Ready, Set, Grow- 2023 Virtual PAAO Workshop

Grant Management Workshop



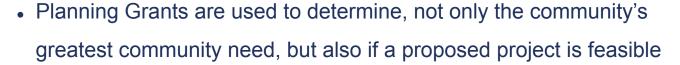


SNAP Session -Planning Grants



What is a Planning Grant?

 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds which are used to determine a locality's greatest community need, by use of public input



 Planning Grants can also help a locality narrow down which project can be undertaken first







- Comprehensive Community Development:
- Up to \$60,000 available
- Will address more than one activity, with housing being one of the main components addressed
- Designed to improve the living conditions of LMI (low-and-moderate income) individuals
- Products from the PG include:
 - Housing Assessments/Cost Determinations
 - PERs (for infrastructure needs including water/sewer, stormwater, streetscapes, etc.)
 - Neighborhood Surveys
 - Identification of Project Area

- Housing Rehabilitation :
- Up to \$50,000
- Used to help improve housing conditions of LMI individuals
- Can be a County or Town-Wide Needs Assessment;

Neighborhood Specific; or Scattered Site

- Products from the PG include:
 - Prioritized Improvement Plan
 - Neighborhood/County/Town Needs Assessment
 - Surveys
 - Cost Determinations
 - Procurement of Rehab Specialist
 - Determination of Contractor availability



- Business District Revitalization/Downtown:
- Up to \$50,000 available
- National Objective Slum/Blight
- Localities will be encouraged to work with Virginia Main Street (VMS) in DHCD's EDCV Office



- Economic Restructuring Plan: identify the means by which the locality can implement economic
- improvement strategies that will help ensure the long-term sustainability of the community,
- particularly the downtown business district.
- PER/PAR
- Market Studies/Analyses





- Community Service Facilities :
- Up to \$50,000 available
- To improve lives of LMI individuals
- PG products include:
 - Staffing and Operations Plans/FFEs
 - PERS/PARS
 - Cost Determination
 - Market Studies/Community Surveys
- Examples include:
 - Community centers, adult daycares, etc.





- Public Infrastructure :
- Up to \$50,000
- Include water, sewer services, stormwater improvements, and street improvements to improve
 - living conditions of LMI individuals
- PG products include:
 - PER
 - LMI surveys
 - Cost Determinations
 - Easements/User Agreements





- Public Service :
- Up to \$50,000
- A new service, or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service which has been
 provided by the state or another entity on its behalf through state or local government funds in
 the 12 months preceding the submission of the state's Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan
 to HUD.
- PG products include:
 - LMI Surveys
 - Implementation Plan/ Collaboration of Partners
 - Cost Determinations



- Regional Planning Grants:
- Up to \$60,000 are available for a regional effort of more than one locality for needs analysis and strategy development.
- PG Products Include:
 - Community assessments, needs analyses, and need prioritization
 - Surveys of residents, users, customers, and potential beneficiaries
 - Obtaining easements and user agreements
 - Completion of market studies
 - PERs



What if My Project Doesn't Fit In Those Categories?



How and When Can I Apply?

- Open Submission
- Applications are due in CAMS
- DHCD will reach out to applicants with next steps following a PG Application Submission
- Contact DHCD if you have questions about applying for PGs



Overall Planning Grant Goals



- Determination of what the community wants and needs out of a PG
- Determination of viability of proposed project
- Determination of additional funders and grant opportunities (ex ARC, Virginia Housing, VDH, DEQ, VMS, etc.)
- Strong application if/when locality decides to apply for implementation
- GOOD PLANNING GRANTS MAKE GOOD PROJECTS!



THANK YOU



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