Public Facilities Application Development

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Public Facilities Projects Meet the needs of lowand moderate-income people in the community, using bricks & mortar, concrete & paving and piping and plumbing.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Water & Sewer
- Street & Drainage
- Boys & Girls Club
- Senior Centers
- Health Care Facilities
- Battered Women's Shelters
- Mental/Physical Health Department
- •Head Start Program Facility
- Food Banks
- Acquisition for Public Facilities

PROHIBITED!!

"...the renovation or construction of new space where the primary purpose is the provision of generalpurpose local government"
City Hall
County Commission

- Courthouse
- Dolice/Fire Dept



Key Players

- Grant writer
- Administrator (may also be your Grant Writer)
- Architect / Engineer
- City Manager
- Public Works

Decide if local funds or CDBG funds will be used to pay these fees.



Determine The Budget and the Source of Funds

Figure out how much the project is going to cost.



Architect/Engineering fee (12%)

Construction estimate

Line

Acquisition

Budget - Revenue

Sources of income:

- CDBG Grant Up to \$1,000,000
- Matching funds
- Local Leverage funds
- In-Kind Contributions- force account
- Other Funding Agencies (USDA, etc...)

Cash Match

- Must be Cash!
- Not required for grant amounts up to \$300,000
- 5% of Grant amount \$301,001 to \$750,000
- 10% of Grant amount \$750,001 to \$1,000,00
- 15% of Grant amount \$1,000,001 or more (multi-activity)



Cash Match Amounts

- Less than \$300,000
 \$0
- \$500,000 \$10,000
- \$750,000 \$22,500
- \$1,000,000 \$47,500
- Keep in mind that this is just the minimum that is required. The more leverage the Local Government injects into the project, the more competitive the application will be.

Leverage = Bonus Points!



Additional funds, land and NEW materials above the required Cash Match are counted.



In-Kind work should be tabulated for leverage, including fuel, equipment usage, employee costs and materials. The GEMA forms are acceptable.



Operating budgets & salaries, already owned furnishings & equipment DO NOT count.



Leverage will be monitored – must be realistic and achievable, or penalties may apply.

Match & Leverage

Document your sources for cash match and leverage with signed, original commitment letters.

For a new program, document sources of operational funding (staff salaries, equipment, etc.) LIKE A BUSINESSPLAN

Determine the Beneficiaries

•Infrastructure projects – survey as Area Benefit.

•Conduct door-to-door survey to count the number of people benefiting, and their low-mod status.

•90% or more of households must be surveyed or conduct a statistically valid random sample.

•Vacant units are not households, cannot be surveyed.

DCA 6

DCA 6 must include

- The dates and times of when the surveys were completed.
- The percentage of residents surveyed.
- The summary table must be attached.

DCA-6 Survey Table

- Infrastructure projects
- Include a Survey Summary (by street) Table

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Determine the Beneficiaries

For a Building – survey the user group using Limited Clientele benefit. Include letter from Director.

Seniors at a Senior Center are categorically lowmod.

Nursing home residents are NOT categorically low-mod

Low-mod percentage can not be less than 70%.

For infrastructure projects with multiple TA's, each must meet the 70% threshold.

Description of Needs to be Addressed DCA-4 •Keep the focus on the needs of the residents.

•State how the identified need impacts LMI persons

•Problems created by developers will not be viewed as a high severity of need.

•Municipal issues are not considered a priority.

DCA-5

Detailed description of each activity to address the needs identified in DCA-4

Project Overview

The impact the project will have on the problem.

Most importantly, the impact the project will have on the residents.

DCA-5 – **Be sure to cover:**

- Need for household plumbing
- Abandonment of well and/or septic tanks
- Design configuration must make sense
- Drainage projects -Downstream impact
- Acquisition
- Permits
- # of Tap-ons and Tap on fees
- Wetlands/Floodplain

- Utility relocation
- Maintenance or operation
- Capacity
- Site location and conditions
- Implementation schedule
- Identify design standards and justify their usage. 25 Years is THE NORM for drainage

MAPS

- Scale, north arrow, legend
- All street names correct and legible
- Proposed and existing activity location and conditions.
- Identify all houses in project area all applications, not just Housing Applications
- Show and identify vacant housing units and commercial buildings/churches
- Include a street address in the target area that can be located on a GPS.

