

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COUNTY BOARD
ILLINOIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
CDBG-CV Business Resiliency Application

OPENING

Chairman James Carley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., in the County Board Room of the Livingston County Historic Courthouse located at 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois.

County Clerk Kristy Masching called roll with the following members **present:** Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, Mark Runyon, Robert F. Weller, William Mays, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley and Steven J. Lovell **Absent:** John L. Vietti, Joel Barickman, John J. Vitzthum and Paul A. Ritter

Also Present: County Clerk Kristy Masching, Executive Director Alina Hartley, Executive Assistant Jordan Uselding, Human Resource Director Ginger Harris

AGENDA

Chairman Carley called for any additions or corrections to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Earing, second by Lovell to approve the agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

INTRODUCTION

Chairman James Carley of the Livingston County called the public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. and introduced Kevin Lindeman from North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG).

Kevin Lindeman stated the purpose of the meeting was to obtain citizen views concerning the County's plans to submit a grant application to the Illinois Community Development Block Grant -Coronavirus Program (CDBG-CV) program for Livingston County area.

He stated Livingston County plans to submit a grant application to the Illinois Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Program (CDBG) CDBG-CV Business Resiliency Program. He explained that the County intends to submit a \$21,051.84 CDBG grant application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). These funds are to be used to reimburse businesses for the durable permanent or semi-permanent equipment purchased or rented to prevent, prepare for or respond to COVID-19 and activity delivery costs.

PROGRAM DETAILS

There is a total of \$24,185,793 available for distribution in the 2023 CDBG-CV Business Resiliency Program. There is only one application allowed per county and this is the application for Livingston County. The CDBG grant deadline is December 31, 2023 however, available funds will be awarded on a first come basis until funds exhausted.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND STATUS

Kevin Lindeman presented the list of the 1 business applying.

Luan’s Enterprises, Inc DBA Old Route 66 Restaurant

The total project cost for equipment and activity delivery for the CDBG project is estimated to be \$21,051.84. The grant fund request is for \$21,051.84

No County residents will be displaced as a result of this project. The County is adopting an anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan.

Those in attendance at the public hearing were offered the opportunity to ask questions or make comments about the project. There were no questions or comments.

LOW TO MODERATE INCOME BENEFIT

Funds for the IL Community Development Block Grant Program are granted to the State from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity then distributes the funds throughout Illinois (except for those communities and counties that get direct entitlement funds from HUD). The funds disbursed by the State must meet the national goal of benefiting 51% low-to-moderate income (LMI) individuals. The business in the application meet this requirement by being in a tract with a poverty rate above 20% or a majority of their employees are low-to-moderate income (LMI) individuals.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS

The next item of discussion at the meeting was community development and housing needs. The County maintains a prioritized list of such projects that is updated from year to year. Below is a list of these projects. The public was offered an opportunity to provide any additional community development and housing need project suggestions they felt the County needs to be aware of or add to their list.

L&JC ADA Compliance	\$500,000
Zoning & Subdivision Regulations Update	\$50,000
Aperature Card/Tract Book Scanning	\$57,304
Courthouse Stone Repair	\$19,600
Highway Buildings/Improvements	\$3,438,371
Roof Replacement Historic Courthouse	\$3,350,000
Courthouse Step Repair	\$17,600
Tree Removal & Replacement	\$7,500
ERS Recovery (Chillers - PSC)	\$130,000
Replacement of Virtual Servers	\$305,940
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Kevin Lindeman asked if any other needs should be added to the list.
No one present offered other needs to be added to the list.
He asked if there were any questions about the project or grant application.
No one present had any questions or comments about the project or grant application.

CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application records are at the Livingston County Board Office in the Livingston County Courthouse at 112 W Madison St., Pontiac IL between the hours of 8am and 4:30pm as well as on file at the NCICG office at 613 W. Marquette Street in Ottawa, IL. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in viewing the file or discussing the project further may call the NCICG office at (815) 433-5830 or visit during office hours.

*Motion by Weller, second by Lovell to approve the Resolution No: 2023-09-50 supporting the business resiliency program grant and associated documents for Luan's Enterprises, Inc DBA Old Route 66 Restaurant. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes:** Michael Haag, Rebekah Fehr, Gina Manker, Linda Ambrose, Marty Fannin, Dan Myers, Mark Runyon, Robert F. Weller, William Mays, Jim Blackard, Gerald L. Earing, Seth L. Welch, James A. Carley and Steven J. Lovell **Absent:** John L. Vietti, Joel Barickman, John J. Vitzthum and Paul A. Ritter*

ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m. on a motion by Haag, second by Blackard. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES***

James A. Carley, CHAIRMAN

Attest:

Alina M. Hartley
Executive Director
On behalf of County Clerk, Kristy Masching

Approved