



FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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Executive Director's Dialog



Bryan D. Thiriot,
Executive Director

Working with our county partners Five County develops and maintains a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The goals, objectives, and strategies in the CEDS help to support and achieve economic development goals of individual counties and the region. We meet several times a year to coordinate and share ideas

helping counties achieve those goals and to help strengthen the region.



We became aware of the Western Rural Development Center and its "Area Sector Analysis Process (ASAP)." ASAP helps local economic development officials

determine which industries are compatible and desirable in a given area. Our county economic development professionals recruit businesses and promote their counties to businesses throughout the year. They saw the importance of better understanding which industrial sectors were truly compatible with their county resources and strategic interests.

ASAP assists communities in targeted, sustainable, economic development by identifying:

- Community goals and priorities for economic development
- Community assets that will help achieve the community's goals and priorities
- Industry needs and factors important for locating their operations in a community
- Businesses that are consistent with the community's goals and priorities

Washington County began its ASAP process this past month by initiating a kick-off meeting and discussing the ASAP model and the schedule for the next six months. St George Area Economic Development Executive Director Jeriah Threlfall stated that, "We hope to learn more about what industries will succeed in our area and help bring diversity and strength to the local economy."

ASAP integrates community desires into economic development, a critical step in the planning process that is often left out of economic development efforts, but that is increasingly critical for relocating businesses and new startups.



The Western Rural Development Center is a regional catalyst for capacity building in the West. The Center collaborates with its public and private sector partners to promote excellence in research, education, and extension for the prosperity of western rural

communities. Don Albrecht, Executive Director of the Western Rural Development Center at Utah State University, was recognized by Western Planner with its Planner of the Year Award in 2017. Albrecht said, "To me, the hope for rural America is we have to recognize what is happening and embrace it." Don has headed the Western Rural Development Center's (WRDC) "Area Sector Analysis Process" model (ASAP), an economic development process developed by Albrecht and a regional team from Utah, New Mexico, Nevada, Montana, and Idaho that is being implemented in counties throughout the western United States.



Western Planner awards presented in 2017

The final ASAP report will identify the industry segments that make the most sense-according to national data and metrics. Some variables for compatibility include distance from a major highway or level of service for high speed internet. The full report will be available sometime early next year if you'd like to learn more.

Contact our Economic Development Planner Jay Aguilar via e-mail at jaguilar@fivecounty.utah.gov for more information.

UPCOMING MEETING:

The next meeting of the Steering Committee, which is the governing board of the Five County Association of Governments, will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, inside the Heritage Center, Rooms 5&6, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City, Utah.



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Announcement - FY 2019

This year's application cycle of the Utah Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is here!

The purpose of the CDBG program 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).

Since the Program's inception in 1982, the CDBG Program has placed more than \$21 million into our region's local infrastructure, community facilities, and urgent health and safety needs. Past funded Projects include water system improvements, fire stations, sewer systems, senior citizen centers, housing projects, ambulance garages, etc. Additionally, \$5.9 million of CDBG funds has been used regionally to 1) Provide extensive planning and technical assistance to eligible local governments coping with planning and zoning needs; 2) Administer the CDBG Program; and 3) Construct the Five County AOG office building located in St. George, UT.

The application process begins with two "How-to-Apply" workshops in late October, and attendance at one of the workshops is mandatory. The workshops cover the basics of the application process, CDBG policies and procedures, and the rating and ranking process. CDBG applications are submitted through the Utah Webgrants system and are due January 31, 2019.

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

- Projects must meet one of three national objectives:
 - Benefit to Low-an-Moderate Income persons;
 - Alleviate slums or blight conditions;
 - Provide for urgent health and safety needs.
- Capital Improvement projects must be included in your community's capital improvement list and submitted to the AOG for inclusion in the regional Consolidated Plan.
- Communities should contact the AOG Community Development division staff to determine if an income survey of residents is necessary.
- AOG staff is available to assist you in the preparation of your application.

Any town, city, county, special service district, or non-profit agency in the Five County region that is considering applying for CDBG funding must attend one of the workshops. Attendance at a workshop is required to be eligible to apply.