CONCENTRATIONS MAPS

- Produce 3 separate concentration maps. Must be DCA maps.
- Maps of entire local government, not just the target area
- Identify Target Area(s) and current/proposed building sites on the maps.
- Three different maps for concentrations:
 - Concentrations of minorities
 - Concentrations of substandard housing
 - Concentrations of low-mod persons



Pconee River

Kings Rd SE

Little

Georgia

College & State Uni West

CONCENTRATION MAPS

- Use DCA Mapping Source, Map Atlas
 - <u>http://georgiadca.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html</u> (DCA Main page, Resources, Maps)
- For help, contact Lisa Westin
 - GIS@dca.ga.gov
 - •404-679-3135

CONCENTRATION MAPS

If there aren't any concentrations for one or more of the three criteria, print the map and add the text "there are no concentrations, the minorities (or low-mod persons or substandard housing) are scattered."

Maps – Photo Location

- Location of photos
- Numbered photos
- Direction arrows
- Show all Target Areas



PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL REPORT

- Engineer/Architect signature & stamp required
- Include professional cost estimate
- Unusual site conditions / higher costs

- Preliminary Hydrologic/Hydraulic Calculations
 - Scores will be reduced if calculations not provided.
- Existing and Proposed Conditions maps
- Viable alternatives with general cost estimates



Telling and Selling the Story

Tell the Story – Sell the Story

 Keep the focus on the people
 State how the identified need impacts LMI persons
 The proposed improvements should address identified resident needs

If a community has cracked sewer lines, and the treatment plant is over capacity due to infiltration, how does this affect the residents?

CDBG grants are to solve people problems, not municipal problems.



Tell the Story – Sell the Story

- When describing the problem, quantify the need to the greatest extent possible
- "There are 46 households in the target area who are not served by city sewer and whose septic tanks are malfunctioning because of poor soil conditions and small lot sizes."



Tell the Story – Sell the Story

Use information that is easy to understand and has been sufficiently documented

> "According to the local Health Department the coliform counts in these wells has measured <u>X</u> which is a definite indication of contamination."



Give a clear rationale of why this is the best solution to the problem affecting residents

Tell the Story – Sell the Story



"...the average income of these households is \underline{X} and the high cost of drilling a deep well precludes these people from correcting the problem themselves. In addition, the lot sizes are so small that even if there were funds available to replace the septic tanks, they would not work anyway."





Resident Letter of Documentation

May 19, 2021 To whose it may concern. My name is Ruly Markuras. I have been a resident of Sherwood Subdivision since 1996. I have lived here for 24 years. In the twenty your years I have lived here I have made many complaints and concerns about the problems here in Sherwood. Some have health and safety risk involved but no one has addressed these problems and when I talk to people they only say we are working on it, "but it's going to take time". How much time do they need? It's been 24 years or more and nothing is being done. I hope by whitting this letter that someone out there will listen for us. I am everried for the safety of our children. It is very important. I have taken pictures of some of these issues. We have uncontrolable water leaks with the water system down here in Sherwood, They fix one and another one pops up. Sewage coming up out of the ground, Inproper drainage source. Fire hydrants covered by undergrowth. We have standing water, that apears to have oil or something standing on top of it. Some type of film, God only knows what "!! . Please can you help des? (one of two)

I am afraid for my cafety and the safety of my children and grand-children We despiratly need a new water and sewage system here. Also the condition of the roads are a sig problem. We have washed out areas with no pavement, pat holes everywhere. It is hard to drive without hitting one. We have stop signs that you can not see because for the over grown bushes and some fire hydrasts that can't be seen because of bushes and over growth around them. Some are not visable in case of a fire they would be hard to locate.

I am having problem with my stomach and have been throwing up and having spelles of diarrhea and my children have as well i they have been getting sick a lot. I wonder if the water is safe to drink?

These are but a few of the problems here in Sherwood. She list is endless and nothing has been done to correct this so far. I pray that this letter will get someones attention and someone will look into this, Thank you for you time,

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Tell the Story – Sell the Story

- If you are proposing a new level of service, including new sewer or water services to residents who are currently served only by private wells or septic tanks, be sure to get documentation from as many residents as possible verifying that that are willing and able to pay any additional bills.
- This is one occasion where a sign up sheet would be a great form of documentation.

