

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF OREGON
MONDAY – JANUARY 25, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Purpose of Public Hearing -

The City of Oregon is holding a Public Hearing to obtain citizens' views on the submission of a Public Infrastructure Grant Application from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP). This Public Hearing is a requirement of the grant program, and is the first of two Citizen Participation Public Hearings. Specific areas that must be addressed are discussed below.

Amount of Funds Available -

Each year, the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity establishes funds for each of their program categories. This year, the state's allocation is estimated at \$33,000,000. A breakdown of each program category's funding allotment is as follows: Economic Development - \$8,000,000, maximum grant amount is \$750,000; Public Facilities Construction - \$12,250,000, maximum grant amount is \$350,000; Public Facilities Design Engineering - \$1,000,000, maximum grant amount for design engineering is \$100,000; Housing Rehabilitation - \$4,350,000, maximum grant amount is \$350,000; Additional Housing Rehabilitation for Physically Disabled Persons - \$750,000, maximum grant \$100,000; and Public Infrastructure Set-Aside - \$750,000, maximum grant amount is \$100,000; Community/Downtown Revitalization - \$2,500,000, maximum grant amount is \$750,000; and the Flexible Opportunity Program - \$3,000,000, maximum grant amount is \$750,000. Approximately \$740,000 is set aside for State administration.

Range of Activities Funded Through These Grant Programs -

The Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity's Community Development Assistance Grant Program was established to assist Illinois communities meet their greatest economic and community development needs, with an emphasis upon helping persons of low-to-moderate income. Specific objectives of the program include strengthening community economic development through the creation of jobs, stimulation of private investment and strengthening the tax base; improvement of public infrastructure and elimination of conditions which are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare; and the conservation and expansion of the state's housing stock in order to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for persons of low-to-moderate income and the developmentally disabled.

Eligible activities funded under the Public Infrastructure component include: the funding priority is for water and sanitary and storm sewer projects. Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, demolition or installation of public infrastructure and improvements are all eligible activities. Projects must be primarily

residential in character.

Proposed Benefit To Low-and-Moderate Income Persons -

Based upon the 2000 Census Low and Moderate Summary Income Data spreadsheet, the City of Oregon's low-to-moderate income benefit is 53.7%.

Plans For Minimizing Displacement -

No displacement is anticipated as a result of this project.

Detailed Prioritized List of Community Development Needs -

The City of Oregon identified a number of projects that they are currently working on, as well as future projects. Below is a list of the public facility and community development projects identified by the City.

- Wastewater treatment plant upgrades
- Sanitary sewer line extensions
- Water main extensions
- Purchase of new water meters
- SCADA system improvements
- Storm sewer improvements
- New maintenance building / yard
- Sanitary sewer lift station and manhole improvements
- GIS mapping

The City has been working on many of the projects identified above -- upgrades for the wastewater treatment plant are expected to begin this spring and work on sanitary sewer extensions is also planned to start this spring. The City is also looking at some storm sewer improvements at various locations throughout the City.

The City of Oregon's grant application request is for the proposed Liberty Hill Watermain Extension project, which consists of constructing approximately 2,050 lf of 12" and 8" water main. The proposed project will provide a backbone to the City's water distribution system and will loop a dead-end main. The water main extension project will provide improved water quality and improved fire flow capacity. The project will also provide a water service connection for other areas that are currently on private wells.

The project cost estimate is \$270,389. The City is applying to DCEO for a Community Development Assistance Program Public Infrastructure grant in the amount of \$205,691, which is 75% of the project cost, plus \$11,600 for grant administration fees. The City will be contributing 25% of the project cost which is \$64,698.

The public may access the City's Community Development Assistance Program application by contacting the City Clerk at 732-6321 to arrange a time. A complete copy of the grant application will be available after February 22, 2010.