Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing

Deschutes County is eligible to apply for a 2023 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$11 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2023. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive for a housing rehabilitation project is \$500,000.

Deschutes County is preparing an application for a 2023 Community Development Block Grant from the Business Oregon for the Central Oregon Regional Housing Rehabilitation project, which will provide home repair and rehabilitation loans to homeowners in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties, outside of Bend and Redmond (cities that directly receive Community Development Block Grant funds). It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 30 persons, of whom 100% will be low or moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, June 28, at the Deschutes Services Building, 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon. The purpose of this hearing is for the Board of County Commissioners to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by June 28 at the Deschutes County Services Building, 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon. The public may also comment by emailing citizeninput@deschutes.org or leaving a voice mail message at 541-385-1734. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the Board of County Commissioners in deciding whether to apply.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Stephanie Robinson, Grants and Operations Specialist, at 541-330-4627 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the city's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at Deschutes Services Building, 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend, Oregon during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Stephanie Robinson, Grants and Operations Specialist, at 541-330-4627 so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.