Fire Department Letter of Documentation

• If you are claiming the need for additional fire protection, the letter from the Fire Chief should express detailed knowledge of the target area, any fires that have occurred, any problems encountered while responding to calls, and the results of any hydrant pressure tests completed in the target area. The letter should be supported by a fire coverage map.



Fire Coverage Map

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Health Department Letter of Documentation



Madison County Health Department 1424 Hwy 98 W PO BOX 26, Danielsville, GA 30633 Office: 706-795-2131, Fax: 706-795-2632

June 2, 2021

Ms. Kimberly Carter, EDFP Directot, Division of Community Finance Georgia Department of Community Affairs 60 Executive Park, South, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30329

> Re: City of Danielsville FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Application Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Revitalization: Phase I Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Dear Ms. Carter:

- Since beginning my tenure in 2016, the Madison County Health Department has received, and continues to receive, numerous complaints regarding failing septic systems in the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood. Inadequate lot size, soils poorly suited for onsite sewage management, and poor drainage cause aging, substandard and/or improperly installed septie systems to continuously fail and seep into neighborhood streets and adjacent properties.
- Most lot sizes, particularly those on Sherwood Drive and Sherwood Circle, are less than the Madison County Department of Public Health minimum standard of 0.6 acres for septic tank installation. Average lot sizes on Sherwood Drive and Sherwood Circle, the oldest and most densely populated areas, are 0.48 acres and 0.43 acres, respectively.
- While inspection records were not mandated and are often unavailable for septic tanks installed prior to the 1990s, installation and inspection reports for homes in this area evidence the *urgent need for public sanitary sever*. The availability of this basic public infrastructure is critical to eliminate the severe public health and safety threats posed by failing private septic systems.
- Further, should septic systems with unsuitable soils fail, any repair would likely incur a
 forced, expensive cost to citizens for a temporary alleviation. At the worst, should systems
 fail with small lot sizes fail with no room for repair, the family would effectively be evicted
 to stop prohibited discharge from the septic system as no repair would be possible.

Safe, reliable public sewer is the first step toward revitalizing this declining, at-risk neighborhood. Please contact me if I may provide additional information.

Sincerely,

61 Evander Baker

Environmental Health Specialist
Tell the Story – Sell the Story

	Quality protos are your best seller!
	Identify location of photos (address, map)
	Get your residents and public works to take photos.
Supplemental Documentation	News Reports
	Work Orders
	Pressure Tests
	Third Party Testing
	Reports and/or Consent orders from EPD
<u>NOTE: Make</u> <u>sure the</u> <u>documentation</u> is relevant to	

Quality photos are your best seller!

Photos

the project!























Sewer Photo Documenting Need



Photos can be used to document low pressure at hydrants for claims for additional fire protection or at homes for low pressure claims affecting residents.



Streets and Drainage Photo Documenting Need





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Videos can also be great documentation to support any claim

https://photos.app.goo.gl/UWY1qkHaCQtfFgHa9

https://1drv.ms/v/s!At4Qnvell53hhOVNat4Lsnh_Hdj08g?e=yqjuu8

Work Orders for Water/Sewer

 Work orders should include addresses, dates, and a brief description of the problem that was addressed. Work orders that only state "water work completed" or "sewer work completed" are not sufficient to document need. The work order should include the location of the problem.

Tell the Story – Sell the Story



Make sure that your project proposal addresses the need identified.



If the main problem is low water pressure, but resident letters also complain about quality, does the solution cover both problems?

Tell the Story – Sell the Story



AVOID POLITICAL PITFALLS

IF THE PROJECT OVERLAPS JURISDICTIONS, ALL SIDES MUST AGREE IN WRITING TO THE APPLICATION.



Case Study #1 – Gobble-Gobble, GA

Introduction

• The City of Gobble-Gobble, GA was established in 1872. Residents are happy to be from the city that hosts the largest Thanksgiving festival in the state. However, residents are not so happy with the current state of the City's infrastructure. Most of the City's infrastructure was installed in the late 1950s and 1960s. Residents have a long list of complaints including sewer backups in their homes, sewer backups in their yards, poor water quality, poor water pressure, and there is a lack of fire protection in a large part of the city. In addition, there are 3 streets that are currently unpaved within the city limits of Gobble-Gobble and residents on these streets frequently experience flooding in their yards.

