

Garland Board of Commissioners CDBG-I Public Hearing Minutes
September 21, 2021

AGENDA ITEM – PUBLIC HEARING ON A CDBG APPLICATION

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Garland held a public hearing on September 21, 2021, for providing explanation and description of the FY 2021 North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Community Development Block – Infrastructure Grant (CDBG-I). A quorum of Board members was present.

A representative from McDavid Associates, Inc. was present to discuss the purpose of the public hearing for Garland’s CDBG-I funding application. Representative stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to obtain citizen’s views and to respond to funding proposals and answer any questions posed by citizens. Representative also stated that the public hearing must cover Garland’s community development needs, development of the proposed activities, and a review of program compliance before the submission of the Town’s CDBG-I funding application to the State of the North Carolina.

The Town proposes to request funding from NCDEQ’S CDBG-I program for improvements to the Town’s wastewater treatment plant (area-wide benefit). The proposed project will meet the following community and housing needs of Garland:

- To improve the quality of life for low to moderate-income people by providing a safe, clean environment and clean drinking water through water and sewer infrastructure improvements and extensions of service.
- To benefit a residential area where at least 51% of the beneficiaries are low to moderate income as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- To perform eligible activities.
- To minimize displacement, and
- Provide displacement assistance as necessary.

For the fiscal year of 2021 the CDBG-I funding available is expected to be \$20-22 million, and the maximum available grant per applicant is \$2.0 million over a 3-year period. Applications for funding are to be received on September 30, 2021.

The CDBG program is able to fund a wide variety of community development activities. The State of North Carolina has chosen to fund several activities: water and sewer infrastructure, neighborhood revitalization, COVID-19 related projects, and economic development projects that lead to job creation or retention. The infrastructure program, or CDBG-I program can fund a range of water and sewer infrastructure and economic development activities, including, but not limited to the, following:

Water:

- Projects that resolve water loss in distribution systems.
- Projects that extend public water to areas with contaminated wells.
- Projects that extend water lines to areas with dry wells.
- Projects that assist with low water pressure in public water systems.
- Projects that regionalize two or more water systems.
- Project that rehabilitate or replace a water treatment plant.

Wastewater:

- Projects that resolve inflow and infiltration to collection systems and surcharges from pumps stations and manholes.

- Projects that extend public sewer to areas with failed septic tanks.
- Projects that rehabilitate a wastewater treatment plant to allow for greater efficiency/compliance with regulations.

The Town is seeking an amount in CDBG-I funds not to exceed \$1,293,000 for 2021 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. The purpose of the Town's request is to make improvements to the Town's wastewater treatment plant.

The project proposed by Garland was identified in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan. Informal community meetings were held in the project area to inform citizens of the potential project and get feedback from the residents.

A total of 100% of the CDBG- I funding will be used to benefit Low to Moderate Income (LMI) people. The project area has been determined to have an area-wide area greater than 51% low-moderate income. The project area represents an area-wide benefit to all citizens (active sewer customers) within the Town's corporate limits.

The range of activities covered by the CDBG-I funds for the 2021 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project includes:

- Construction
- Engineering Report
- Environmental Review
- Engineering Design
- Construction Administration and Observation.
- Legal activities.
- Surveying.
- Grant Administration.

If Garland is awarded a CDBG-I grant, the Town is required to adhere to federal procurement requirements and other federal regulations which include:

- Americans with Disabilities Act/Section 504 Survey
- Davis-Bacon & Related Labor Acts
- Adoption/Submittal of a Citizen's Participation Plan
- Adoption/Submittal of an Equal Opportunity Plan
- Adoption/Submittal of a Fair Housing Plan
- Adoption/Submittal of a Language Access Plan
- Adoption/Submittal of a Relocation Assistance Plan
- Adoption/Submittal of a Section 3 Plan
- Excess Force Provision

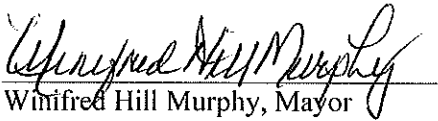
The State of North Carolina requires that if Garland receives CDBG grant funding that the Town will certify that they will comply with the requirements of the general displacement and relocation policy for CDBG grant funding. This policy assists low to moderate income people with costs associated with relocation or displacement, should such relocation become necessary due to project activities. CDBG funds can be used for those costs, if necessary. If no displacement and relocation will occur as a result of the proposed CDBG grant activity, then Garland confirms that during this public hearing.

In the past, the Town has participated in the following CDBG-funded projects.

- 2014 CDBG Infrastructure
- 2015 CDBG Infrastructure
- 2017 CDBG Infrastructure
- 2018 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization
- 2019 CDBG Infrastructure

The Town will submit its CDBG-I application for 2021 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project on or before September 30, 2021. The CDBG-I application will be available for review during normal business hours at the Garland Town Hall located at 190 South Church Avenue, Garland, NC 28441. Additional information is available from the Garland Town Clerk at (910) 529-4141. Should you have any complaints or grievances regarding the subject public hearing, they should be addressed to the addressee mentioned above within 10 business days and a written response to the written complaints and/or grievances will be sent by the Town within 10 business days. The Mayor is authorized to adopt the minutes of the public hearing.

Adopted:


Winifred Hill Murphy, Mayor

10-19-2021

Date

CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

I certify the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the 2021 CDBG-I Application Public Hearing conducted at a legally convened meeting of the Garland Board of Commissioners on September 21, 2021, and adopted by the Mayor, being authorized by the Board, at the same meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of October, 2021.

Pamela Cashwell

Pamela Cashwell,
Town Clerk