

**TOWN OF VINTON
CEDAR AVE AND W. CLEVELAND AVE
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION PROGRAM
2nd PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 20, 2020, 7:00PM**

This public hearing is being held to solicit public input on local community development and housing needs in relation to Community Development Block Grant Funding for a project in Vinton, Virginia.

Program Background:

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a federal program created by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
- Administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).
- The program provides funding for local governments to address and meet community development needs:
 1. Improve the economic and physical environment in Virginia's communities through implementation of activities which benefit low- and moderate-income persons,
 2. Prevent or eliminate slums and blighting conditions, or
 3. Meet urgent needs which threaten the welfare of citizens.
- Approximately \$27,750,000 available for the 2020 CDBG Grant Program:
 1. Approximately \$15,330,000 total available for Competitive Grants.
 2. There are 281 eligible towns, cities, and counties in Virginia.
 3. Typically 50-60 communities apply and 12-20 of these receive funding.
- A wide range of activities can be pursued with CDBG funds. The five primary project types under the Competitive CIG program are:
 1. Comprehensive Community Development
 2. Housing
 3. Economic Development
 4. Community Facility
 5. Community Service Facility

Vinton's Past Use of CDBG funds:

The Town has utilized CDBG funds to implement economic development projects in Vinton. Most recently, the Town has utilized CDBG funds for: Downtown Business Revitalization Improvements and Virginia Individual Development Account Program (VIDA).

Vinton's Proposed Use of CDBG funds:

The Town plans to submit an application on or before October 30, 2020 for a CDBG grant of \$1,400,000 for the Cedar Ave and W. Cleveland Ave Housing and Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project. The proposal will contain at least the following activities:

1. Housing Rehabilitation of 8 homes, including both owner-occupied and investor-owned units;
2. Acquisition of properties in the floodplain, relocation of the affected residents,

- demolition of the units, and clearance of all built structures;
- 3. Infrastructure improvements to flood drainage facilities;
- 4. Infrastructure improvements to the water supply facilities;
- 5. Infrastructure improvements to ADA Accessible Pedestrian facilities (sidewalks);
- 6. Blight removal.

The Town is working closely with residents, property owners, commercial businesses, and other interested parties on the scope and character of the project.

Displacement Regulations:

Any residential displacement or relocation resulting from the implementation of a CDBG project must comply with Federal Guidelines as set forth in the "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisition Policies Act." The Act seeks to minimize displacement of people from their homes and requires the offering of advisory services and financial compensation to those impacted. The Town anticipates limited displacement requiring relocation as a result of this project and will make every effort to minimize the impact to affected residents.

PUBLIC INPUT REQUIREMENTS:

Any citizen comment on the following will be considered:

1. General local housing and community development needs
2. The Town's past use of CDBG funds over the last five years
3. The Town's proposed CDBG project

Oral and written comments will be accepted. Information related to the Town's past and proposed use of CDBG funds is available to the public prior to and following application submission. The Town will maintain files demonstrating the public hearings were properly advertised, a list of citizens attending the hearings, and written and/or recorded minutes of the hearings.

For additional information, contact Nathan McClung, Principal Planner at (540) 283-7009 or nmclung@vintonva.gov.

Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until October 20, 2020 at 5pm.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.