• With so many issues needing to be addressed, it became evident that the City would need to take a phased approach to address all needs. The city held several public hearings to determine what the phase one target area should be. One area had the most citizen complaints, and the city knew, from previous planning efforts, that the area was at least 70% LMI.

• The Turkey Hollow subdivision, with two (2) of five (5) unpaved streets, no fire hydrants, and residents with numerous incidences of water and sewer issues became the phase 1 target area. The City voted to apply for CDBG funds for water, sewer, streets, and drainage infrastructure to serve residents of this target area.

Exercise

• 1.) What documentation can be included in the application to document efforts made by the city to prevent reoccurrence of the problems?

• 2.) What types of documentation could be used to back up each claim noted below? *Remember: Each claim must be documented individually, and documentation should directly document the need claimed. For example: Any photos included to document drainage issues would logically need to be taken after a rain event.*

 3.) What issues should be considered when including the two unpaved streets within the larger target area?

• 4.) What happens if sufficient documentation cannot be provided for all claims made?

Case Study #1 – Question Review

What documentation can be included in the application to document efforts made by the City to prevent reoccurrence of the problems?



Be sure to include specific dates and frequencies to receive full points.

What types of documentation could be used to back up each claim?

Sewer Back Ups In Homes

- Photos showing back ups in showers, sinks, tubs, toilets
- Resident letters specifically noting back ups in homes and where back ups are occurring
- Work orders specifically stating that the resident had a sewer back up inside home
- Health Department letter noting firsthand knowledge of sewer back ups in the target area in the homes
- Housing Authority Letter noting firsthand knowledge of backups in residents' homes
- Any Insurance claims filed due to severe backups in homes

Sewer Backups in Yards

Photos of raw sewage on the ground in resident's yard

Work orders specifically stating that the resident had a sewer back up in yard

Health Department letter noting firsthand knowledge of sewer back ups in the target area in yards

Housing Authority Letter noting firsthand knowledge of backups in resident's yards

Resident letters specifically noting backups in yards

Poor Water Quality

Photos showing dirty, rusty, discolored water from a resident's home

Resident's letter noting specific water issues and how it is affecting them in their daily lives

Test for contamination of the water supply

Health department or other third-party letter noting health risk to residents from water supply

Work orders specifically noting poor water quality issues affecting residents

Poor Water Pressure at Homes

Pressure test conducted on home pipes

Resident letters specifically describing low pressure issues affecting them in their home on a daily basis

Photos showing differences in pressure with more than one faucet running in home

Video showing low pressure in homes

Work orders that specifically note low pressure issues affecting residents in homes



Fire Coverage Map showing that all homes are in need of fire protection and that all homes will be covered with adequate fire protection – Be sure to include fire coverage rings on existing and proposed maps, as applicable.



Letter from fire chief describing current issues fighting fires in the proposed target area

Fire Protection



Resident letters noting the need for fire protection



List of fire calls in the target area



Photos showing width of street as well as street conditions



Photos taken after rain events

Unpaved and Narrow Streets



Resident letters noting personal issues with current road conditions



Third party letters from bus drivers, emergency personnel, or others who have to travel down the street in order to serve residents


Photos showing wet conditions, damage to homes including mold or other issues related to poor drainage conditions

Poor Drainage



Letters from residents noting specific issues caused by poor drainage



Any insurance claims filed due to damage from poor drainage conditions

What issues should be considered when including the two unpaved streets within the target area?

- Would the streets qualify as stand-alone projects?
 - Who lives on these streets?
- Is there any conflict of interest associated with anyone on the specific streets?

What happens if sufficient documentation cannot be provided for all claims?

• Each claim is evaluated on its own. If there is not sufficient documentation for each claim, your score is reduced for each claim undocumented.

• When deciding what to apply for, make sure you can document each claim individually. If you cannot, it would be best to remove the undocumented claim from the application.

Case Study #2 – Booville, GA

Introduction

- The City of Booville, GA was established in 1921. Booville is known for its annual Halloween Festival which has been held each year since 1924. Each year at the festival, the local Boys and Girls Club holds a can food drive and a trick or treat event which is held outside in the parking lot of the current facility. This one event serves all children in attendance.
- Each year after the outdoor event, the Boys and Girls Club is approached by many families who would like to participate in other events held throughout the year. However, due to its current indoor capacity, the current building cannot safely accommodate any additional children. The Club always has a long waiting list.
- Due to its limited capacity and ongoing waiting list, the Boys and Girls Club approached the City Council and asked them for help to build a new facility that will provide enough space to serve all children in need of assistance. After several discussions regarding available funding sources and alternatives, the City voted to apply for CDBG funds for a new building to benefit the local Boys and Girls Club. The new building will be constructed on a vacant lot owned by the City.

