housing Authority, \$150,000--** Construction of new Housing Authority office facility; **3) Enterprise City, \$157,692--** Year one funding for construction of new fire station. (Funding in amount of \$142,308 will be committed from FY 2015 for second year of multi-year project); and **4) Washington County, on behalf of the Northwestern Special Service District, \$150,000--** Construction of a new fire station.

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 local elected officials and the region Rating and Ranking system.

The CDBG "How-to-Apply" workshops are held for any town, city, county, special service district or non-profit agency in the Five County region that is considering applying for CDBG funding. Attendance at the workshop is required to be eligible to apply. (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).

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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 must be in writing. The letter of designation must be provided to the Five County Association no later than at the beginning of the "How-to-Apply" workshop.

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

**Affordable Housing Projects**

Property acquisition for multi-family and rental housing units; construction of multi-family, transitional, special needs housing and homeless shelters; housing rehabilitation; clearance and demolition; relocation expenses; site improvements; development hard costs

**Community Development Projects**

Culinary water/sewer improvements; solid waste disposal improvements; flood drainage improvements; fire stations/equipment; street improvements; historic preservation; ADA accessibility for public buildings; acquisition of real property; community & senior centers; rehabilitation of slums & blighted areas; parks, recreational facilities; public services

**Economic Development Projects**

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program; Micro-Enterprise assistance; industrial parks and commercial centers

***Examples of Previous CDBG Projects:***



**Mountain View Suites II Housing Project in Cedar City**



**Minersville Library with New Expansion**



**Hatch Community Center**



**Alton Town Fire Station**

***Care About Childcare @ Five County***

The mission for Care About Childcare @ Five County (formally Child Care Resource and Referral-Western Region) is to improve the quality of life for the children in Southern Utah who are enrolled in our child care programs and provide support for their families and child care providers. They serve child care needs in Juab, Piute, Wayne, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Iron, Washington, Kane, Garfield & Beaver counties.

Care About Childcare is an online system designed in partnership with the Child Care Licensing Program and Utah's Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. It is intended to promote quality childcare and to help parents locate licensed providers in their area. The website will also provide links to childcare and child development resources for parents, grandparents and providers.

With CareAboutChildcare.org, parents will be able to find a licensed child care facility and evaluate it based on strengths and their needs. Every licensed center and licensed family/home provider will have a profile page on [CareAboutChildcare.org](http://CareAboutChildcare.org). On this page, providers can upload a statement about their program philosophy, pictures of their program and links to their Facebook page, blog or website. Each provider profile page will also feature Quality Indicator Tabs which help parents pick and choose what is important to them in childcare.



**Carrie Sigler** has just taken over as the Director of Care About Childcare @ Five County. She is a graduate of BYU and California State University Northridge. Carrie has worked for CAC for 9 years as a Program Consultant, CDA Coach and Referral Specialist.

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She comes from a long background of Child Care experience where she directed a large NAEYC Accredited Program in California for over 20 years. She also works for CDA, the Child Development Associate Program, out of Washington DC part time. She has been married for 29 years and has two terrific children and one grandson who is the apple of her eye. She loves to be with her family camping in their little pop up tent camper, hiking, skiing, 4-wheeling, and enjoys all crafts. She is passionate about children and knows how important it is to provide quality, play-based childcare.

## Staff Spotlights



**Tammy Douglas** was hired recently as a Quality Improvement Specialist for Care About Childcare @ Five County. She has always had a great love for children and wanted to be a teacher since a very young age. She was born in SLC, but also grew up in San Diego and then returned to her parent's hometown in the Richfield area where she graduated from high school. Tammy graduated from BYU-Provo and also spent a

semester at BYU-Hawaii. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, she taught first grade for ten years in the Alpine School District.

Tammy is still in the process of moving to St. George from Boise, Idaho where she spent the past fifteen years directing her own pre-school. She loved teaching these young, eager children while serving such amazing families. She also spent the past nine years learning the retail world while working at American Eagle Outfitters.

She loves to spend time with her family enjoying Sunday dinners, going to new movies, BBQ's and making S'mores with her little grandchildren. Her favorite things are Fall and Football, the beach, mountains, beautiful sunsets, watching her kids play sports, dance recitals and just about anything to do with her family. Tammy has four children - three boys and one girl and four grandchildren.

Tammy is very happy to be in St. George and is excited about this new position with Five County.



**Clint Cottam** rejoined Five County Association of Governments in August 2014 as the Director of Community Action. He had previously worked with the Washington County Youth Court as an AmeriCorps volunteer from 2007 to 2009.

Clint earned a BA in European Studies from Brigham Young University (sorry Ute fans!) with minors in German and music. He received his MPA from Indiana University with concentrations in economic development and policy analysis. His master's thesis analyzed the \$900,000.00 annual economic impact of military volunteerism on the Central and Southern Indiana region. He most recently worked at United Way of Utah County as a consultant, assisting with the 2-1-1 accreditation effort.

Clint is married to his sweetheart Kathryn, who is also a former co-worker at Nielsen's Frozen Custard. She is incredibly supportive and patiently listens to Clint's plans to write a sociological treatise on Harry Potter. Clint and Kathryn have two boys, Thomas (age 2) and Caleb (born August 4, 2014). Clint is happy to return to his hometown and excited to be back at Five County Association of Governments.

## Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan

Planners started work on a commuter bicycle and pedestrian transportation plan for the urbanized areas of Washington County in August. By December the plan will be presented for approval to the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (Dixie MPO) with a list of potential improvement projects and maps to create a more bicycle/pedestrian friendly community.

The planning effort is commissioned by the Dixie MPO and its member cities: Hurricane, Ivins, LaVerkin, Leeds, Santa Clara, St. George, Toquerville, Washington City, Washington County and the Utah Department of Transportation. Dixie MPO is a department within the Five County Association of Governments.

"We are excited to kick off this planning process," said Myron Lee of Five County AOG. "There is an ever-increasing interest in active transportation in this community and we need to respond to that interest with a coordinated and regional infrastructure plan."

Bicycles are becoming an increasingly popular form of urban transportation in cities across the United States, according to the American Society of Landscape Architects. A survey of 55 major metropolitan areas in the U.S. found that bicycle commuting rates increased an average of 70 percent between 2000 and 2009. While bicycle commuting still represents a small percentage of overall commuters, the rising enthusiasm for bicycles is undeniable, the ASLA states.

The Dixie MPO's goal this fall is to identify gaps in the bicycle transportation infrastructure that could be addressed within the next five to ten years to accommodate the increasing number of commuters riding bikes and walking between home and work. The effort will contribute to the Dixie MPO's update of its Long-Range Regional Transportation Plan due out in June of 2015.

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

**Thursday, November 6, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.**  
Five County AOG Office, Conference Room  
1070 West 1600 South, Building B, St. George, UT

**Friday, November 7, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.**  
Panguitch City Fire Station, Training Room  
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 October 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 website at:  
<http://fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/cdbg.php>

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail to ([diamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov](mailto:diamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov)) or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550.

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