

CITY OF  
**ANDERSON**



# AGENDA ITEM

November 18, 2008 City Council Meeting

Approved for Submittal By:

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Scott Morgan, City Manager

To Be Presented By:

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Date: November 18, 2008

## SUBJECT

**Public Hearing to Discuss the 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant Economic Enterprise Fund and Solicit Citizen Input for Future Application Opportunities**

## RECOMMENDATION

The Grants and Redevelopment Manager recommends that the City Council:

1. Direct the City Council Clerk to read the published public hearing notice.
2. Conduct the public hearing.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact of conducting the hearing. Future applications for this funding, if ultimately approved and successful, may require a local match.

## DISCUSSION and BACKGROUND

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, administered by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The overall objective of CDBG is "To promote the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income." A CDBG activity must accomplish at least one of the following: 1) Benefit low and moderate income families; 2) Aid in the prevention of slums and blight; 3) Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency. In all cases, at least 51% of the beneficiaries of CDBG-funded programs must be from families earning less than 80% of the area's median income. According to the 2000 census, 59% of Anderson residents meet this requirement.

Each eligible entity may apply for up to \$300,000 in the Economic Enterprise Fund. Eligible uses of the Economic Enterprise Fund are:

### BUSINESS ASSISTANCE - Business Loans and Infrastructure Grants:

1. Construction loans
2. Equipment purchase loans
3. Working capital loans
4. Land acquisition loans
5. Loans for privately owned on-site improvements
6. Loans for business start-ups
7. Loan guarantees
8. Grants for publicly owned infrastructure/off-site improvements

### MICROENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE -

1. Technical assistance and training
2. General support such as transportation and day care
3. Microenterprise loans
4. Façade Program

While City Staff currently have no prospective projects which would adequately or competitively meet these grant criteria, conducting this public hearing could allow staff to potentially apply for these or other CDBG-related funds in a timely fashion at a future date.

## ATTACHMENT

1. Public Hearing Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Anderson will conduct two public hearings to discuss the Fiscal year 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the Economic Development allocation to solicit citizen input. The first hearing will be held Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Council Chambers located at 1887 Howard Street, Anderson, California. The second hearing will be held Tuesday, December 16, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

Maximum award limits for each CDBG allocation are specified in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

The dollar amount of General, Colonias, and Native American allocation funds available varies each year, and a grant from these allocations does not count toward any yearly caps under the Economic Development and Planning and Technical Assistance allocations of the CDBG Program.

The major activities eligible for funding include: Business Loans and infrastructure grants, construction loans, Equipment purchase loans, working capital loans, land acquisition loans (business/developer), loans for privately owned on-site improvements (business/developer), loans for business start-ups (business), loan guarantees, grants for publicly owned infrastructure/off-site improvements; microenterprise assistance, including: technical assistance and training general support such as transportation and day care, microenterprise loans, and, façade improvement programs.

Projects funded with CDBG General, Native American, and/or Colonias Allocations must meet the National Objective of Benefit to Targeted Income Group (TIG) persons. The Economic Development Allocation can meet any of the three National Objectives, Benefit to Targeted Income Group (TIG) persons, elimination of slums and blight, and meeting urgent community development needs.

The City of Anderson anticipates applying for up to the maximum grant amounts as stated in each Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the General, Colonias, Native American and Economic Development Components as well as the maximum grant amounts for the General and Economic Development Planning and Technical Assistance Components.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to provide citizens an opportunity to comment/recommend activities for preparation of a CDBG application. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Grants and Redevelopment Manager, City of Anderson, 1887 Howard Street, Anderson, California, 96007, or you may telephone (530) 378-6676. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

If you plan on attending the public hearing and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, or have a need for an interpreter, please contact Susanne Lewis at (530) 378-6676 to arrange for the accommodations to be made.

The city promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low-and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

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