Exercise

1.) There are a variety of ways to document need for the proposed building. What should documentation photos show? Who should letters come from and what details are needed? What other types of documentation could be used to prove the need for the new building and additional space?

2.) What types of documentation should be included for any new types of services proposed? For example – a summer meal program?

3.) What details should be included for the proposed building site

4.) The ownership and operational structure should be identified. What documentation could be included for each option? Govt. Own/Operate; Govt. Own/Lease; or Non Profit Own/Operate?

5.) What should be used to determine the income for the Boys and Girls Club beneficiaries?

6.) What are some opportunities for Robust Citizen Participation with this application?

Case Study #2 – Question Review

1.) There are a variety of ways to document need for the proposed building. What should documentation photos show? Who should letters come from and what details are needed? What other types of documentation could be used to prove the need for the new building and additional space?

What should documentation photos show?

- Any ongoing events/activities at the facility during regular operating hours
- Crowded and/or overcrowded rooms full of people/clients
- Deteriorated conditions
- Any areas of concern noted in narrative

Who should letters come from and what details are needed?

• Director – Letter should indicate the number of registered attendees, (possibly breaking out the after-schooler and summer attendees), approximate number of inquiries they receive, and the services they provide.

• Volunteers/Employees – Letter should note what services they assist with and any issues affecting delivery of services.

• Parents of Children on the Wait-List – Letter should discuss the activities offered, why they wish for their children to participate, and why they are not currently able to.

- Children Letter should discuss the activities offered and how the center has benefited them.
- School Principal/BOE Letter from schools should discuss the facility's ability to accommodate all of the kids requiring after-school care (if they have to turn away kids because of a lack of space and relate it to the club's bigger facility accommodating those kids).

• Law Enforcement - Letter should note if they have trouble from kids with nothing to do in the summer.

What other types of documentation could be used to prove the need for the new building and additional space?

- Work Orders (if any maintenance has been performed on the building)
- Videos from the children (with parental consent)
- A copy of the wait-list over multiple years (with personally identifiable information redacted)
- Detailed comparison of current floor plan vs. new building floor plan
- A call log of inquiries for participation

2.) What types of documentation should be included for any new types of services proposed? For example – a summer meal program?

- Sign-Up sheet from interested families
- Letters from parents requesting or needing services that the center currently does not provide
- Letters from the school with the number of kids receiving free lunch and/or census information to show poverty information
- The application needs to address if other programs in the area offer the new services that is being proposed
- Operational Details about the New Service
 - How often will meals be provided and for what time frame
 - How many clients the service is expected to serve
 - Eligibility Requirements of New Service
 - How will new services be paid for

What details should be included for the proposed building site?

Photos/Videos of Proposed Site Comparison between Existing Site and Proposed Site

Site History

Details of Surrounding Area – Businesses, Schools, Low Mod Areas

Ease of Parking and Accessibility

The ownership and operational structure should be identified. What documentation could be included for each option? Govt. Own/Operate; Govt. Own/Lease; or Non Profit Own/Operate?

All applications should document who the owner of the building is, include a copy of all lease agreements, rental fees, and who is/will be responsible for maintaining and operating the building.

5.) What should be used to determine the income for the **Boys and Girls** Club beneficiaries?

The club should survey attendees, and the director can indicate the number in his/her letter. The proposed number of beneficiaries can be projected based on the interest in the program and the number of children in the area that's not currently a member of the club.

6.) What are some opportunities for Robust Citizen **Participation** with this pplication?

- Additional citizen participation meetings in current facility or proposed facility site (instead of or in addition to the traditional PH at City Hall)
- Have a public meeting with the architect to get input on building design or floorplan
- Send home a survey/flier for current and potential kids at the boys and girls club or local school system
- Survey wait-listed families

More opportunities for Robust Citizen Participation

- Have a representative speak at PTA meetings (if allowed)
- Have a website campaign (Boys and Girls Club website, local government website and any social media sites used by either party)
- Place flyers in places utilized by area residents
- Host an information session about the CDBG application

Thank you!!!





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