CDBG HOW-TO-APPLY WORKSHOP

DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- **Monday, Oct. 22, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Five County AOG Office Bldg., Conference Room, 1070 West 1600 South, Building B, St. George, UT
- **Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Panguitch City Fire Station, Training Room, 40 North 100 East, Panguitch, UT

CDBG Funded Projects Last Year (FY 2018)

Last year's total CDBG allocation for our region was \$762,696. The following projects were approved to be funded:

- 1) **Kane County, \$150,000** - CDBG dollars will be used to construct the Kane County Children's Justice Center. The building will be designed to look like a home, but the Center will include facilities and equipment to make it a functioning children's justice center, including an intake/meeting area for the families, an interview room, a medical exam room, etc.
- 2) **Cedar City on behalf of Turn Community Service Inc., \$180,000** - CDBG dollars will be used for the construction of infrastructure of three new affordable housing units, as well as the demolition of the existing structure.
- 3) **Beaver City on behalf of Beaver Housing Authority, \$200,000** - CDBG dollars will be used to purchase and rehabilitate 2-4 multi-family low-and-moderate income housing units.
- 4) **Cedar City on behalf of Cedar City Housing Authority, \$93,938** - Year two of a two-year project to purchase and rehabilitate 2-4 multi-family low-and-moderate income housing units.
- 5) **Five County Association of Governments, \$90,000** - funding was set aside for Program administration, the Consolidated Plan update, prepare Moderate Income Housing plans throughout the region, and provide technical planning assistance.

Note: Special service districts and non-profit agencies must arrange to have a city or county sponsor their project in order to be eligible to participate in the Small Cities CDBG program.

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, the 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.

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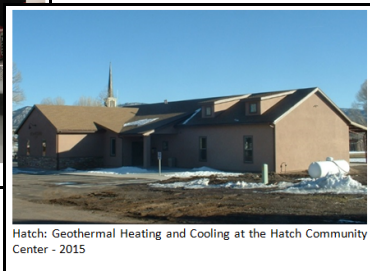
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Some examples of eligible CDBG projects include: Housing related project, including property acquisition for affordable housing multi-family and rental housing units, construction of homeless shelters, rehabilitation of rental housing units, clearance and demolition, relocation expenses, site improvements, development hard costs. Community development projects including 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 and senior centers, rehabilitation of slums and blighted areas, parks and recreational facilities, public services.

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Gunlock: 4x4 Fire Pumper Truck - 2016



Hatch: Geothermal Heating and Cooling at the Hatch Community Center - 2015

Five County Community Action Partnership



'Helping People. Changing Lives'

Five County Association of Government's Community Action Partnership (CAP) Program stabilizes and empowers low-income households in moving towards self-sufficiency. This is done by leveraging Community Service Block Grant (CSBG)

funding with other federal, state, and private funding sources to build partnerships with faith-based, public, non-profit, and for-profit entities; identify and meet changing community needs; and engage community members (including through volunteerism).

A large portion of CAP funding is passed through to other public agencies and non-profit partners in the region, however, some programs and direct assistance are offered directly through the Five County CAP. Programs and funding are based off community need assessments and oversight by the Five County Human Services Council (a tri-partite board consisting of equal representation of elected, private-sector, and low-income representatives).

Some of the services provided by CAP include:

Birth Certificate Fee Payment Assistance

Provides fee assistance for birth certificates, ID's or driver's license for those who qualify.

Court Community Service Referral Programs

Provides referrals to agencies who accept court-appointed service hours for those court mandated. Eligibility is for those who have been court-appointed to complete community service hours. A small administrative fee may apply.

Gas Voucher Program

Provides gas reimbursements for those seeking assistance with transportation to work. Limited assistance may be available to seniors needing transportation to medical appointments. Eligible for households falling under 125% federal poverty limit who are looking for or trying to maintain employment. Trip origins and destinations must be at least ¼ mile from public transit stop. Limited funding may be available to seniors over 60 needing transportation to medical appointments, who are unable to use other senior transit programs.

Rapid Re-Housing Program

Provides rapid rehousing for those who are currently homeless and meet qualifications. For individuals who are homeless. Can be in a homeless shelter and still qualify.

Financial Capacity Classes, Credit Pull Assistance, and Year-Round Assistance with Free Tax Preparation

Five County Community Action can file back-returns for the last three years during the year who qualify. We also work with community partners on financial capabilities classes.

Medical Appointments Transportation

Provides limited financial assistance or gas vouchers available to seniors needing transportation to medical appointments. For seniors over 60 needing financial assistance for medical appointment transportation. Must be unable to use other senior transit programs.

Rental Deposit Assistance

Provides one-time rental deposit assistance to those who qualify. The rental (with utilities) cannot exceed 60% of the household income. For households under the 125% federal poverty limit. For rental deposits only; does not assist with mortgage payments or down payment on homes. Household must show sustainability in the rental.

How to reach the Five County CAP

Five County AOG St. George Office
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(Located just off Dixie Drive at 1600 South behind AllConnect)
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Visit CAP on the web at: <http://www.fivecountycap.org>

**WHAT IS INSIDE THIS LATEST
EDITION OF THE
FIVE COUNTY AOG'S
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NEWSLETTER?**

- ★ Executive Director's Dialog discussing new Area Sector Analysis Process (ASAP).
- ★ **IMPORTANT!!!** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program - Official Regional Announcement of New Funding Cycle for FY 2019. Dates and locations of the Mandatory workshop shown inside.
- ★ A Short Primer on the Five County Community Action Partnership.

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